

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

MAY 22, 2008

The Board of Regents met in session at 9:10 a.m. Thursday, May 22, 2008, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, Claiborne Building, 1201 North 3rd Street, 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:

Scott Brame
Robert Bruno
Richard D' Aquin
Maurice Durbin
Donna Klein
James Klock
Robert Levy
Mary Ellen Roy
Victor Stelly
Harold Stokes
Pat Strong
Artis Terrell, Jr.
Roland Toups

Absent for the meeting were:

Ingrid Labat
W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr.
W. Clifford Smith

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 APPROVEDAPPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF APRIL 24, 2008

On motion of Regent D'Aquin, seconded by Regent Terrell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of April 24, 2008.

PRESENTATION ON THE APPRENTICESHIP AND MENTORING PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS SPONSORED BY NRG ENERGY AND LOUISIANA GENERATING, LLC

Chair Strong introduced Mr. Jeff Baudier, Senior Vice President/Regional President, NRG South Central Region and Mr. Brian Adams, Director, Asset Management, NRG South Central Region. A power point was presented on the Apprenticeship and Mentoring Program for Students (AMPS) which is sponsored by NRG Energy, Inc. Mr. Baudier said the program was designed to prepare students for the world of work and ensure academic success. He provided a historical background on NRG Energy, a competitive power generation company. Mr. Brian Adams presented an overview of the program. AMPS began due to the limited pool of qualified workers since 60% of local applicants fail the entrance exam for employment. Students who attend Point Coupee Central High School and Livonia High School would be eligible to apply for the program. The program is for 10th grade students who are willing to commit to a three-year program that will change their lives as they begin to focus on how to accomplish their goals. He noted that AMPS has two components: (1) apprenticeship and (2) mentoring. The apprenticeship component involves a mandatory high school curriculum, participation in after-school and weekend activities, and a summer internship (job shadowing). The mentoring component involves NRG employees and interested community members. He said there are 26 students in the program at this time.

Mr. Baudier stated that everybody wins with AMPS. He thanked the universities in Louisiana for their assistance in the program. Mr. Baudier encouraged other corporations to reach out and assist students in their future endeavors. A question and answer period followed. Regent Strong commended NRG Energy for its commitment and congratulated both on a job well done.

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board of Regents voted unanimously to send a resolution to NRG Energy, Inc. for sponsoring the Apprenticeship and Mentoring Program for Students (AMPS).

**PRESENTATION ABOUT THE TEACH FOR AMERICA PROGRAM
BY MICHAEL TIPTON AND KIRA ORANGE-JONES**

Regent Strong introduced Mr. Michael Tipton, Executive Director Teach for America - South Louisiana, and Ms. Kira Orange-Jones, Executive Director Teach for America - Greater New Orleans Region. They presented a power point on the impact and growth of the Teach for American program. Mr. Tipton noted that Teach for America is a national corps of outstanding recent college graduates who commit two years to teach in urban and rural public schools and become lifelong leaders in expanding educational opportunities.

Mr. Tipton discussed the educational inequity that persists along socio-economic lines which has created an achievement gap. He stated the cause of the problem is threefold: (1) poverty, (2) prevailing ideology, and (3) capacity. The mission of Teach for American is to enlist the nation's most promising future leaders in a movement to eliminate educational inequity.

Ms. Orange-Jones discussed the national and state impact of Teach for America. She said to date, one thousand of the nation's top graduates have taught in Louisiana schools.

Mr. Tipton informed the Board that there are two corps in Louisiana: (1) South Louisiana Corps which serves East Baton Rouge, St. Helena, East Feliciana, Pointe Coupee and St. Landry Parishes and currently has 74 members and 60 alumni and (2) the Greater New Orleans Corps which is serving the Recovery School District and New Orleans Charter schools, St. John the Baptist and Jefferson Parishes and has 123 members and 200 alumni. He reviewed the current and future growth of the program. He said that by 2010, Teach for America should have 610 corps members impacting over 45,000 students. A question and answer session followed. Regent Toups read from an article in the *New York Times* which ranked Teach for America as the number one employer on college and university campuses.

**PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING STUDENT BOARD MEMBER,
MR. JAMES KLOCK**

Regent Strong and Commissioner E. Joseph Savoie presented a plaque to outgoing student member, James Klock. Regent Klock expressed his gratitude to the students who gave him the opportunity to serve on the Board and thanked all Board members for their friendship and guidance during the past year. Regent Klock also noted that the recently-elected student member for the Board of Regents, Mr. Jamey Arnette from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, will be sworn in at the next Board meeting. He also introduced his mother, Mrs. Rita Klock, who was in the audience.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

On behalf of Regent Brame, Chair of the Finance Committee, Mrs. Wendy Simoneaux, Associate Commissioner for Finance and Administration, presented the Finance Committee Report of May 21, 2008.

