

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF REGENTS

Wednesday, February 24, 2010

The Board of Regents met in session at 1:40 p.m., Wednesday, February 24, 2010, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Artis Terrell called the meeting to order. Executive Assistant Carolyn Blanchard called the roll and a quorum was established.

Present for the meeting were:

Artis Terrell, Jr., Chair  
Robert Levy, Vice Chair  
Mary Ellen Roy, Secretary  
Charlotte Bollinger  
Scott Brame  
Robert Bruno  
Richard D'Aquin  
Marc Guichard  
Donna Klein  
Ingrid Labat  
W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr.  
Victor Stelly  
Harold Stokes  
Roland Toups

Absent from the meeting were:

Maurice Durbin  
Joseph Wiley

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Terrell noted that two written requests had been received for public comments. The requests were from Dr. Sudhir Trivedi, Professor of Computer Science and Faculty Senate President, Southern University and A&M College (SU and A&M), and Dr. Diola Bagayoko, Chairman, Department of Physics and Director, Timbuktu Academy, SU and A&M.

Dr. Trivedi stated that the Faculty Senate of SU and A&M was opposed to several of the recommendations of the Postsecondary Education Review Commission as follows: (1) consolidation of governing boards into one board to govern four-year institutions of higher

education; (2) basing the funding formula on end of semester credit hours rather than 14<sup>th</sup> day credit hours; and (3) funding of all incoming students based on a flat rate for the first 60 credit hours for all baccalaureate programs regardless of the institution.

Dr. Bagayoko spoke regarding documents he distributed which reflected on student retention activities and the proposed funding formula for public higher education. He stated that in his opinion, “the present, unfinished, flawed formula has established and will reinforce, unless corrected and completed, a non-unitary operation of public higher education in Louisiana.” He then briefly outlined some proposed changes to the formula.

#### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 27, 2010

**On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent D’Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of January 27, 2010.**

#### CONSIDERATION OF FINAL REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF REGENTS TO THE LEGISLATURE REGARDING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION REVIEW COMMISSION (PERC)

Dr. Sally Clausen, Commissioner of Higher Education, stated that the last six months have been like a marathon race, and today is the final stride in presenting the Board of Regents’ response to the Postsecondary Education Review Commission. She recognized Ms. Cheryl Serrett and other staff who have worked tirelessly to complete the Regents’ response. The result of the collaborative work includes a report and a summary of the Regents’ response to the PERC recommendations. She said efforts have been focused around issues that need to be addressed in order to create a higher education enterprise that serves the needs of our students while cost effective and workforce centered.

Dr. Clausen also called to the Board’s attention the announcement by Governor Jindal of the LA GRAD (Granting Resources and Autonomy for Diplomas) Act. She said the proposed Act, if passed, will grant colleges and universities increased autonomy and flexibility in

exchange for a commitment to meet clearly defined statewide performance goals, including boosting graduation rates.

Dr. Jimmy Clarke, Interim Director of Policy and Planning, reviewed the contents of the binder to be submitted to the Legislature on Friday, February 26, 2010 as the Regents' response to Act 309 of the 2009 Louisiana Legislative Session.

Dr. Kim Hunter-Reed, Chief of Staff, stated that the PERC recommendations reaffirm the ongoing work of the Regents. She noted that the Board of Regents was to review the PERC report and submit a response to the Legislature at least thirty (30) days prior to the convening of the 2010 Regular Session of the Legislature. The PERC report contained 22 recommendations which focused on the following five areas: successful education of more students; coordination of funding; coordination of offerings; coordination of resources; and coordination of postsecondary education governance. Dr. Reed made a Power Point outlining recommendations and subsequent response from the Regents. She mentioned that work on 15 of the 22 PERC recommendations is already underway. A question and answer session followed.

Regent Roy asked if the National Center for Academic Transformation (NCAT) applied only to math or to English as well. Dr. Clarke introduced Dr. Phoebe Rouse, Precalculus Mathematics Coordinator and Math 1021 College Course Coordinator, Louisiana State University and A&M College, who explained how NCAT course redesign worked. She explained in detail the work at LSU and A&M to improve mathematics instruction through technology and redesigning how courses are taught. She noted that since 2004, LSU and A&M has used the NCAT's course redesign method to boost student achievement in math. She said that in a typical fall semester, 60 percent of freshmen take College Algebra, Trigonometry or Precalculus with approximately 70 percent of them earning a grade of A, B or C on their first attempt. She continued by explaining that students in College Algebra and Trigonometry now

spend one fixed hour a week in a traditional 40-student classroom with their teacher, and then spend a minimum of three hours a week in the LSU Math Lab doing homework and quizzes. She mentioned the Math Lab is open 60 hours a week and is staffed with instructors, graduate students and undergraduate tutors who give students immediate, personalized assistance.

