

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

March 25, 1999

The Board of Regents met in regular session at 9:18 a.m., Thursday, March 25, 1999, in the Moot Court Room at the L.S.U. Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Mary Ella Sanders called the meeting to order. Coordinator of Board Services, Helen Johnson, called the roll and a quorum was established.

Present for the meeting were:

Mary Ella Sanders, Chair
Richard D'Aquin, Vice Chair
Scott Brame
Harold Callais
John Georges
Frances Henry
Melvin Rambin
Virgil Robinson, Jr.
Norbert Simmons
Pat Strong
Roland Toups
Ryan Gatti, Student Member

Absent:

Michael Dees
Reggie Dupré
Ron Roberts, Secretary

OATH OF OFFICE

Mr. Rodney Braxton, Associate Commissioner for Governmental Relations, administered the Oath of Office to three newly reappointed members of the Board of Regents, Regent Harold Callais, Regent Richard D'Aquin, and Regent Pat Strong.

PRESENTATION BY CHANCELLOR COSTONIS

LSU Law Center Chancellor John Costonis gave a brief analysis of the condition of the Law Center. He stressed the need for improving the Law Center's operating budget as well as the need for securing capital outlay funds to make physical improvements. Following the presentation, Chair Sanders recognized and welcomed LSU Board of Supervisors' Chairman Charles Weems, LSU System President-elect William Jenkins, and Mrs. Costonis.

MINUTES APPROVEDAPPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 25, 1999

On motion of Regent Georges, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of February 25, 1999, as circulated.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF STANDING COMMITTEES
FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEEFACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MARCH 24, 1999

On behalf of Regent Callais, Vice-Chair of the Facilities and Property Committee, Mr. Marvin Roubique, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Facilities, presented motions from the Facilities and Property Committee Meeting Report of March 24, 1999.

CAPITAL PROJECTS COSTING LESS THAN \$300,000**Baton Rouge Community College**

Business and Technology Center
\$299,999 State Funds

Grambling State University

Wheatley Hall Shower and Bathroom Repairs
\$175,000 Auxiliary Funds

McNeese State University

Renovation and Addition to Stream Memorial
Alumni Center
\$110,000 Other Funds - Restricted Funds

Northeast Louisiana University

New Library Plaza
\$296,115 Other Funds - Private Donations

On motion of Regent Callais, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the projects.

AMENDMENTS TO FY 1999-00 CAPITAL OUTLAY RECOMMENDATION

On motion of Regent Callais, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to amend its FY 1999-00 Capital Outlay Recommendation to include as priority E-17 the project for the Library HVAC System Modifications at the University of New Orleans in the amount of \$1,248,000.

PROJECTS USING ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF FINANCING

On motion of Regent Callais, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the project for the addition of facilities and related renovation of existing facilities for the Genetics Research Program at Pennington Biomedical Research Center at a cost of \$3,201,000 using funding from the Pennington Medical Foundation.

On motion of Regent Callais, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the project for the renovation of existing facilities for the Molecular Genetics Research Program at Pennington Biomedical Research Center at a cost of \$350,000 using funding from the Pennington Medical Foundation.

On motion of Regent Callais, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the project for Scoreboard Upgrades at athletic facilities on the campus of Louisiana State University and A & M by a cooperative endeavor agreement between the university and the Tiger Athletic Foundation.

LEASES

On motion of Regent Callais, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to authorize the University of Louisiana System and Bossier Parish Community College to proceed with the development of the new campus for Bossier Parish Community College on land owned by the City of Bossier, with facilities to be built with proceeds from Revenue Bonds issued by the City of Bossier subject to approval by the University of Louisiana System and provided that Bossier Parish Community College obtain final approval of the project and lease agreement from the Board of Regents prior to the sale of the Revenue Bonds by the City of Bossier.

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MARCH 24, 1999

On motion of Regent Callais, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Meeting Report of March 24, 1999, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Georges, Chair of the Sponsored Programs Committee, Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, presented motions from the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of March 24, 1999.

CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT POLICY FOR THE ENDOWED CHAIRS PROGRAM

On motion of Regent Georges, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the Board of Regents' Endowed Chairs Policy, as revised. (See Appendix C in the Committee Report.)

STAFF FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS RELATIVE TO THE JOINTLY SPONSORED REGENTS/NASA LaSPACE PROGRAM

On motion of Regent Georges, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the LaSPACE consultants' report and funding recommendations in the amount of \$66,036 relative to the six top-ranked

LaSPACE Research Enhancement Award projects recommended for funding. Projects shall be funded in the order, amounts, and with any stipulations recommended in the consultants' report. If an award is declined, that award shall be offered to the alternate proposals in the order indicated in the report, with any remaining funds carried forward for use next year in the LaSPACE project.

On motion of Regent Georges, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the LaSPACE consultants' report and funding recommendations in the amount of \$50,000 in stipends for the Three Graduate Fellows recommended in the report. These stipends shall be funded in the order and amounts recommended in the consultants' report. If an award is declined, that award shall be offered to the Alternate Fellows in the order indicated in the report, with any remaining funds carried forward for use next year in the LaSPACE project.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS BASED ON CONSULTANTS' REVIEWS OF EXISTING CONTRACTS

On motion of Regent Georges, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to amend LEQSF(1998-01)-RD-A-12 to the amount of \$65,268 (\$39,100 for Year One [already provided], \$11,168 for Year Two, and \$15,000 for Year Three). Continued funding of this grant is to be contingent upon the graduate student's continued participation in Dr. Mathis's research and maintenance of satisfactory progress toward the doctoral degree.

APPROVAL OF A NEW MEMBER FOR THE BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT FUND PLANNING COMMITTEE

On motion of Regent Georges, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the appointment of Mr. Cy Buchert as a member of the Board of Regents Support Fund Planning Committee.

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MARCH 24, 1999

On motion of Regent Georges, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Meeting Report of March 24, 1999, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MARCH 24, 1999

On behalf of Regent Strong, Chair of the Technology Committee, Dr. Carolyn Hargrave, Deputy Commissioner for Academic Affairs, presented the Technology Committee Meeting Report of March 24, 1999. Regent Strong stated that the Committee had received an outstanding presentation from Mr. Ralph Boé, Director of the Louisiana Online University Information System (LOUIS).

ADOPTION OF THE TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MARCH 24, 1999

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Technology Committee Meeting Report of March 24, 1999, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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On behalf of Regent Henry, Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Dr. Carolyn Hargrave presented motions from the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Report of March 24, 1999.

PROPOSED LETTER OF INTENT

Louisiana State University Medical Center - M.S. in Oral Biology

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval of the proposed Letter of Intent for a projected M.S. program in Oral Biology at the Louisiana State University Medical Center, with the stipulation that any proposal forthcoming as a result of this Letter of Intent shall in particular include a comprehensive needs assessment.

PROPOSED CURRICULAR REVISIONS-SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY-BATON ROUGE

A. Request to Merge the B.S. Program in Vocational Agricultural Education into the B.S. Program in Secondary Education

B. Request to Merge the B.A. Program in Early Childhood Education into the B.A. Program in Elementary Education

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the requests from Southern University-Baton Rouge to: (1) merge the B.S. program in Vocational Agricultural Education into the B.S. program in Secondary Education; and (2) merge the B.A. program in Early Childhood Education into the B.A. program in Elementary Education.

RECOMMENDATIONS RELATIVE TO LOW-COMPLETER PROGRAMS AT DELGADO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to adopt action relative to 4 low-completer programs at Delgado Community College as stipulated in Appendix II of the Committee Report.

RECOMMENDATIONS RELATIVE TO CONDITIONALLY APPROVED PROGRAM-SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY-SHREVEPORT/BOSSIER CITY- A.A.S. IN DENTAL HYGIENE

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval of the following:

1. The A.A.S. program in Dental Hygiene is hereby authorized to begin operations in Fall 1999 with the stipulation that the program must attain and retain at least provisional accreditation through the Commission on Dental Education. If the program ever falls below this required level of accreditation, the Board of Regents shall automatically reassess program approval.

