

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

JUNE 22, 2006

The Board of Regents met in session at 9:05 a.m. Thursday, June 22, 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:

William Blake  
Scott Brame  
Richard D'Aquin  
Frances Henry  
Stanley Jacobs  
Ingrid Labat  
Robert Levy  
W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr.  
Mary Ellen Roy  
William Smith  
Harold Stokes  
Pat Strong  
Artis Terrell  
Roland Toups  
Terry Landry, Jr.

Absent for the meeting was:

Virgil Robinson, Jr.

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 MAY 25, 2006**

**On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of May 25, 2006.**

**RECOGNITION OF DR. ROBERT TWILLEY,  
DR. SHIRLEY LASKA, AND DR. JOHN CLEMENTS**

Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, noted that on April 2-4, 2006 the Post-Katrina Forum was held at the Marriott Hotel in New Orleans. Dr. Davidson continued by stating that several ideas were developed from the 2006 Post-Katrina Forum for the proposed 2007 Gulf Coast Forum.

Dr. Davidson noted that success for the 2006 Forum rests with the individuals who served as Chair and Co-Chairs. Dr. E. Joseph Savoie, Commissioner for Higher Education, presented appreciation plaques to Dr. Robert Twilley, Chair of the Forum from Louisiana State University and A&M College, Dr. John Clements, Co-Chair of the Forum from Tulane University, and Dr. Shirley Laska, Co-Chair of the Forum from the University of New Orleans for their service and time devoted to the 2006 Post-Katrina Forum.

**REPORT ON THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY  
HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER IN SHREVEPORT  
BY DR. LOREN SCOTT OF LOREN C. SCOTT AND ASSOCIATES, INC.**

Dr. John McDonald, Chancellor, LSU Health Sciences Center-Shreveport, introduced Dr. Loren Scott, who started his career at Louisiana State University and A&M College in 1969 in the Department of Economics. Dr. Scott presented an economic impact study entitled "The Economic Impact of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center on the State and Shreveport-Bossier

City.” Dr. Scott noted that: (1) the LSU Health Sciences Center at Shreveport (LSUHSC-S) is not only an impressive source of quality health services, education and research, but also a significant economic driver in the northwest region of the State; (2) the LSUHSC-S is the third largest employer in the Shreveport-Bossier City area; (3) the Center has an annual payroll of over \$280 million; and (4) the 436 bed hospital served over 20,000 in-patients and almost 452,000 out-patients during 2004-05.

Next, Dr. McDonald introduced Ms. Lisa Babin, President of the LSUHSC-S Foundation. Ms. Babin thanked the Board for allowing them to make the presentation and said the Center was an excellent investment for the state of Louisiana. Regent Toups mentioned that Dr. Larry Hollier, Chancellor, LSU Health Sciences Center-New Orleans, was in the audience.

#### **PRESENTATION BY THE LOUISIANA OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Chairman Toups introduced Mr. Jack Guinn, Executive Director, Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA), and Ms. Melanie Amrhein, Assistant Executive Director of LOSFA. Mr. Guinn gave a powerpoint presentation and noted that LOSFA is governed by the Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission and the Louisiana Tuition Trust Authority. He said there are four major programs which LOSFA administers: (1) the Tuition Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS), (2) the Student Tuition Assistance and Revenue Trust (START), (3) Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership (LEAP); and (4) the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP). Mr. Guinn said that LOSFA is the designated guarantor in Louisiana for loans made under the FFELP. He further stated that until 2005, LOSFA was making good progress at capturing

a larger share of the state's student loan market, but price competition from external guarantors and the effects of recent hurricanes combined to financially weaken the state's guaranty agency.

Regents Henry and Strong, who are Commission members, voiced their thanks to Mr. Guinn for his leadership and urged him to let the other management boards see what the agency offers. Regent Toups also suggested that it would be good for Mr. Guinn to give this presentation to each management board. Dr. Savoie noted that a meeting with financial aid officers will be held on June 30, 2006 to discuss further concerns.

## **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

On behalf of Regent Stokes, Chair of the Finance Committee, Mr. Donald Vandal, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, presented motions from the Finance Committee Report of June 21, 2006.

Mr. Vandal noted that before the Finance Committee meeting began, Mr. Terry C. Landry, Jr. from the Southern University Law Center, was sworn in as the new student member on the Regents and assigned to the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, the Learning Centers Committee, Planning, Research and Performance Committee, and Sponsored Programs Committee.

