

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF REGENTS

March 24, 2005

The Board of Regents met in session at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, March 24, 2005, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Roland Toups 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:**

Billy Blake  
Scott Brame  
Richard D'Aquin  
Frances Henry, Vice Chair  
Stanley Jacobs  
Robert Levy  
W. Clinton Rasberry  
Clifford Smith  
Harold Stokes  
Pat Strong, Secretary  
Roland Toups, Chair  
Jeraul Mackey

**Absent for the meeting were:**

Reggie Dupré  
Virgil Robinson  
Artis Terrell

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Toups noted that no written requests were received for public comments and inquired if the audience had any comments at this time. There were none.

SWEARING IN OF NEW BOARD MEMBER, DR. INGRID LABAT

Chair Roland Toups acknowledged the recent appointment of Dr. Ingrid T. Labat as a member of the Board of Regents. Mr. Toups mentioned that Dr. Labat is a native of New Orleans and presently works at St. Tammany Hospital in Emergency Medicine. Regent Toups introduced her husband, Mr. Wil Jacobs, Jr., along with her parents, Drs. Joseph and Deidre Labat, and her sister, Kristen Labat. He noted that Dr. Labat is filling the vacated position of Mr. Norbert Simmons from the 1<sup>st</sup> congressional district. Ms. Connie Koury, Legal Counsel for the Board of Regents, administered the oath of office to Dr. Ingrid Labat.

**MINUTES APPROVED**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 24, 2005

**On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of February 24, 2005, as circulated.**

PRESENTATION OF LOUIS: LOUISIANA LIBRARY NETWORK

Mr. Gerard Killebrew, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, introduced Dr. Ken Rea, Vice President for Academic Affairs at Louisiana Tech University. He thanked the Board for the opportunity to give an update on LOUIS. Dr. Rea said that LOUIS has 41 members, provides services to over 250,000 students, faculty and staff, and receives approximately \$4 million annually in contracts and membership fees to support its activities. Dr. Rea emphasized that LOUIS was the bridge that built collaboration in the state and has been a

marvelous tool. He thanked Dr. Carolyn Hargrave, LSU System, for being instrumental in the development of LOUIS.

He next introduced representatives from Louisiana State University and A&M College, McNeese State University, the Louisiana Community and Technical College System and the University of Louisiana at Monroe to express their appreciation for what LOUIS means to the colleges and universities.

Next, Mr. Ralph Boe, Executive Director of LOUIS, who reminded the Board that LOUIS was initially funded by a Board of Regents enhancement grant in 1992. He continued by saying that since 1995, LOUIS has been funded by the Regents and thanked the Regents for its support. He said that LOUIS libraries, Louisiana museums, and state agencies are contributing collections to the LOUISiana Digital Library which contains over 45,000 items. Executive Director Boe said this is the first such network in the United States.

PRESENTATION BY JOSEPH LOVETT, MANAGING DIRECTOR, LOUISIANA FUND I

Regent Toups introduced Mr. Joseph F. Lovett, Managing Director of Louisiana Fund I. Mr. Lovett noted that Louisiana Fund I is new to Louisiana. He said this is an investment fund which will create home grown companies in Louisiana, will attract out-of-state companies to Louisiana, and will put investment into existing companies. Mr. Lovett gave a power point presentation followed by a question and answer session.

INTRODUCTION OF DR. VALERIE FIELDS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF LOUISIANA CAMPUS COMPACT BY CHANCELLOR PRESS ROBINSON OF SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY-NEW ORLEANS

Dr. Press Robinson, Chancellor of Southern University-New Orleans, introduced Dr. Valerie Fields from Southeastern Louisiana University, as the Executive Director of Louisiana Campus Compact. Dr. Fields thanked everyone for the opportunity to attend the Board meeting and noted that the Louisiana Campus Compact is comprised of twenty-six (26) public and private Louisiana institutions. She also noted that the Louisiana Campus Compact is currently developing a website and a newsletter. She mentioned that Louisiana is the 30<sup>th</sup> member of the National Compact. Dr. Robinson noted that in the coming weeks and months Dr. Fields would be visiting each institution.

