

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

FEBRUARY 22, 2007

The Board of Regents met in session at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 22, 2007 in the Louisiana Purchase Room of the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Pat Strong called the meeting to order. Executive Assistant to the Commissioner, Ms. Carolyn Blanchard, called the roll, and a quorum was established.

Present for the meeting were:

Pat Strong, Chair
Scott Brame, Vice Chair
Richard D'Aquin
Robert Levy
W. Clinton Rasberry
Mary Ellen Roy
William Clifford Smith
Victor Stelly
Harold Stokes
Roland Toups
Terry Landry, Jr.

Absent for the meeting were:

Artis Terrell, Jr.
Frances Henry
Ingrid Labat

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Strong noted that no written requests were received for public comments and asked whether the audience had any comments at this time. There were none.

MINUTES APPROVED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 25, 2007

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of January 25, 2007.

**PRESENTATION TO MR. BILLY BLAKE, FORMER MEMBER OF
THE BOARD OF REGENTS**

Chair Strong presented a plaque to Mr. Billy Blake, former member of the Board of Regents, for his services to higher education. Regent Strong commended Mr. Blake for his six years of service to the Regents and noted that he would be missed. Mr. Blake thanked everyone and said he has been impressed by the dedication of the staff, the Commissioner of Higher Education, and members of the Regents. He encouraged the Regents to continue making improvements in technical college campuses and high schools.

Chair Strong next surprised Regent Toups with a resolution acknowledging his three and one-half years as Chairman of the Board. He continued by stating that Regent Toups accepted the responsibilities to continue serving as Chair because of the unique situation the state faced after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Regent Toups stated that it was a privilege to serve on the Regents.

**PRESENTATION ON THE MEDICAL EDUCATION COMMISSION ANNUAL
REPORT BY DR. LARRY HOLLIER, CHANCELLOR, LSU HEALTH
SCIENCES CENTER AND DR. PERRY RIGBY, CHAIRMAN,
MEDICAL EDUCATION COMMISSION**

Regent Strong introduced Dr. Larry Hollier, Chancellor of the LSU Health Sciences

Center at New Orleans. Dr. Hollier stated that representatives from LSU Health Sciences Center, Tulane University Health Sciences Center, Alton Ochsner Clinic Foundation, and the Department of Health and Hospitals have worked to promote a partnership of understanding and trust focused on Graduate Medical Education (GME) in the entire state of Louisiana. Dr. Hollier then introduced Dr. Perry Rigby, Chairman of the Medical Education Commission, who gave a power point presentation about GME in Louisiana.. Dr. Rigby noted that the success of GME in Louisiana has been recognized nationally and internationally. He noted that Hurricane Katrina interrupted GME in Louisiana. A full discussion ensued with Dr. Hollier and Dr. Rigby answering questions from the Board. Regent Strong asked that the Board be periodically updated as the situation evolves.

RATIFICATION OF COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Roy, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Ratification of Committee Assignments. (Copy on file in the Commissioner's Office.)

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT

On behalf of Regent Rasberry, Chair of the Sponsored Programs Committee, Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, presented motions from the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of February 21, 2007.

CONSIDERATION OF THE PHASE I REGIONAL STRATEGIC PLAN AND THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR THE RESEARCH COMMERCIALIZATION AND EDUCATIONAL ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (RC/EEP)

On motion of Regent Raspberry, seconded by Regent Stokes, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the Phase I Strategic Plan for the Research Commercialization and Educational Enhancement Program (RC/EEP). (Copy on file in the Sponsored Programs Office.)

On motion of Regent Raspberry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Research Commercialization and Educational Enhancement Program (RC/EEP). (Copy on file in the Sponsored Programs Office.)

CONSIDERATION OF THE REQUEST FROM SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY-NEW ORLEANS AND LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY TO EXTEND THE ENDOWED CHAIRS DE AD LINE FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

On motion of Regent Raspberry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve requests from Southern University-New Orleans and Louisiana Tech University for each to submit a proposal for an endowed chair after the January 22, 2007 deadline. Since out-of-state consultants are scheduled to review proposals in mid-March, the Sponsored Programs Committee further recommends that no additional proposals from any institution be accepted for funding consideration in FY 2006-07.

CONSIDERATION OF THE FY 2007-08 BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT FUND PLAN AND BUDGET

On motion of Regent Raspberry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the FY 2007-08 Board of Regents Support Fund Plan and Budget. All funds in excess of \$31.5 M shall be placed in the Traditional Enhancement category, until that subprogram reaches a level of \$7,415,000. Additional funds shall be placed, on a pro-rata basis, in the Enhancement and Research and Development subprograms. If the amount received is less than \$31.5 M, reduction shall be made on a pro-rata basis in the Undergraduate

Enhancement Program and the Enhancement Program for Two-Year Institutions.

REQUEST FROM SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY FOR MATCHING FUNDS FOR A PROPOSAL TO THE U.S. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to commit matching funds from previously unspent monies in the Board of Regents Support Fund for the Community Applied Research and Education proposal being submitted by Southern University to the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA). The amount of matching funds provided for the proposal shall be 20% of the amount awarded by EDA, not to exceed \$360,000. Matching funds are to be provided only if EDA funding is received.

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT OF FEBRUARY 21, 2007

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of February 21, 2007. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

On behalf of Regent Brame, Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Mr. Gerard Killebrew, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, presented motions from the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of February 21, 2007.

PROPOSED ACADEMIC PROGRAM - LOUISIANA TECHNICAL COLLEGE-SHREVEPORT/BOSSIER - A.A.S. IN OFFICE SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to approve the proposed Associate of Applied Science in Office Systems Technology program (CIP Code 52.0401) at Louisiana Technical College Shreveport-Bossier, effective immediately. Due to previous low

numbers of graduates from the related diploma program, by May 1, 2008, the College shall submit to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs a progress report documenting numbers of program enrollees, completers, and placement records of graduates.