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

Mr. Vandal noted that the Legislature had adjourned on Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup> and finalized amendments to House Bill 1. He continued by saying that the Board of Regents was appreciative of the Governor and Legislature for keeping postsecondary education as a top priority.

### **FORMULA REVISIONS, STATUS AND ON-GOING REVIEW**

**On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the proposed changes and clarifications to the Louisiana Public Postsecondary Education Funding Formula. (Appendix on file in the Board of Regents' offices.)**

#### FUNDING ALLOCATIONS REQUIRING BOARD OF REGENTS PLAN

##### A. FACULTY PAY PLAN

**On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the guidelines of the faculty salary proposal; and also, the Board authorize the Chair of the Board of Regents, the Chair of the Finance Committee, and the Commissioner of Higher Education, acting jointly, to approve the final dollar allocation for the pay plan distribution. (Appendix on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

##### B. LIBRARY AND SCIENTIFIC ACQUISITIONS

**On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the distribution of the Library and Scientific Acquisition funding. (Appendix on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

##### C. RESOLVE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE & NON-REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES

**On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the distribution of the Accounts Receivable and Other Disaster - Related Unreimbursed Expenses funding and that as a condition of the funding, the institutions are to write off any remaining balances due to the enrollment of displaced students. (Appendix on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

##### D. UNCERTAIN ENROLLMENT, FINANCIAL STABILITY, AND RECOVERY EFFORTS AND COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE AND ACADEMIC LEARNING CENTER DEVELOPMENT

**On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the distribution of \$1,781,722 from the Uncertain Enrollment, Financial Stability, and Recovery Efforts funds to the University of New Orleans. (Appendix on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

E. PATHWAYS TO CONSTRUCTION EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVE

**On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the allocation model for the Pathways to Construction Employment Initiative.** *(Appendix on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)*

LONI SUPER COMPUTING

Mr. Vandal stated that an update was given on funding provided to further enhance computing capabilities of the LONI network.

REPORT FROM DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

Mr. Vandal said updates were given on the following items: (A) funding formula, (B) funds flow and bench marking project for the LSU Health Sciences Centers, and (C) the need to establish a task force to review the Board's current Athletic Policy.

Regent Toups said a resolution would be delivered to the Governor thanking her for supporting postsecondary education in the completed session. Mr. Vandal also noted that the current issue of the Wall Street Journal had an advertisement by Louisiana Economic Development which featured Dr. Les Guice, Chairman, Louisiana Optical Network Initiative (LONI).

ADOPTION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF JUNE 21, 2006

**On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Blake, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Finance Committee Report of June 21, 2006.** *(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 June 21, 2006.

#### HURRICANE DAMAGE PERMANENT REPAIR STATUS REPORT

Mr. Griswold noted that Mr. Jerry Jones, Director of Facility Planning and Control, had provided a comprehensive report on the process and efforts to make permanent repairs to facilities for postsecondary educational institutions that were damaged by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Mr. Griswold also presented a photo report of the current status of institutions affected by the storms of 2005.

#### SMALL CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

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

**Hazardous Materials Abatement, Laville Cafeteria  
Louisiana State University and A&M College  
\$270,800 from Auxiliary Funds**

**Additions and Renovations to Golf Clubhouse  
Louisiana State University at Alexandria  
\$349,000 from Auxiliary Funds**

#### EXPEDITED APPROVAL REPORT

Mr. Griswold informed the Board that two projects were approved utilizing the expedited approval procedure: (1) the Business Education Complex at Louisiana State University and A&M College and (2) the renovation of the Kinesiology and Health Studies, including the renovation of the Cefalu Coliseum, at Southeastern Louisiana University.

#### PROJECTS UTILIZING ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF FINANCING

**On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent Blake, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the project to construct student housing at Louisiana**

**State University at Alexandria. The project will cost approximately \$12,750,000, will utilize the lease/leaseback model of alternative means financing, and will provide residential accommodations for approximately 271 students. An MRA of 1.5% of the construction cost per year will be established.**

Regent Roy stated that she would be unable to vote favorably for the Intermodal Facility and improvements to the Strawberry Stadium Improvements at Southeastern Louisiana University (SLU). She continued by stating that at this time, considering all the problems higher education is facing due to the hurricanes, spending money for a new press box and seating area at a football stadium seemed unnecessary. She said that SLU will have to sell land to finance this project, and it would seem that this money should be funneled into academics instead of athletics.