**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

On behalf Regent Brame, Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Mr. Killebrew, presented motions from the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of March 23, 2005.

PROPOSED ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

A. Southern University-Shreveport - A.S. in Human Services

**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 conditional approval for the proposed A.S. in Human Services program at Southern University at Shreveport (CIP 51.1501), effective immediately. By June 15, 2006, the University shall submit a report to the Commissioner of Higher Education, documenting the hiring of additional**

**adjunct faculty needed to support increased student enrollment and reporting numbers of enrollees for AY 2005-2006. Based on the outcomes of this report, subsequent progress reports may be required. The A.S. programs in Substance Abuse Counseling (CIP Code 51.1501) and Health and Human Services (CIP Code 51.1502) at Southern University-Shreveport are hereby terminated immediately.**

**B. Southern University-Baton Rouge - Ph.D. in Urban Forestry**

**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 conditional approval for the proposed Ph.D. program in Urban Forestry (CIP Code 03.0508) at Southern University-Baton Rouge, effective Fall 2005, with the following stipulations:**

- 1. The University shall meet with Mr. Donald Vandal, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, to resolve issues regarding a stable source of long-term funding for the program. These discussions will lead to development of a five-year budget plan for the program which appropriately addresses external consultants' concerns. This budget shall be submitted to the Commissioner of Higher Education by September 1, 2005.**
- 2. By Fall 2006, the University shall hire two additional, appropriately qualified faculty to staff the program. A report indicating accomplishment of this stipulation shall be submitted to the Commissioner of Higher Education by September 1, 2006.**
- 3. By Fall 2007, the University shall hire an additional (third), appropriately qualified faculty to staff the program. A report indicating accomplishment of this stipulation shall be submitted to the Commissioner of Higher Education by September 1, 2007.**
- 4. By Fall 2008, the University shall hire an additional (fourth), appropriately qualified faculty to staff the program. A report indicating accomplishment of this stipulation shall be submitted to the Commissioner of Higher Education by September 1, 2008.**

C. Louisiana Tech University1. Master of Health Information Management

**On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the proposed Master of Health Information Management program (CIP Code 51.0706) at Louisiana Tech University, to be implemented beginning Fall 2005, with the following stipulations:**

- a. **By July 15, 2005, the University shall submit to the Commissioner of Higher Education a program enhancement plan which contains:**
  - i. **specific steps to address current faculty needs for educational and scholarly development;**
  - ii. **specific steps for program marketing and student recruitment;**
  - iii. **specific steps for the hiring of two new faculty (one appropriately credentialed individual to alleviate high undergraduate teaching loads and one appropriately credentialed Ph.D. faculty to teach graduate coursework and to mentor faculty scholarship efforts) by Fall 2006.**
- b. **By July 15, 2006, the University shall submit to the Commissioner of Higher Education a progress report addressing full implementation of the above plan.**

2. Master of Architecture/B.S. in Architectural Studies

**On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Mackey, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the Master of Architecture (CIP Code 04.0201) and B.S. in Architectural Studies (CIP Code 04.9999) programs at Louisiana Tech University, beginning Fall 2005. Effective this same date, the B.S. in Architecture program (CIP Code 04.0201) at the University shall be terminated.**

PROPOSED ACADEMIC/RESEARCH INSTITUTE - UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE - INSTITUTE FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD

**On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Mackey, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the Institute for Early Childhood at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, effective immediately, for one year from this date. By November 1, 2005, the University shall submit to the Commissioner of Higher Education a complete budget for the Institute, including all resources and obligations of constituent units. As required by Board of Regents Academic Affairs Guidelines: Proposed New Centers, Institutes, and Other Academic/ Research Units, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette shall submit to the Commissioner of Higher Education a proposal for full approval of the Center by April 1, 2006. If this proposal is not forthcoming by this date, the Board of Regents shall re-examine the need for this center.**

TEACHER EDUCATION INITIATIVES

A. REPORT ON THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Mr. Killebrew stated that Regent Henry had reported on the outcomes of the recent meetings of the Blue Ribbon Commission for Educational Excellence. He said that Ms. Henry had attended a meeting in Denver, Colorado, sponsored by The Teaching Commission, Education Trust, and the Hunt Institute. Mr. Killebrew also noted that Dr. Jeanne Burns had made a presentation at the annual conference of the Association of Colleges of Teacher Education in Washington, D.C.