Regent Toups reiterated Dr. Clausen's comments regarding Governor Jindal's announcement of the LA GRAD Act. He said this is the next step in the right direction. Mr. Toups continued by noting that additional data need to be gathered regarding employment of graduates, their field of employment, and if they are employed in Louisiana or out-of-state.

**On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board unanimously voted to create a Placement Accountability System that will require the Board of Regents to gather and analyze data regarding employment of its higher education graduates, their fields of employment, and if graduates are employed in Louisiana or out-of-state, especially in light of Governor Bobby Jindal's announcement of the LA GRAD (Granting Resources and Autonomy for Diplomas) Act.**

Regent Bruno thanked Dr. Trivedi and Dr. Bagayoko for taking their time to make public comments to the Board.

The Board of Regents meeting recessed at 3:10 p.m. and would reconvene the next morning.

Minutes  
Board of Regents  
Thursday, February 25, 2010

The Board of Regents reconvened at 9:20 a.m., Thursday, February 25, 2010, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Artis Terrell called the meeting to order. Executive Assistant Carolyn Blanchard called the roll and a quorum was established.

Present for the meeting were:

Artis Terrell, Jr., Chair  
Robert Levy, Vice Chair  
Mary Ellen Roy, Secretary  
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Absent from the meeting were:

Robert Bruno  
Joseph Wiley

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

MacARTHUR FOUNDATION'S LOUISIANA MODELS FOR CHANGE INITIATIVE

Dr. Clausen reminded the Regents that for the past five years the MacArthur Foundation has worked with Louisiana to create a fair juvenile justice system. She said Louisiana was the third state in the nation to be selected to participate in the Models for Change Initiative. She continued by noting that the Board of Regents had been chosen as the lead agency because of its

ability and past success in coordinating resources, research and other needed talents from all institutions of higher education.

Commissioner Clausen said today was a time to honor the Models for Change Initiative and celebrate the transition of the initiative from the Board of Regents to the LSU Law Center in partnership with the LSU Health Sciences Center School of Public Health. Dr. Clausen introduced Dr. Laurie Garduque, Director of Juvenile Justice, MacArthur Foundation's Program on Human and Community Development.

Dr. Garduque thanked the Regents and staff for supporting the improvement of juvenile justice in Louisiana for the past five years. She said the Models for Change Initiative began in Louisiana shortly after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, but despite the challenges, it has been successful in Louisiana because of the involvement of higher education. She went on to say that the MacArthur Foundation has awarded \$10 million for 36 grants in 9 parishes in Louisiana. She said that Jefferson and Rapides Parishes have vastly improved and showed a drop in juvenile crime since the MacArthur Foundation has been working in the state. Dr. Garduque thanked many individuals for the success in Louisiana.

Mr. Jack Weiss, Chancellor, LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center, stated that the LSU Law Center has created a Juvenile Justice Clinic. He introduced several members of the Law Center - Professor Lucy McGough, Vinson and Elkins Professor of Law; Mr. Bob Lancaster, J. Nolan and Janice Singletary Professor of Professional Practice; and Mr. Hector Linares, Models for Change Grant Coordinator and Clinical Program Instructor. He said the Law Center is proud to have Dr. Debra DePrato, Louisiana Director of the Models for Change Initiative, housed at the Center.

Dr. Elizabeth Fontham, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans, School of Public Health, thanked the Board of Regents for its remarkable support for

juvenile justice reform. She introduced Dr. Scott Dessens, LSUHSCNO, School of Public Health, who assisted in the transition of the initiative from the Board of Regents to the LSU Law Center/LSUHSC School of Public Health.

Dr. Carolyn Hargrave, Vice President, Louisiana State University System, expressed her appreciation to Dr. Garduque for showing confidence in Louisiana and giving the state the opportunity to participate in this initiative.

Dr. Clausen noted that Regents Levy and Toups were instrumental in pushing for this initiative in Louisiana. Regent Levy noted that Dr. Garduque and Dr. DePrato believed in the ability to change the unchangeable. He said they brought the justice system for Louisiana into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Regent Toups stated that Dr. Garduque believed in Louisiana and its people. He also thanked Dr. DePrato and Ms. Connie Koury, General Counsel of the Board of Regents, for their tireless efforts in the initiative.

Dr. Weiss said a world class symposium on juvenile justice hosted by the LSU Law Center would be held on March 19, 2010, and invited all to attend.