2. The Board of Regents hereby directs the Louisiana State University Medical Center, Louisiana State University-Shreveport, and Southern University-Shreveport/Bossier City to work cooperatively in the development of the projected B.S. program in Dental Hygiene at LSU-S to ensure articulation of coursework, as appropriate, between the A.A.S. program at SUSBO and the envisioned B.S. program at LSU-S.

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING
REPORT OF MARCH 24, 1999

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Report of March 24, 1999, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

FINANCE/PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE JOINT COMMITTEE

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MEETING REPORT OF MARCH 24, 1999

On behalf of Regent Toups, Chairman of the Planning, Research and Performance

Committee, Mr. Marvin Roubique presented motions from the Finance/Planning, Research and Performance Joint Committee Report of March 24, 1999.

FIVE-YEAR FUNDING PLAN FOR LOUISIANA POST SECONDARY EDUCATION

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance/Planning, Research and Performance Joint Committee to adopt the Five-Year Funding Plan for Louisiana Postsecondary Education (Appendix B of the Committee Report) and submit it to the legislature.

FINANCE/PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING
REPORT OF MARCH 24, 1999

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Finance/Planning, Research and Performance Joint Committee Meeting Report of March 24, 1999, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF
MARCH 23, 1999

On behalf of Regent Toups, Dr. James Clarke, Interim Deputy Commissioner for Planning,

Research and Performance, presented motions from the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Report of March 23, 1999.

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to defer its recommendation to the Board of Regents regarding the proposed conversion of LSU Alexandria from a two-year institution to a four-year institution until its regularly-scheduled meeting the next afternoon at 2:00 p.m. and to adopt the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Meeting Report of March 23, 1999, as presented.
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PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MARCH 24, 1999

On behalf of Regent Toups, Dr. James Clarke presented motions from the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Report of March 24, 1999.

RESPONSE TO LSU BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' RESOLUTIONS TO CHANGE THE ROLE, SCOPE AND MISSION OF LSU ALEXANDRIA

On motion of Regent Georges, seconded by Regent Gatti, the Board voted to amend the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to include # 5) The Commissioner of Higher Education will appoint, where appropriate, "non-academic" leaders from Central Louisiana to the aforementioned review process.

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted to approve the following:

The Board of Regents is empathetic to the significant expressed interests of the Central Louisiana community for the delivery of accredited undergraduate degree programs to the region. Throughout this process, the Regents and its staff have been continuously impressed with the importance that the Central Louisiana Community has placed on the value of education. An analysis of the MGT report and the staff's review of supplemental data and information, however, leaves a number of questions unanswered. As a result, there is not sufficient cause to endorse the resolution from the LSU Board of Supervisors to convert LSUA from a two-year to a four-year institution at this time.

However, consistent with the Board of Regents' obligation to fulfill unmet educational needs and to expedite the delivery of a wide array of accredited undergraduate and graduate programs to the region in an effective and efficient manner:

1) Regents' staff will work with the LSU and University of Louisiana Systems to identify the causes of the apparent underutilization of previously authorized baccalaureate program offerings now available to the citizens of Central Louisiana. Specific recommendations will be made to the Board of Regents by September 1, 1999;

2) Regents' staff will work with LSUA and the Louisiana Community and Technical College System in accordance with Act 151 to assess programmatic and workforce needs of the area. Specific recommendations will be made to the Board of Regents by January 1, 2000;

3) A team of consultants with expertise in Multi-Institutional Center operations will be immediately employed by the Board of Regents to examine the effectiveness of the University Center for Rapides Parish. As part of their charge, the consultants will examine the current operations of the Center, including governance, management, program offerings, methods of delivery, marketing, etc. The consultants will also be charged with assessing the future potential of the University Center, and under what conditions it could be most successful. Costs, site locations, economic development potential, expected performance criteria (including time lines) and the operational structure are to be included in this review; and,

4) If it is determined that the University Center concept is not a viable option for this delivery, and demand for these specific programs exists, additional options, including the conversion of LSUA to a four-year institution or making LSUA a branch campus of a four-year degree granting institution, will be explored.