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

**On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the following redesigned teacher education programs:**

1. **the M.Ed. program in Educational Leadership (CIP Code 13.0401) at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette;**
2. **the M.Ed. program in Educational Leadership (CIP Code 13.0401) at Louisiana Tech University;**
3. **the B.A. program in Art Education–Grades K-12 (CIP Code 13.1302) at McNeese State University;**
4. **the B.S. program in Health & Physical Education–Grades K-12 (CIP Code 13.1314) at Nicholls State University;**
5. **the B.S. program in Health & Physical Education–Grades K-12 (CIP Code 13.1314) at the University of Louisiana at Monroe;**
6. **the B.S. program in Health & Physical Education–Grades K-12 (CIP Code 13.1314) at Grambling State University;**
7. **the B.S. program in Health & Physical Education–Grades K-12 (CIP Code 13.1314) at Louisiana State University at Shreveport; and**
8. **the Non-Master/Certification Only Program in Mathematics Education – Grades 6-12 at Our Lady of Holy Cross College.**

C. PRESENTATION ON THE STUDENT TEACHING AND REACHING (STAR) PROGRAM

Mr. Killebrew noted that several representatives from the State Department of Education, Northwestern State University, Southeastern Louisiana University, and the Consortium for Education, Research and Technology were present to explain STAR, a program for Louisiana high-school students that introduces them to the teaching profession. He said the panel extended an invitation to the Board members to a statewide inauguration ceremony for STAR, scheduled for April 8, 2005, at Northwestern State University.



REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER

Mr. Killebrew said he reported on several items: (1) the statewide review of existing licensed practical nursing programs; (2) the follow-up reviews of low-completer programs; (3) the scheduled of reviews for proposed programs; (4) staff approval of routine academic requests; and (5) the draft minutes fo the February 2005 meeting of the Statewide Council of Chief Academic Officers meeting.

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING  
REPORT OF MARCH 23, 2005

**On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of March 23, 2005. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Blake, Vice Chair of the Finance Committee, Deputy Commissioner Donald Vandal presented motions from the Finance Committee Report of March 23, 2005.

FY 2005-2006 EXECUTIVE BUDGET UPDATE

Mr. Vandal noted that he had explained the state budgeting process and noted that an executive budget had to be submitted 45 days prior to the start of the legislative session. He also noted that the Governor's Executive Budget was presented on March 11, 2005, before the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget. He said that, currently, higher education is still facing a \$38.1 million shortage, but the Governor is keeping postsecondary education as a priority.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS (BA-7'S)

**On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Stokes, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to**

**approve the LSU Board of Supervisors BA-7 #11 and BA-7 #12 relating to the Center of Excellence for Clinical and Forensic Technology.**

REPORT FROM THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

Mr. Vandal informed the Board that the final 3% tuition increase authorized by Act 1117 of the 2001 Regular Legislative Session had been approved by the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget at its March 18, 2005 meeting.

ADOPTION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MARCH 23, 2005

**On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Finance Committee Report of March 23, 2005. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

**FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Jacobs, Chair of the Facilities and Property Committee, Mr. Rich Griswold, Associate Commissioner for Facilities, presented motions from the Facilities and Property Committee Report of March 23, 2005.