Dr. Clausen then presented Dr. Garduque and Dr. DePrato gifts for their diligent work and dedication to the juvenile justice system in Louisiana.

ADOPTION OF THE FINAL REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF REGENTS TO THE LEGISLATURE REGARDING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION REVIEW COMMISSION (PERC)

**On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Stokes, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the final report from the Board of Regents to the Legislature regarding recommendations from the Postsecondary Education Review Commission (PERC).**

**On motion of Regent D'Aquin, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the staff to continue to edit the final report from the Board of Regents to the Legislature regarding recommendations from the Postsecondary Education Review Commission and make technical and grammatical changes as long as those changes do not change the position of the Board or constitute a substantive change.**

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS****FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Rasberry, Chair of the Facilities and Property Committee, Mr. Rich Griswold, Associate Commissioner for Facilities, moved to dispense with the reading of the Facilities and Property Committee Report of February 24, 2010, and approve the following motions "in globo". (*Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.*)

**On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to:**

**SMALL CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT**

**Approve the Small Capital Projects Report as presented.**

**Louisiana State University and A&M College - South Campus Building 3110 - Tenant Renovations and Enhancements - \$330,600 from Other Funds (Louisiana Department of Economic Development)**

**Louisiana State University and A&M College - Renovation for Business Emergency Operations Center - \$225,000 from Other Funds (Overhead from grant cost recovery)**

**LEASES**

**Approve the request from the Louisiana State University System on behalf of LSU and A&M College to amend an existing food service lease with Compass Group USA, Inc. The amendment will add \$3,000,000 to the contract and is to be used to improve and enhance relevant dining facilities on campus.**

**Approve the request from the Louisiana State University System on behalf of LSU and A&M College to amend the existing lease with Compass Group USA, Inc. The amendment will add \$1,000,000 to the existing contract, to be used to further improve food service facilities in the New Alex Box Stadium, the softball stadium, and the Maravich Assembly Center.**



**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Brame, Chair of the Finance Committee, Mr. Donald Vandal, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, moved to dispense with the reading of the Finance Report of February 24, 2010, and approve the following report. (*Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.*)

**REVIEW OF THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011**

Mr. Vandal said that the Governor's Executive Budget for FY 2010-2011 was reviewed along with a detailed schedule of the proposed FY 2010-2011 changes to the existing operating budget for postsecondary education.

**UPDATE ON FORMULA FUNDING REVISIONS**

Mr. Vandal said an update was given on the first meeting of the newly created Formula Funding Task Force along with its charge, membership, and timeline for its work.

Dr. Clausen acknowledged the work of Mr. Vandal and noted he has been much more than a financial leader in the state but an extraordinary leader within the Regents. She mentioned that Mr. Vandal will leave the Regents after 35 years in state government to become the Executive Director of the Louisiana Optical Network Initiative (LONI). She said he has been employed with the Regents for the last 12 years. The Board then presented Mr. Vandal with a token of appreciation for his dedication and hard work.

Mr. Vandal thanked everyone for the opportunity of working with the Board of Regents and noted that he had deep respect for the Board and its staff. He also thanked the campus heads and their staffs for their assistance through the years.

Dr. Clausen said that next month the Board would recognize Mr. Gerard Killebrew who retired a few weeks ago but could not attend today.

**ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Roy, Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Dr. Karen Denby, Interim Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, moved to dispense with the reading of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of February 24, 2010, and approve the following motions “in globo.” (*Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.*)

**On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee as follows:**

**DISTANCE EDUCATION INITIATIVE/SUPPORTING ELECTRONIC LEARNING AND ESSENTIAL CAMPUS TRANSITIONS (DEI/SELECT) GRANTS PROGRAM REVIEW**

**To establish the Electronic Learning Strategic Planning Task Force. This Task Force is charged with identifying strategic goals and priorities to guide the State’s electronic learning initiatives. The Task Force will identify key objectives, elements, innovative approaches, and best practices that provide the momentum for Louisiana to truly embrace electronic learning as an essential delivery mechanism and as a way to increase educational opportunities for our students. To accomplish this task, the Commissioner will utilize a task force composed of internal and external members to develop a statewide plan that acknowledges Louisiana’s accomplishments and establishes a clear vision for the future.**

**PROPOSED NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS – BOSSIER PARISH COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**A. A.A.S. in Oil and Gas Technology**

**To grant conditional approval for the Associate of Applied Science in Oil and Gas Production Technology (CIP Code 15.0903) at Bossier Parish Community College. Program implementation is contingent upon hiring of an appropriately credentialed program director.**

