MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

MAY 25, 2006

The Board of Regents met in session at 9:10 a.m. Thursday, May 25, 2006, in the Louisiana Purchase Room of the 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:

Scott Brame
Richard D’Aquin
Stanley Jacobs
Ingrid Labat
Robert Levy
W. Clinton Rasberry
Mary Ellen Roy
Pat Strong
Harold Stokes
Roland Toups
Chris Jividen

Absent for the meeting were:

William Blake
Frances Henry
Virgil Robinson, Jr.
Clifford Smith
Artis Terrell

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

MINUTES APPROVED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF APRIL 27, 2006
On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Jividen, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of April 27, 2006.

RECOGNITION OF COLLEGE OF EDUCATION DEANS’ ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Dr. Jeanne Burns, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs for Teacher Education, stated that the Board of Regents had adopted a policy in spring 2001 to require Louisiana’s universities to redesign all teacher preparation programs for grade PK-12 and special education. She also said that each university was requested to redesign all graduate programs for teachers and educational leaders to increase the rigor of the programs, align all programs with state and national standards, and provide meaningful site-based learning experiences to extend knowledge and skills. Dr. Burns invited each system president to introduce the Deans of the College of Education from their respective campuses. She also noted that the private universities were also actively engaged in the teacher redesign program.

Chair Toups presented a resolution from the Board of Regents to the Deans of the College of Education which commended all College of Education deans, chancellors/presidents, chief academic officers, other deans, and faculty who were instrumental in redesigning all undergraduate, alternate, and graduate programs for teachers and educational leaders.

PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING STUDENT BOARD MEMBER, MR. CHRIS JIVIDEN

Regent Toups presented a plaque to the outgoing student Board member, Regent Chris Jividen. Regent Jividen introduced his parents and thanked all Board members for their friendship and guidance during the past year. He stated he will be attending Louisiana State University at Shreveport in the fall and will major in finance. He also introduced the newly elected student member, Mr. Terry Landry from the Southern University Law Center.
REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Brame, Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Dr. Larry Tremblay, Associate Commissioner for Planning and Research, presented motions from the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of May 24, 2006.

PROPOSED NEW PROGRAMS

Southern University New Orleans – B.S. in Management Information Systems

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 B.S. program in Management Information Systems (CIP Code 52.1201) at Southern University New Orleans, beginning Fall 2006. Prior to program implementation, University administrators shall meet with Mr. Donnie Vandal, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, and Mr. Gerard Killebrew, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, to discuss immediate funding needs and sources of such funding for the first year of program operations. The primary foci of these discussions shall be resource issues directly related to required AACSB program accreditation and efforts by the University to afford such resources within existing state funding. Thereafter, beginning June 1, 2007 and on that same date until AACSB program accreditation has been achieved, an annual report addressing these concerns shall be sent to Mr. Vandal and Mr. Killebrew and necessary follow-up meetings scheduled to resolve any outstanding issues. Upon implementation of the above program, the existing B.S. program in Computer Information Systems (CIP Code 11.0701)at Southern University New Orleans is hereby terminated.

Louisiana Technical College - Lafayette

- A.A.S. in Culinary Arts and Occupations

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the Associate of Applied Science in Culinary Arts & Occupations (CIP Code 12.0503) at Louisiana Technical College-Lafayette, effective immediately. General education needed to offer this
A A.S. in Aviation Maintenance Technology

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the Associate of Applied Science in Aviation Maintenance Technology (CIP Code 47.0608) at Louisiana Technical College - Lafayette, effective immediately. General education needed to offer this program shall be provided by South Louisiana Community College.

PROPOSED LETTERS OF INTENT

Louisiana State University and A&M College – B.S. in Coastal Environmental Science

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the Letter of Intent for the projected Bachelor of Science in Coastal Environmental Science program (CIP Code 40.0607) at Louisiana State University and A&M College.

Louisiana State University-Alexandria – B.S. in Nursing

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the proposed Letter of Intent for the projected Bachelor of Science in Nursing (CIP Code 51.1601) at Louisiana State University Alexandria.