ACQUISITION OF A SITE FOR LOUISIANA DELTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to direct the Board of Regents' staff to work with the Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS) and other interested parties to further develop the concept and related costs of such concept as presented by Dr. Walter Bumphus, President of LCTCS.**

SMALL CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

**On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the Small Capital Projects Report as presented by the staff.**

**Hayfield Parking Lot - Louisiana State University and A&M College**  
**\$250,000 from Auxiliary Funds**

**Conversion of Library Space for Incubator and Professional Development and Research Institute on Blindness - Louisiana Tech University**  
**\$175,000 (Governor's Information Technology Initiative funds – \$125,000 and Funds from the Institute for the Blind – \$50,000)**

**Lourde's Sports Park Construction - University of Louisiana at Lafayette**  
**\$349,000 from Donations**

**PROJECTS UTILIZING ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF FINANCING**

**On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the project to modify McCall Dining Hall at Grambling State University as a part of the existing food service contract with Aramark, at a cost of \$2,000,000, with repayment to come from a \$30 per semester increase in the university's meal plan.**

**On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the project to install scoreboards at McNeese State University at a cost not to exceed \$2,500,000 through lease/leaseback agreements with Cowboy Facilities Inc., with an annual debt service of \$267,000 to be paid from increased advertising revenues.**

**On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the project to renovate portions of the Lion's Eye Building at the LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans, at a cost of \$2,000,000, through a lease/donation agreement with the Alumni Association.**

**On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent Stokes, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the project to improve the Privateer Park baseball complex at the University of New Orleans at a cost of \$745,900, utilizing lease/donation agreements with the Privateer Athletic Foundation, with construction cost to be paid from donations and a seat donation campaign.**

ACT 959 PROJECTS

**On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the project to demolish Rapides Hall dormitory at Northwestern State University, at an estimated cost of \$530,000, under the provisions of Act 959 of 2003.**

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MARCH 23, 2005

**On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Report of March 23, 2005. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

**LEARNING CENTERS COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Brame, Vice Chair of the Learning Centers Committee, Dr. Jimmy Clarke, Deputy Commissioner for Academic and Student Affairs, presented motions from the Learning Centers Committee Report of March 23, 2005.

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF JEFFERSON WEST HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER EVALUATION

Dr. Clarke stated that a power point presentation was given regarding the findings and recommendations of the Jefferson West Higher Education Center (JWHEC). Dr. Clarke noted that the evaluation by the consultants focused on the current operations of the JWHEC and its potential to serve as a true learning center. Dr. Clarke noted that the findings demonstrate that the JWHEC would be a tremendous asset for meeting the educational needs of the west bank community of Jefferson Parish.

**On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Mackey, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Learning Centers Committee to receive the Jefferson West Higher Education Center (JWHEC) evaluation report.**

#### REPORT FROM THE DEAN

Dr. Clarke noted that Dean Taylor had discussed several items: (1) the 2005 summer schedule of courses for the Center with registration scheduled for Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>; (2) the receipt of a \$6,975 grant from the Rapides Foundation; and (3) the addition of two new programs to the fall 2005 fall schedule at the Center.

#### ADOPTION OF THE LEARNING CENTERS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MARCH 23, 2005

**On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Learning Center Committee Report of March 23, 2005. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

#### **PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Levy, Chair of the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee, Dr. Clarke presented motions from the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee Report of March 23, 2005.

#### PROPRIETARY SCHOOLS

**On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve an initial operating license for Blue Cliff College, located in Houma, Louisiana.**

**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 approve an initial operating license for Delta College of Arts & Technology - Lafayette Branch.**

**On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Mackey, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve an initial operating license for the N.O.D.C. School for Dental Assisting, located in Harvey.**

**On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Mackey, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to renew the licenses of the following proprietary schools (initial license date in parentheses):**

**Blue Cliff College-Lafayette (01/27/00)  
Blue Cliff College-Shreveport (03/23/00)  
Career Technical College (01/24/02)  
Court Reporting Institute of Louisiana (01/27/00)  
Coastal College--Hammond (02/23/89)  
Creative Floral Design School of New Orleans (02/27/86)  
Culinary Institute of New Orleans (02/27/97)  
Dryades YMCA School of Commerce (02/27/97)  
Kaplan, Inc. - Baton Rouge (02/06/85)  
Kaplan, Inc. - New Orleans (02/06/85)  
Metropolitan School of Mortgage Finance & Paralegal Careers (02/27/97)  
Remington College, Baton Rouge Campus (01/27/00)  
Remington College, Lafayette Campus (01/25/01)  
Urban League Technology Center (03/23/00)**