5) The Commissioner of Higher Education will appoint, where appropriate, "non-academic" leaders from Central Louisiana to the aforementioned review process.

A roll call vote was taken.

Yes: (11) Mary Ella Sanders, Richard D'Aquin, Harold Callais, John Georges, Frances Henry, Melvin Rambin, Virgil Robinson, Norbert Simmons, Pat Strong, Roland Toups, Ryan Gatti

No: (1) Scott Brame

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (3) Michael Dees, Reggie Dupré, Ron Roberts

OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Clarke reported that two items were added to the agenda. These items included Southeastern Louisiana University's move towards screened admissions and LSU A&M's revised admissions standards.

On motion of Regent Rambin, seconded by Regent Strong, the Planning, Research and Performance Committee voted to amend its agenda to add two items under other business regarding admissions criteria.

PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MARCH 24, 1999

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Meeting Report of March 24, 1999, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

LEGISLATION COMMITTEELEGISLATION COMMITTEE REPORT OF MARCH 24, 1999

On behalf of Chair Henry, Mr. Rodney Braxton presented the Legislation Committee Meeting Report of March 24, 1999. Regent Henry stated that a Legislation Committee meeting will be scheduled on Monday, April 19 at 1:30 p.m. using compressed video.

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MARCH 24, 1999

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Legislation Committee Meeting Report of March 24, 1999, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEEXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MARCH 24, 1999

On behalf of Chair Sanders, Mr. Vandal, Deputy Commissioner for Administration, presented the Executive Committee Meeting Report of March 24, 1999.

UPDATE ON DESEGREGATION SETTLEMENT

Mr. Vandal reported that at 3:48 p.m. Chair Sanders announced that the Executive Committee would enter into Executive Session in accordance with R.S. 42:6.1(2), to discuss litigation matters regarding Civil Action #80-3300A.

On motion of Regent Callais, seconded by Regent Strong, the Executive Committee voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with R.S. 42:6.1(2), to discuss litigation matters regarding Civil Action #80-3300A.

A roll call vote was taken.

Yes: (4)
Mary Ella Sanders, Richard D'Aquin, Harold Callais, and Pat Strong

No: (0) Abstain: (0)

Absent: (3) *Ron Roberts, Michael Dees, and John Georges*

The Committee returned to regular session at 4:15 p.m. Chair Sanders announced that no motions were made and no votes were taken during Executive Session.

ADOPTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MARCH 24, 1999

On motion of Regent Sanders, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Executive Committee Meeting Report of March 24, 1999, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER

Commissioner E. Joseph Savoie commented on the following items:

- House Education Committee on 8g Funding - March 3
- Community College Funding Formula Task Force at LSU-A - March 10
- Grambling State Faculty Convocation- March 22
- Governor's Press Conference on Distance Learning - March 23
- Legislative Session Begins - March 29
- House Appropriations Meeting - April 6
- Northwestern Annual Grants Banquet- April 7

- EPSCOR Conference at Pennington- April 13-14
- Educational Summit in New Orleans - April 14-15

RESOLUTION FOR DR. ALLEN A. COPPING

Regent Toups presented a resolution honoring Dr. Allen Copping, retiring President of the LSU System.

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt a resolution honoring Dr. Copping for his leadership and dedicated service to Higher Education and to the LSU System. (See Appendix A.)

OTHER BUSINESS

Regent Brame thanked fellow Regents for their comments on the LSU-Alexandria issue. Regent Gatti thanked the Board and welcomed them to the LSU Law Center. Regent Toups asked for a moment of silence for the men and women in harm's way in Kosovo.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Sanders declared the meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m.