**By August 1, 2010, and annually on that date until ATMAE accreditation has been achieved, a progress report is due addressing:**

- 1. Adequacy of personnel for the program;**
- 2. Adequacy of resources for the program;**
- 3. Number of enrollees in/graduates of the program and placement of graduates;**
- 4. Activities of the OGT Advisory Council; and**
- 5. Progress toward ATMAE accreditation.**

B. A.A.S. in Construction Technology and Management

**To grant conditional approval for the Associate of Applied Science in Construction Technology Management (CIP Code 52.2001) at Bossier Parish Community College, effective immediately.**

**By August 1, 2010, and annually on that date until ACCE accreditation has been achieved, a progress report is due addressing:**

- 1. Adequacy of personnel for the program;**
- 2. Adequacy of resources for the program;**
- 3. Number of enrollee in/graduates of the program and placement of graduates;**
- 4. Activities of the CTM Advisory Council; and**
- 5. Progress toward ACCE accreditation and establishment of 2 + 2 articulation agreement(s).**

PROPOSED NEW RESEARCH UNIT – MCNEESE STATE UNIVERSITY –  
INSTITUTE FOR INDUSTRY – EDUCATION COLLABORATION (IIEC)

**To grant approval for the Institute for Industry-Education Collaboration (IIEC) at McNeese State University through June 30, 2012. No later than that date, a request for reauthorization of institute status that will reflect predominant, external funding to afford institute operations is due.**

PROGRESS REPORTS ON CONDITIONALLY APPROVED ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

A. Louisiana State University at Alexandria – B.S. in Criminal Justice

**To receive the January 2010 progress report relative to implementation of the B.S. program in Criminal Justice at LSU at Alexandria. The next report, addressing the hiring of additional full-time faculty, is due by September 1, 2010.**

B. Louisiana Technical College-Sullivan – A.A.S. in Care and Development of Young Children

**To receive the progress report relative to the implementation of the A.A.S. in Care and Development of Young Children at LTC-Sullivan. The next report addressing the same concerns is due by January 1, 2011.**

C. Louisiana Technical College-Delta/Ouachita

1. A.A.S. in Industrial Electronics Technology
2. A.A.S. in Industrial Instrumentation Technology
3. A.A.S. in Drafting and Design Technology
4. A.A.S. in Air Conditioning and Refrigeration

**To receive the February 2010 progress report relative to the implementation of the four A.A.S. programs at LTC-Delta Ouachita. The next progress report addressing issues listed in the staff analysis is due by January 1, 2011.**

*D. South Louisiana Community College – A.A.S. in Emergency Medical Technology (Paramedic)*

**To receive the February 2010 progress report from South Louisiana Community College relative to implementation and development of the Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree program in Emergency Medical Technology (Paramedic). As all previously stated stipulations associated with conditional approval have been met, full program approval is recommended at this time. As such, no further progress reports are deemed necessary.**

*E. Southern University at New Orleans – B.A. in Child Development and Family Studies*

**To receive the January 2010 progress report from Southern University at New Orleans relative to implementation and development of the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree program in Child Development and Family Studies (CDFS). As all previously stated stipulations associated with conditional approval have been met, full program approval is recommended at this time. As such, no further progress reports are deemed necessary.**

**REAUTHORIZATION OF PREVIOUSLY APPROVED RESEARCH UNITS –  
LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY**

*A. Center for Information Assurance*

**To grant continued approval for the Center for Information Assurance at Louisiana Tech University through June 30, 2013. Prior to the date of expiration, a request for reauthorization of center status will be due. Annual progress reports are due June 30, 2011 and 2012 addressing unit accomplishments and complete budgets noting external funding secured and related unit costs.**

*B. The Professional Development and Research Institute in Blindness*

**To grant continued approval for the Professional Development and Research Institute on Blindness at Louisiana Tech University through June 30, 2014. By December 1, 2011, a budget including actual and projected expenditures and revenues for AY 2011-12 through 2013-14 is due. Depending upon the content of this report, additional information may be necessary.**

**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE  
COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

Dr. Clausen updated the Board on the following items:

1. Senate Finance meeting on February 2 discussed mid-year cuts and the meeting that was scheduled for February 23 was rescheduled for March 8 to discuss the 2010-11 budget.
2. Conference of Louisiana Colleges and Universities (CLCU) was held on February 3 at Lod Cook Conference Center on the LSU campus.
3. Sunset Hearings were held on February 9.
4. Speech at Rotary Club on February 17.
5. Formula Funding Task Force and Articulation and Transfer Meetings were held on February 18.
6. Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget was held February 19.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.