REVIEW OF TUITION AND FEE LEGISLATION

Mrs. Simoneaux noted that an update was given on House Bill No. 734 which provides for authority on tuition and fees and was approved with amendments by the House Appropriations Committee by a vote of 17 to 4. She also noted that the bill provides for the Board of Regents to establish guidelines on the use of data available from the Southern Regional Education Board and other national sources in determining appropriate institution peers and peer average or median tuition and mandatory fee rates. Ms. Simoneaux stated that final guidelines would be presented to the Finance Committee for consideration at the June meeting.

REVIEW OF BUDGET AND FUNDING ISSUES

Mrs. Simoneaux stated that an update was given on the status of the appropriations process. She noted that the Governor's Executive Budget was reduced in three major areas: (1) \$15 million for "Performance Incentives" had been eliminated in its entirety, (2) approximately \$13 million of the \$34.7 million for additional funding to maintain certain institutions at 100% formula levels were reduced, and (3) \$3 million for Pennington Biomedical Center was eliminated.

ADOPTION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF MAY 21, 2008

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Finance Committee Report of May 21, 2008. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE REPORT

On behalf of Regent Stelly, Chair of the Legislation Committee, Ms. Connie Koury, General Counsel, presented the Legislation Committee Report of May 21, 2008.

LEGISLATION AND LEGISLATIVE ISSUES FOR 2008

Ms. Koury stated that an update was given on several bills.

- HB 734 by Representative Trahan was amended in the Appropriations Committee at the request of the Board of Regents and the author included clarifying language on the implementation of the 3, 4, 5% rate of increase.
- HB 199 by Representative Wooton generally referred to as the “gun bill.” It was also noted that a May 20, 2008 editorial published by *The Advocate* was provided to the Board, and it was mentioned that newspapers from across the state have editorialized against this legislation.
- The “Core 4” bill introduced by Senator Nevers is still being discussed by the Regents staff and stakeholders but no consensus has been reached.
- The 8g bill by Representative Trahan has not moved in the legislature. This bill would remove the cap from the 8g fund so that income from this fund would be permanently dedicated to education.

Ms. Koury also stated that changes in legislative processes and a general report on the efforts under way to make corrective changes to the Ethics Code were discussed.

ADOPTION OF THE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE REPORT OF MAY 21, 2008

On motion of Regent Stelly, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Legislation Committee Report of May 21, 2008. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

On behalf of Regent Roy, Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Dr. Stephen Scott, Assistant Commissioner for Academic Affairs, presented motions from the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report.

PROPOSED ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Southern University at New Orleans

1. **B.A. in History**
2. **B.A. in English**
3. **B.S. in Mathematics**

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the proposed B.A. program in History (CIP Code 54.0101), the proposed B.A. in English (CIP Code 23.0101), and the proposed B.S. in Mathematics (CIP Code 27.0101) degree programs at Southern University-New Orleans. The University shall annually address fulfillment of program stipulations as outlined in the Staff Analysis, beginning with progress reports to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, due August 1, 2008. Depending upon the contents of these reports, the Committee will consider program implementation at its August, 2008 meeting.

Louisiana Delta Community College - A.S. in Nursing

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the proposed Associate of Science in Nursing program (CIP Code 51.1601) at Louisiana Delta Community College.

1. **The College shall report to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs the successful hiring of 2 additional Nursing faculty. Upon notification of this action, the Associate Commissioner shall authorize program implementation.**

2. **Beginning June 1, 2009, and on that date annually thereafter until otherwise directed, the College shall submit a progress report to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs documenting progress toward:**
 - a. **College SACS/CoC accreditation;**
 - b. **Program NLN accreditation;**
 - c. **Hiring of needed faculty;**
 - d. **Memoranda of understanding with local facilities for student nurse clinical experiences; and**
 - e. **Efforts to effect transfer and articulation agreements with ULM's BSN program.**

PROPOSED ACADEMIC/RESEARCH UNIT - LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY-SHREVEPORT - CYBER OPERATIONS SECURITY INSTITUTE (COSI)

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional, one-year approval for the Cyber Operations Security Institute (COSI) at Louisiana State University in Shreveport, effective immediately. As required by Board of Regents Academic Affairs Guidelines: Proposed New Centers, Institutes, and Other Academic/Research Units, LSUS shall submit to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs a proposal for full approval of the Center by June 1, 2009. The Board of Regents recognizes that the future status of this Center shall in large part be guided by: first, whether the U.S. Air Force eventually selects Barksdale Air Force Base as the primary/ a secondary site of the Cyber Command Center; and second, whether operations of this Center prove to be a successful generator of sponsored research/expanded educational operations for the University.