**On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent Blake, the Board voted to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the project to construct an Intermodal Facility and Improvements to Strawberry Stadium at Southeastern Louisiana University. The project will cost approximately \$12,000,000, utilizing the lease/leaseback model of alternative means financing. A 500 car parking garage will be constructed, and the existing stadium press box will be replaced and seating areas constructed. Regents Roy and Levy voted no.**

#### CAPITAL OUTLAY STATUS REPORT

Mr. Griswold said a capital outlay status report was given on the projects recommended in the Board of Regents' FY 2006-07 Capital Outlay Budget Request which were included in House Bill No. 2.

Regent Toups requested that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Jerry Jones for his presentation the day before at the Facilities and Property Committee meeting. Mr. Toups said the report would be considered during the Regents' retreat in August.

#### ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT OF JUNE 21,



2006

**On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Report of June 21, 2006. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

### **ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Brame, Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Mr. Gerard Killebrew, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, presented motions from the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of June 21, 2006.

#### **PROPOSED NEW PROGRAMS**

##### **SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY NEW ORLEANS**

1. M.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 M.S. program in Management Information Systems (CIP Code 52.1299) 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 M.S. program in Computer Information Systems (CIP Code 11.0701) at Southern University-New Orleans shall be terminated.**

2. B.S. in Business Entrepreneurship

**On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Landry, 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 Business Entrepreneurship (CIP Code 52.0701) 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 Business Administration (CIP Code 52.0201) at Southern University New Orleans is hereby terminated.**

3. B.A. in Public 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 grant conditional approval for the proposed B.A. program in Public Administration (CIP Code 44.0401) at Southern University New Orleans; program implementation, however, shall be delayed until a Department Head/Program Director is hired. In addition, 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. Thereafter, beginning June 1, 2007 and on that same date until the program is fully implemented, 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.**

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY ALEXANDRIA - B.S. IN PSYCHOLOGY

**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 conditional approval for the proposed B.S. program**

**in Psychology (CIP Code 42.0101) at Louisiana State University Alexandria, effective immediately. By August 1, 2007, the University shall engage the services of an additional, full-time Psychology faculty. A report to the Commissioner of Higher Education indicating that this stipulation has been addressed shall be due by the same date.**

**BATON ROUGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE - A.S. IN BUSINESS**

**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 Associate of Science in Business (CIP Code 52.0101) at Baton Rouge Community College, effective immediately. By January 1, 2007, the College shall submit a progress report to the Commissioner of Higher Education documenting efforts to establish articulation agreements with the Colleges of Business at LSU A&M and Southern University Baton Rouge, as well as a timeline for achieving program accreditation from the Association of College Business Schools and Programs.**

**SELECT CAMPUSES OF THE LOUISIANA COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM - CERTIFICATE OF GENERAL STUDIES**

**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 Certificate of General Studies program (CIP Code 24.0102) at Baton Rouge Community College, Bossier Parish Community College, Delgado Community College, Nunez Community College, River Parishes Community College, South Louisiana Community College, Louisiana Delta Community College, Fletcher Technical Community College, and Sowela Technical Community College, effective immediately.**

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND CURRICULAR REVISIONS - UNIVERSITY OF NEW ORLEANS - REQUEST FOR SELECT ADMINISTRATIVE/CURRICULAR CHANGES/REVISIONS**

**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 proposed administrative/curricular changes/terminations at the University of New Orleans.**

**STATUS OF PROGRAMS REQUIRED TO SEEK SPECIALIZED ACCREDITATION**

**On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student**

**Affairs Committee to direct Nunez Community College and Nicholls State University to seek and attain accreditation from the National Association for Industrial Technology for the programs listed below in accordance with the time schedule given:**

- 1. Nunez Community College- A.A.S. in Industrial Technology (CIP Code 15.0404)**
- 2. Nicholls State University-A.S. in Petroleum Services; A.S. in Petroleum Services Safety Technology; B.S. in Petroleum Services (CIP Code 15.0903)**

**TEACHER EDUCATION INITIATIVES - EVALUATION OF A REDESIGNED INITIAL TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM AND GRADUATE PROGRAMS FOR TEACHERS AND EDUCATION LEADERS**