PROGRESS REPORTS ON CONDITIONALLY APPROVED PROGRAMS

Southern University and A&M College – Master of Business Administration

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the March 2006 Progress Report Relative to Implementation of the Master of Business Administration Program at Southern University and A&M College. By this action, the University is hereby authorized to initiate the program beginning Fall 2006. A subsequent progress report addressing original Board action and subsequent staff comments shall be submitted to the Commissioner for Higher Education by August 1, 2006.
Louisiana Tech University – Center for Applied Teaching and Learning to Yield Scientific Thinking

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the 2006 Progress Report from Louisiana Tech University Relative to Operations of the Center for Applied Teaching and Learning to Yield Scientific Thinking (CATALYST) and extend its term of approval for an additional three-year period (until June 2011). On June 1, 2009, the University shall submit a progress report to the Commissioner of Higher Education, updating efforts to secure continued external funding to support Center operations.

Louisiana State University and A&M College – B.A. in Women’s and Gender Studies

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the AY 2004-2005 Progress Report Relative to the Implementation of the B.A. in Women’s and Gender Studies at Louisiana State University and A&M College. As conditions of approval have been met, the program is hereby granted full approval. No further progress reports are required.

Bossier Parish Community College – A.A. in Music

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the Progress Report Relative to the Implementation of the A.A. in Music program at Bossier Parish Community College. The next progress report addressing adequacy of faculty and resources to support the program shall be due August 1, 2007. Specifically, this report shall document hiring of an additional full-time Music faculty for Fall 2007.

Sowela Technical Community College – A.S. in Nursing

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent D’Aquain, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the March 2006 Progress Report from Sowela Technical Community College Relative to Application for SACS Candidacy and State Board Approval for the A.S. Program in Nursing. A subsequent progress report addressing original Board action and subsequent staff comments shall be submitted to the Commissioner for Higher Education by November 1, 2006.

Louisiana Delta Community College – A.S. in Early Childhood Education
On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the AY 2004-05 Progress Report Relative to the Implementation of the A.S. in Early Childhood Education program at Louisiana Delta Community College. Consistent with recent Regents actions regarding associate-level programs in teacher education, the name of this program shall be changed to A.S. in Care and Development of Young Children (CIP Code 19.0709), effective immediately. As previous Regent stipulations have been addressed, this program is hereby granted full approval. Accordingly, no further progress reports are deemed necessary.

Delgado Community College – A.A.S. in Veterinary Technology

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the AY 2005-06 Progress Report Relative to the Implementation of the Associate of Applied Science in Veterinary Technology at Delgado Community College. The next Progress Report addressing items identified in the staff summary shall be due to the Commissioner of Higher Education by December 1, 2006.
TEACHER EDUCATION INITIATIVE

Evaluation of a Redesigned Initial Teacher Preparation Program and Graduate Programs for Teachers and Education Leaders

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the following redesigned initial teacher preparation programs and graduate programs for teachers and education leaders:

1. The Master of Education Degree in Educational Leadership (CIP Code 13.0401) at Louisiana State University and A&M College.


REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER

Dr. Tremblay said that updates were given on the following items:

A. Louisiana’s Participation in the American Diploma Project;
B. Statewide Review of Existing Licensed Practical Nursing Programs;
C. Status of Review of Conditionally Approved Programs;
D. Status of Reviews for Proposed Programs/Units; and
E. Staff Approval of Routine Academic Requests.

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT OF MAY 24, 2006

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent D’Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of May 24, 2006. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)
FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

On behalf of Regent Stokes, Chair of the Finance Committee, Mr. Donald Vandal, Deputy Commission for Finance and Administration, presented motions from the Finance Committee Report of May 24, 2006.

UPDATE ON STATE BUDGET FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION, FY 2006-07

Mr. Vandal noted that House Bill 1 had moved out of Committee for consideration by the entire House of Representatives. He noted that the bill with amendments was currently being heard by the entire house. He continued by reporting that the House Appropriations Committee had considered House Bill 1208, the supplemental appropriation bill for FY 05-06. Mr. Vandal indicated that the budget status had improved, and he was optimistic that funding would be maintained.

REPORT FROM DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

Mr. Vandal said updates were given on several items:

A. Three BA-7's had been approved through executive procedure which involved budgeting of additional self-generated revenue for the LSU Health Sciences-Shreveport, EA Conway Medical Center, and Southern University-Shreveport.