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**On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Mackey, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to renew the license for Advantage Learning Center for one year, with the stipulation that staff will perform an on-site visit within sixty days and require additional monitoring activities to insure continued compliance in matters under the Regents' jurisdiction and to protect the interests of students.**

**On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Mackey, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve a contract with Layton Graphics for a maximum of \$292,202.40 for the conversion and imaging of student records from closed proprietary schools. The authorization of this contract is contingent on final approval by the Division of Administration's Procurement Support Team.**

MASTER PLAN ADMISSIONS CRITERIA UPDATE

Dr. Clarke noted that an update was given on the impact on enrollment due to the upcoming 2005 admission criteria.

NOEL-LEVITZ REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

**On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Mackey, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to authorize the Commissioner of Higher Education and the Deputy Commissioner for Academic and Student Affairs, in consultation with and the approval of the Chairman of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee, to determine and issue awards under the Enrollment Management Capital Grant Program, based on recommendations of the review committee.**

LOUISIANA NURSING EDUCATION ARTICULATION MODEL

**On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Mackey, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to receive the report on Louisiana Nursing Education Articulation Model.**

REPORT OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

Dr. Clarke said he reported on two items: (1) Noel-Levitz is currently visiting the four-year campuses; and (2) upcoming presentations of the Regents' Scholar Certificates at high school graduations.

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MARCH 23, 2005

**On motion of Regent Levy, second by Regent Mackey, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee Report of March 23, 2005. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

### TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Smith, Vice Chair of the Technology Committee, Mr. Vandal presented the Technology Committee Report of March 23, 2005.

#### REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER FOR INFORMATION AND LEARNING TECHNOLOGY

Mr. Vandal noted that Mr. Mike Abbiatti, Associate Commissioner for Information and Learning Technology, reported on following items.

A. Louisiana Optical Network (LONI) Update

1. Louisiana Tech University will host the first LONI Day in May 2005, and
2. A visualization center is in progress in Lafayette, as part of the LONI project, and will be the first and only project of its kind dedicated to Economic Development.

B. National Lambda Rail (NLR) Update

Mr. Vandal said a briefing was given on the March 2005 NLR Quarterly Report and noted that the NLR Board meeting is scheduled to be held in Baton Rouge on September 9, 2005.

#### ADOPTION OF THE TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MARCH 23, 2005

**On motion of Regent Smith, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Technology Committee Report of March 23, 2005.**  
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#### REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER

Commissioner E. Joseph Savoie reported on the following items:

- March 23, 2005 – He thanked Dr. Sally Clausen, President of the University of Louisiana System, for holding a symposium entitled “Higher Education in Transition: Strengthening Partnerships” for board members;



- March 29-30, 2005 – Conference of Louisiana Colleges and Universities in New Orleans;
- April 8, 2005 – The launching of the STAR program at Northwestern State University;
- April 13, 2005 – Speak at the Ruston Rotary;
- April 14, 2005 – Chair Roland Toups will be inducted into LSU’s College of Engineering Hall of Distinction;
- April 16, 2005 – Inauguration of 7<sup>th</sup> President of Grambling State University, Dr. Horace Judson;
- April 19-20, 2005 – Noel Levitz workshop to be held in New Orleans;
- April 25, 2005 – Legislative session begins;
- April 27-28, 2005 – Next Committee and Board meetings will be held at the Baton Rouge Community College; and
- April 28, 2005 – Clifford Smith will be honored as a *Louisiana Legend* at Louisiana History Museum;

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Regent Mackey stated that on Thursday, March 31, 2005, a community forum with the Governor’s Policy Team will be held at the University of New Orleans. He said that this is everyone’s chance to discuss state issues such as funding for higher education, coastal erosion, the future of public schools and other important state topics.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Henry, the meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.**