**On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, 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 Curriculum & Instruction-Early Childhood Education (CIP Code: 13.0301) at Northwestern State University; and,**
- 2. The Master of Education Degree in Educational Technology Leadership (CIP Code: 13.9999); Master of Education Degree in Curriculum and Instruction (CIP Code: 13.0301) in Art Education, Elementary Education, English Education, Foreign Language Education, Mathematics Education, Science Education, and Social Studies Education; Bachelor or Art Degree in Art Education – Grades K-12 (13.1302), Spanish Education – Grades K-12 (CIP Code: 13.1330), French Education – Grades (CIP Code: 13.1325); Bachelor of Science Degree in Health and Physical Education/Kinesiology – Grades K-12 (CIP Code: 13.1314); Bachelor of Music Education Degree – Grades K-12 (CIP Code: 13.1312) in Instrumental Music and Vocal Music; and Non-Master's/Certification Program in Instrumental Music and Vocal Music at Louisiana State University and A&M College.**

He mentioned that with this action the review of all redesigned teacher preparation programs, with the exception of special education, was now complete.

CONSIDERATION OF THE AY 2006-2007 STATEWIDE GENERAL EDUCATION MATRIX

**On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Landry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the AY 2006-2007 Statewide General Education Matrix.**

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE OPERATIONS OF LOUIS - THE LOUISIANA LIBRARY NETWORK

Mr. Killebrew stated that Ms. Sara Zimmerman, LOUIS Associate Director, gave an update on past activities and future plans for LOUIS.

REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER

Mr. Killebrew 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 JUNE 21, 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 June 21, 2006. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

**LEGISLATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

On behalf of Regent Blake, Chair of the Legislation Committee, Ms. Connie Koury, General Counsel, presented the Legislation Committee Report of June 21, 2006.

Ms. Koury discussed several items:

- A. A resolution by the Council of Student Body Presidents involving the rising costs of text books;
- B. SCR 62 by Senator Fields requesting the Board of Regents to study the availability

of need-based aid for students attending postsecondary institutions in Louisiana;

- C. SCR 134 by Senator McPherson requesting the Board of Regents and the nursing boards to work together to study the feasibility of expanding nursing programs in order to alleviate the nursing shortage crisis in Louisiana;
- D. SB 530 by Senator Fields which provides relative to the powers and duties of the Board of Regents over the appointment of presidents of the public postsecondary education systems and the head of public colleges and universities. The bill allows the Regents to interview potential candidates for the presidency of the systems and eliminates the requirement for Board of Regents to confirm campus heads; and
- E. HB 154 and 768 both discuss postsecondary education institutions and a requirement for documentation of certain immunizations or waivers if they choose not to receive the vaccine. HB 768 complements HB 154 in that it requires the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) to establish rules and regulations to provide for prioritization of the requirement for a vaccine and DHH had initiated the passage of HB 768 in order to ensure that scarce supply of the vaccine is used in a way that best meets known health risks.

Regent Toups commended Commissioner Savoie and the staff for inviting the members of the House and Senate Education Committees to the Regents' office to confer about the various issues that concerned postsecondary education.

#### ADOPTION OF THE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE REPORT OF JUNE 21, 2006

**On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Legislation Committee Report of June 21, 2006.**  
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#### **PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Levy, Chair of the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee, Dr. Larry Tremblay, Associate Commissioner for Planning and Research, presented motions from the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee Report of June 21, 2006.

#### LICENSURE

Dr. Tremblay mentioned that Delta College of Arts & Technology was to be considered for

an initial license but additional meetings need to be held prior to final recommendation.

**On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to renew the licenses of the following institutions:**

- 1. Concordia University**
- 2. Embry Riddle University**
- 3. Ottawa University**

#### REPORT FROM THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER

Dr. Tremblay said updates were given on several matters:

1. Statistics on the Regents' Scholar Program and a review of the requirements for the award may bring possible recommendations for consideration in August;
2. The Return To Learn program;
3. Recent ACT statistics; and
4. Summary statistics on degrees conferred by Louisiana's public institutions.

#### ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF JUNE 21, 2006

**On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee Report of June 21, 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. Davidson presented motions from the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of June 21, 2006.

#### CONSIDERATION OF THE FY 2007/08 - FY 2013/14 BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT FUND (BoRSF) LONG-RANGE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Dr. Davidson noted that Dr. Gene D'Amour, Senior Vice President for Resource Development, Xavier University, voiced concern about portions of the Strategic Plan.