B. The next Finance Committee meeting on June 21st will be two days after the final adjournment of the Legislature. The committee will be considering some of the items in the General Appropriations Bill that require the Board of Regents to develop plans for and approve distribution of funds expected to be available for the new fiscal year.

ADOPTION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF MAY 24, 2006

On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Finance Committee Report of May 24, 2006. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE REPORT

On behalf of Regent Levy, Vice Chair of the Legislation Committee, Ms. Connie Koury, General Counsel, presented the Legislation Committee Report of May 24, 2006.

Ms. Koury said updates were given on several items:

A. HB 154 by Representative Strain relative to immunizations of students who have been admitted to a postsecondary education institution.

B. HB 591 by Representative Crane would increase the amount allowed to BESE and the Board of Regents for administrative costs related to administering the Louisiana Quality Education Support Fund.

C. HB 1119 by Representative Crane regarding proprietary schools and the authority and duties of the Advisory Commission and the Board of Regents.

D. SB 530 by Senator Fields which eliminates any authority for the Board of Regents to confirm the appointment of postsecondary system presidents and chancellors. With amendments made to the bill in House Education Committee, the Regents would interview the potential system president during the management boards’ selection process. At the Regents’ request, the amendments also eliminated the requirement for the Board of Regents to confirm campus chancellors and presidents.

ADOPTION OF THE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE REPORT OF MAY 24, 2006

On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Legislation Committee Report of May 24, 2006.

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FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

SMALL CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent Labat, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the small capital project as follows:

Overlay Caspari Street, Drainage and Other Street Repairs -
Northwestern State University
$200,000 from Vehicle Registration Fees

AMENDMENT TO FY 2006-2007 CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET RECOMMENDATION

On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to amend its FY 2006-2007 Capital Outlay Budget Recommendation to include a project to acquire a site and construct the Jefferson West Learning Center on the West Bank in the New Orleans area. The project, estimated to cost $5,910,000 from State General Obligation Bond funding, would be added to the end of the New Projects category.

HURRICANE DAMAGE PERMANENT REPAIRS STATUS REPORT

Mr. Griswold noted that the staff had met with Mr. Jerry Jones, Director of Facility Planning and Control, who provided an overview of correction efforts. He said that 66% of the buildings severely damaged by the 2005 hurricanes had less than $50,000 in damage, and that 500 individual repair projects had been initiated. Regent Jacobs requested that staff ask Mr. Jones to provide slides of affected universities the next time he provides an overview of correction efforts.

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT OF MAY 24, 2006

On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent D’Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Report of May 24, 2006. (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. Tremblay, presented motions from the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee Report of May 24, 2006.

LICENSURE

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Jividen, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to issue an initial operating license for Capra College School of Management and Leadership with the following stipulations:

1. Prior to enrolling students, Capra College must solicit a minimum of $150,000 in private donations. These dollars must be deposited in an account in the name of Capra College and proof submitted to the Board of Regents. These donations must be deposited by December 31, 2006.

2. Following the successful attainment of stipulation #1, Capra College can begin recruiting students for its initial class. Once a minimum of 20-25 students are admitted, classes may begin.

3. Prior to the beginning of classes, Capra will initiate contact with the Accrediting Commission of Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS). Staff of Capra will attend appropriate workshops/conferences hosted by ACICS to address issues regarding pursuit of accreditation.

4. The Board of Regents’ staff will conduct a site visit to Capra College within six months following the beginning of classes. Regents’ staff will assess the progress the college is making in seeking accreditation.

5. Capra College will submit a report to the Board of Regents by June 1, 2007, outlining (at a minimum) the following:

   a. financial condition of the college;
   b. student recruitment, admissions, and enrollment;
   c. courses taught and vita of faculty; and,
   d. progress in preparing application to ACICS

If any of the above stipulations are not satisfactorily met, the Board of Regents may revoke the license of Capra College.
On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent D’Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to renew the licenses of the following institutions:

1. Northwood University
2. Nova Southeastern University
3. Southern Illinois University
4. Upper Iowa University
5. Wiley College
6. William Carey College

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 - Alexandria, located in Alexandria, Louisiana.