PROPOSED LETTER OF INTENT - NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY - B.A. IN PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATION

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to approve the proposed Letter of Intent for the projected B.A. program in Professional Communication (CIP Code 23.1001) at Northwestern State University. Any forthcoming proposal submitted as a result of this Letter of Intent shall address concerns expressed in the staff summary.

REAUTHORIZATION OF PREVIOUSLY APPROVED RESEARCH UNITS

A. LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AND A&M COLLEGE - CENTER FOR GEOINFORMATICS

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to continue the approval for the Center for GeoInformatics at LSU A&M for an additional five-year period. By June 1, 2009, the University shall submit to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs a progress report on Center activities and budget.

B. UNIVERSITY OF NEW ORLEANS - HOSPITALITY RESEARCH CENTER

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to continue the approval for the Hospitality Research Center at the University of New Orleans through January 1, 2012. By January 1, 2009, the University shall submit to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs an updated budget for recent past and continued Center operations.

PROPOSED NEW ACADEMIC UNIT - LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AND A&M COLLEGE AND LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL CENTER - SCHOOL OF PLANT, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND SOIL SCIENCES

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to approve the request from Louisiana State University and A&M College and the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center to merge the Department of Horticulture and the Department of Agronomy and Environmental Management into a new, single School of Plant, Environmental, and Soil Sciences, effective immediately.

PROGRESS REPORTS ON CONDITIONALLY APPROVED PROGRAM - LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY - DOCTOR OF AUDIOLOGY

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the AY 2006-07 Progress Report from Louisiana Tech University Relative to Implementation of the Doctor of Audiology Program at Louisiana Tech University. The next progress report shall be due January 15, 2008.

TEACHER EDUCATION INITIATIVES

A. ACTIVITIES OF THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to approve the addition of the Higher Education Topic Expert category to the Blue Ribbon Commission for Educational Excellence membership.

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to approve the appointment of Dr. William Sharpton, University of New Orleans, to the Blue Ribbon Commission for Educational Excellence to serve as the Higher Education Topic Expert for

Special Education from March 15, 2007 to June 30, 2008.

B. EVALUATION OF REDESIGNED INITIAL TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAMS AND GRADUATE PROGRAMS FOR TEACHERS AND LEADERS

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the Master of Education in Gifted Education program (CIP Code 13.10004) at the University of Louisiana-Lafayette.

C. PROPOSED A.S. IN TEACHING PROGRAMS

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the proposed Associate of Science in Teaching programs (CIP 13.0101) at Delgado Community College and Nunez Community College.

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT OF FEBRUARY 21, 2007

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of February 21, 2007. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

On behalf of Regent Stokes, Chair of the Finance Committee, Mr. Donald Vandal, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, presented the Finance Committee Report of February 21, 2007.

Mr. Vandal said status reports were given on the following items: (1) Pathways to Construction Training Initiative; (2) FY 2007-2008 preliminary executive budget

recommendations; and (3) the LSU Health Sciences Center “funds flow” project.

ADOPTION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF FEBRUARY 21, 2007

On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Finance Committee Report of February 21, 2007.
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PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Levy, Chair of the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee, Dr. Larry Tremblay, Acting Deputy Commissioner for Academic and Student Affairs, presented motions from the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee Report of February 21, 2007.

LICENSURE

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to renew the licenses of the following institutions:

- 1. Pearl River Community College**
- 2. Southern Arkansas University**
- 3. Southwest Mississippi Community College**
- 4. Texas Christian University**
- 5. Texas Wesleyan University**

DRAFT RESPONSE TO SCR 1 34 OF 2006

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to adopt the response to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 134 of 2006. The staff is authorized to make appropriate editorial changes to the document based on input from the nursing boards prior to submission to the committees on health and welfare of the House and Senate.

E-PORTAL - RELEASE 1.0

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to endorse and urge the postsecondary education community adopt and utilize the Louisiana ePortal.

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF FEBRUARY 21, 2007

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee Report of February 21, 2007. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

NOMINATION OF MEMBER TO SERVE ON THE LOUISIANA STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE COMMISSION (LASFAC) FOR 2007

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Smith, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee to nominate Ms. Theresa Hay, Assistant Commissioner for Planning and Research of the Board of Regents, to serve as one of the Regents' representatives on the Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission (LASFAC) for 2007.

ADOPTION OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT OF FEBRUARY 21, 2007

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Nominating Committee Report of February 21, 2007. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Savoie reported on the following items:

- Dr. Savoie informed the Board that Mr. George Luffey, former Board member, had heart surgery on Monday, February 19th.

- President of the University of Louisiana System Sally Clausen invites the Board members to attend the “Improving Student Access and Success in Higher Education” workshop beginning at 10:00 a.m. today.
- The Conference of Louisiana Colleges and Universities will be held on March 1, 2007. Dr. Charles Miller from the U.S. Department of Education will speak along with Dr. Frank Friedman, from the Executive Council of SACS and Chair of Virginia Delegation.
- The *2007 High School Redesign Summit: Redesigning 9th Grade* will be held at the Marriott Hotel in Baton Rouge on March 2, 2007.
- Dr. Savoie requested a moment of silence in honor of State Superintendent Cecil Picard who had passed away last week. Dr. Savoie noted that he was a mentor and partner with the Board of Regents and will be missed.
- The next Board meeting will take place on March 21 and 22, 2007.
- A report by the Office of the Inspector General on *Student Technology Fees* was placed in the Board folders.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Brame, there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.