PROGRESS REPORT ON CONDITIONALLY APPROVED CENTER - UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE - CENTER FOR BUSINESS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES (CBIT)

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant continued approval for the Center for Business and Information Technologies (CBIT) at the University of Louisiana-Lafayette through academic year 2011-2012. By July 1, 2010, a progress report updating Center activities to-date and documenting funding secured to support Center operations shall be submitted to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs.

BOARD OF REGENTS' GENERAL EDUCATION, NATURAL SCIENCES, AND BUSINESS MATRICES FOR AY 2008-2009

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Klock, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the General Education, Natural Sciences, and Business matrices for academic year 2008-2009.

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT OF MAY 21, 2008

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of May 21, 2008. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT

On behalf of Regent Stelly, Vice Chair of the Facilities and Property Committee, Mr. Richard Griswold, Associate Commissioner for Facilities and Property, presented motions from the Facilities and Property Committee Report of May 21, 2008.

SMALL CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

On motion of Regent Stelly, 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 listed:

**Health and Physical Education Parking Lot Improvements - Louisiana State University at Eunice.
\$200,000 from Other - Restricted Funds.**

**Drainage Improvements Along Highway 755 - Louisiana State University at Eunice.
\$349,000 from State Funds.**

**Health Center Addition - Southern University and A&M College.
\$310,000 from Other - Federal Funds.**

Farm Service Building at Experimental Laboratory Farm -

**Southern University and A&M College.
\$175,000 from Other - USDA/Federal Funds.**

**Frank Hayden Renovation (Special Projects) -
Southern University and A&M College.
\$250,000 from Other - Federal Funds.**

**Kirby Smith - Renovations for LSUHSC 10th, 11th, and 12th Floors -
Louisiana State University and A&M College.
\$187,500 from State Funds provided by the LSU Health Care Services Division.**

**Acadian Hall Parking Lot Renovations -
Louisiana State University and A&M College.
\$300,000 from Auxiliary Funds.**

**Kirby Smith - Renovations for LSUHSC 1st, 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th Floors -
Louisiana State University and A&M College.
\$301,500 from State Funds.**

FY 2008-2009 CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET RECOMMENDATION AMENDMENT

On a motion of Regent Stelly, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to amend its FY 2008-2009 Capital Outlay Budget Recommendation to include the Large Animal Isolation Disease Unit at the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine. The project, estimated to cost \$5,340,000 with \$800,000 of that amount from self-generated sources, is to be added to the end of the New Category.

ACT 959 PROJECTS

On motion of Regent Stelly, 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 installation of two chillers at the Student Center at Louisiana Tech University under the provisions of Act 959 of 2003. The project is estimated to cost \$760,000 to be paid from auxiliary funds.

On motion of Regent Stelly, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the request to construct a facility for the College of Business at Southern University in New Orleans under the provisions of Act 959 of 2003. The project will construct between 9,000 and 12,000 GSF and is

estimated to cost \$4,530,318. Funding will come from three sources: (1) \$1,230,318 from a grant for construction, (2) \$1,600,000 from a Title III grant from the U. S. Department of Education, and (3), \$1,700,000 from funds retained due to closure of the University in Fall 2005.

On motion of Regent Stelly, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the request to renovate certain aspects of Maestri Field at Privateer Park at the University of New Orleans under the provisions of Act 959 of 2003. The project is estimated to cost \$2,778,000 with funding from self-generated (restricted sources) and auxiliary revenues.

On motion of Regent Stelly, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the request to modify certain existing facilities to provide for the placement of an MRI machine at the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine under the provisions of Act 959 of 2003. The project is estimated to cost \$450,000 utilizing funding from cash reserves, self-generated fees, and operating funds.

LEASES

On motion of Regent Stelly, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the lease of certain premises to the LSU Property Foundation for the construction of a Visitor's Center and renovation of certain existing facilities at the LSU Rural Life Museum. Project cost is estimated at \$5,700,000 from donations. The lease will terminate upon completion of the improvements, which will then be donated to LSU.

REPORT ON PARKING GARAGES MEETING

Mr. Griswold noted that a meeting was held among system facilities staffs and other interested parties relative to the need for parking garages and how to fund them. He stated that the Board of Regents' staff would not recommend that garage projects be subsidized 50% with State General Obligation Bond financing for the foreseeable future.