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 Associate in Occupational Studies Degree program in Office Administration at ITI Technical College, located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

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 renew the licenses of the following proprietary schools (initial license date in parentheses):

A & W Healthcare Educators, LLC (03/25/04)
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)
Becker Professional Review (04/22/99)
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)
Domestic Health Care Institute (04/28/88)
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 (04/24/2005)
Rhema Training Center (04/25/96)
Ruth Cook’s School of Computer Operations (04/27/95)
Sclafani’s Cooking School (04/28/94)
Southeast Career Academy (04/26/90)
Unitech Training Academy (04/24/97)
Universal Technical Institute - Florida Branch (04/23/98)
(formally known as Clinton Technical Institute, Motorcycle & Marine Mechanics Division)
Universal Technical Institute of Texas, Inc. (04/03/85)
WyoTech--Pennsylvania Campus (03/27/03)
WyoTech--Wyoming Campus (03/27/03)

REPORT FROM THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER

Dr. Tremblay said updates were given on several matters:

1. Workshops were held around the State with particular emphasis on the uses of EPAS and E-Portal;

2. Return To Learn program had been implemented;

3. Summary statistics assessing to what extent the state postsecondary education system met or exceeded the Board of Regents’ Master Plan goals, and institutional compliance with the Board of Regents admissions criteria.

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF MAY 24, 2006

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee Report of May 24, 2006. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)
SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT

On behalf of Regent Rasberry, Chair of the Sponsored Programs Committee, Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, presented motions from the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of May 24, 2006.

DISCUSSION OF A DRAFT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT FUND (BoRSF) STRATEGIC PLAN: FY 2007/08 - FY 2013/14

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Jividen, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve directions which the BoRSF Planning Committee unanimously advised for the Post-Katrina Support Fund Initiative (P-KSFI). The staff is authorized to engage external consultants who, based on these directions, will carefully define the foci of the P-KSFI. The Board will consider recommendations of consultants during August/September 2006.

REVISED FUNDING RECOMMENDATION FOR AN INDUSTRIAL TIES RESEARCH SUBPROGRAM PROPOSAL SUBMITTED DURING THE FY 2005-06 COMPETITIVE CYCLE

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Labat, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve funding for Proposal 024B for one year at the level of $60,000. Specific stipulations for this contract will be developed by the Sponsored Programs staff, in conjunction with the Principal Investigator and the Chair of the ITRS Final Panel, during the May/June contract negotiation period.

BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT FUND EPSCoR SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP NOMINATIONS

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Jividen, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the nominations from the LSU System, Pennington Biomedical Research Center, to replace Dr. David York with Dr. Richard Rogers as its representative on the BoRSF EPSCoR Subcommittee; and from the University of Louisiana - Lafayette to replace Dr. Vijay Raghavan with Dr. Henry Chu, Center for Advanced Computer Studies, as its representative on the BoRSF EPSCoR Subcommittee.

PROSPECTIVE BOARD OF REGENTS/NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF) 2007 FORUM
Dr. Davidson noted that the Board of Regents had approved two Post-Katrina/Rita Research and Education Forums. He said that NSF had indicated a willingness to accept an unsolicited proposal to host the 2007 forum. Dr. Davidson continued by saying that Louisiana will act as the lead state with Alabama and Mississippi and will prepare a proposal for submission on July 1, 2006.

OTHER BUSINESS - FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS RELATIVE TO NASA EPSCoR DART PROGRAM

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Labat, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the NASA EPSCoR consultants’ report and funding recommendations in the amount of $215,594 relative to the six top-ranked Developing Aerospace Research and Technology (DART) projects recommended for funding, to be paid from NASA funds and Support Funds allocated to the NASA EPSCoR program. Projects shall be funded in the order, amount, 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.

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT OF MAY 24, 2006

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Jividen, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of May 24, 2006. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Toups, Chairman of the Executive Committee, Mr. Donald Vandal presented the Executive Committee Report of May 24, 2006.
UPDATE ON DESEGREGATION SETTLEMENT

Mr. Vandal said that an Executive Session was called to discuss desegregation issues. He mentioned that a roll call vote was taken, no motions were made, and no votes were taken during the Executive Session.

ADOPTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT OF MAY 24, 2006

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Executive Committee Report of May 24, 2006. (A copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Savoie reported on the following items:

• The Session concludes on Monday, June 19, 2006; and
• Next Committee/Board meetings will be held June 21-22, 2006.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent D’Aquin, there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.