CAPITAL OUTLAY STATUS REPORT

Mr. Griswold reported that a status report was given on House Bill No. 2 (the Capital

Outlay Bill).

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT OF MAY 21, 2008

On motion of Regent Stelly, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Report of May 21, 2008. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

On behalf of Regent Stokes, 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 May 21, 2008.

LICENSURE

On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee as follows:

- 1. The Board of Regents hereby grants an initial license for Duplichain University of New Orleans, LA for a period of three years.**
- 2. Annually, beginning August 1 of the first year of institutional operation and on that date every year thereafter during the term of initial licensure, the University shall report to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs the status of its progress toward preparation and submittal of an application for accreditation candidacy through SACS. This report shall at a minimum evidence attendance and participation of appropriate University officials at periodic SACS workshops for pre-applicant institutions and annual general meetings of the Commission on Colleges.**

3. **At the end of this period of initial licensure, the University shall provide evidence of submittal of an application for SACS candidacy. If accomplished, the Regents will consider another eighteen months of licensure. If not accomplished, the Board of Regents may deny further licensure.**
4. **Within eighteen months of submittal of an application for SACS candidacy, the University shall provide evidence of successful SACS candidacy status. If granted, the Regents will consider extending licensure to allow for final, full accreditation review. If not granted, the Board of Regents may deny further licensure.**
5. **Upon completion of the allotted time for final accreditation review, the University shall report its SACS membership status. If SACS accreditation has been granted, the Regents shall act to extend licensure appropriate to its term of accreditation. If not granted, the Board of Regents may deny further licensure.**

On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee to approve license renewal for the following institutions:

1. **Northwood University**
2. **Nova Southeastern University**
3. **Southern Illinois University**
4. **Upper Iowa University, and**
5. **Wiley College.**

PROPRIETARY SCHOOLS

On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Roy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve the following recommendations submitted by its Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission:

Associate in Occupational Studies Degree program in Information Technology & Biomedical Technician at MedVance Institute of Baton Rouge, located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

License renewals for the following proprietary schools (initial license date in parentheses):

A & W Healthcare Educators, LLC (03/25/04)
Academy of Acadiana, Inc. (03/22/06)
Ascension College (04/22/99)
At-Home Professions (04/22/99)
BAR/BRI - Baton Rouge (03/27/03)
BAR/BRI - New Orleans (03/21/02)
Blue Cliff College--Houma (03/24/05)
Blue Cliff College--Metairie (03/23/00)
Blue Cliff College--Shreveport (03/23/00)
Coastal College--Lafayette (04/23/98)
Coastal College--Monroe (03/28/96)
Delta College of Arts & Technology--Lafayette Branch (03/24/05)
Delta School of Business and Technology (05/06/80)
Delta Training Academy (04/23/98)
Kaplan, Inc. - Shreveport (04/21/93)
Lenora School of Phlebotomy (04/28/94)
Louisiana Culinary Institute (03/27/03)
N.O.D.C. School for Dental Assisting (03/24/05)
Rhema Training Center (04/25/96)
The Ruth Cook Computer and Medical Schools (04/27/95)
Sclafani's Cooking School (04/28/94)
Unitech Training Academy (04/24/97)
Universal Technical Institute - Florida Branch (04/23/98)
Universal Technical Institute of Texas, Inc. (04/03/85)
Verbatim Academy of Court Reporting (04/27/89)
WyoTech--Pennsylvania Campus (03/27/03)
WyoTech--Wyoming Campus (03/27/03)

AN ASSESSMENT OF UNMET POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION NEEDS IN THE SHREVEPORT/BOSSIER AREA OF LOUISIANA

On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Roy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to receive An Assessment of Unmet Postsecondary Education Needs in the Shreveport/Bossier Area of Louisiana and instructs the staff to analyze the report, review the options provided in the report, and subsequently prepare for the Committee the staff's observations and recommendations for Board consideration.

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE REPORT
OF May 21, 2008

On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee Report of May 21, 2008. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Savoie reported on the following items:

- An ACT Summit will be held on June 10 at the Marriott in Baton Rouge. The theme of the day is “Preparing All Louisiana Students for College and Workplace Readiness.”
- June 23 will mark the end of the 2008 Regular Session of the Legislature.
- The next Committee and Board meetings will be June 25 and 26.

Regent Toups requested that staff provide an update at the June meeting of the Facilities and Property Committee regarding the status of the project to renovate the French House for use by the Honors College at Louisiana State University and A&M College.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Stokes, there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.