**On motion of Regent Raspberry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the FY 2007-08 through FY 2013-14 Board of Regents Support Fund (BoRSF) Long-Range Strategic Plan for Higher Education.**

FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIPS AND ADDITIONAL ENDOWED CHAIRS SUBMITTED DURING THE FY 2005-06 CYCLE

**On motion of Regent Raspberry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve funding for all remaining FY 2005-06 Endowed Chairs for Eminent Scholars proposals and all FY 2005-06 Endowed Professorships applications.**

CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY-NEW ORLEANS TO EXTEND THE INVERSE RATIO PROVISION OF THE BoRSF ENDOWMENTS PROGRAMS

**On motion of Regent Raspberry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to grant Southern University-New Orleans' request that its applications for an endowed chair and an endowed professorship be considered under the existing inverse ratio provision. The Committee further recommends that a decision regarding the general extension of the inverse ratio provision be considered within the context of an upcoming plan for the restructuring of the Endowed Professorships program. This plan is to be discussed during fall, 2006 and finalized for inclusion in the FY 2007-08 BoRSF Plan and Budget.**

REQUEST FROM LSU-BR FOR MATCHING FUNDS FOR A PROPOSAL TO THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION IN SUPPORT OF THE LOUISIANA SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS (LA-STEM) PROGRAM

**On motion of Regent Raspberry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the commitment of matching funds from previously unspent monies in the Board of Regents Support Fund for the LA-STEM Research Scholars Program proposal being submitted to the National Science Foundation by the LSU Office of Strategic Initiatives. The amount of matching funds provided for the proposal shall be approximately \$200,000 per year for the five-year duration of the award (FY 2007-08 through FY 2011-12), not to exceed a total of \$1,000,000. Matching funds are to be provided only if NSF funding is received.**

UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE POST-KATRINA SUPPORT FUND INITIATIVE (P-KSFI)



Dr. Davidson noted that Dr. Gene D'Amour of Xavier University, Dr. Theodore Callier of Dillard University, and Dr. Diola Bagayoko of Southern University requested a reconsideration of several of the specific guidelines and restrictions relative to the Post-Katrina Support Fund Initiative. Dr. Davidson said further consideration would be given as the P-KSFI evolves.

#### SPECIAL INCENTIVES FOR DOCTORAL STUDENTS AT SEVERELY IMPACTED CAMPUSES

**On motion of Regent Raspberry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to authorize an allocation of \$50,000 from the FY 2005-06 Plan and Budget for "Special Incentives for Doctoral Students at Severely Impacted Campuses."**

#### ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT OF JUNE 21, 2006

**On motion of Regent Raspberry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of June 21, 2006.** *(Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)*

#### **TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Labat, Chair of the Technology Committee, Mr. Gerard Killebrew presented the Technology Committee Report of June 21, 2006.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW STATE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

Mr. Killebrew noted that Mr. Rizwan Ahmed was introduced as the new Chief Information Officer for the Division of Administration, Office of Information Technology.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE LONI EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND LONI UPDATE

Mr. Killebrew stated that Mr. Charlie McMahon would be introduced as the new Louisiana Optical Network (LONI) Executive Director at the August Technology Committee meeting.

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

Mr. Killebrew noted that updates were given on several items:

1. The difficulties associated with the National LambdaRail (NLR)/Internet 2 merger;
2. Mr. Brian Voss, CIO at Louisiana State University and A&M College, would be introduced at the Technology Committee meeting as the new NLR Board representative;
3. Statewide E-Learning Support Center (SELSC);
4. Open Source Pilot (OSP);
5. SREB/Sharable Content Object Repositories for Education (SCORE);
6. Supporting Electronic Learning and Essential Campus Transitions (SELECT) Grants Program;
7. Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC); and
8. LEARNET Loop Pilot (LLP).

ADOPTION OF THE TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT OF JUNE 21, 2006

**On motion of Regent Labat, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Technology Committee Report of June 21, 2006.**  
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**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER**

Commissioner Savoie reported on the following items:

- Several staff members recently welcomed new babies – Axel Vasquez and wife had a baby girl on June 1 and Kim Small had a baby boy on June 2.
- Axel Vasquez has accepted a new position as Business Officer in the Lafayette area and will be leaving at the end of the month.
- On June 14, 2006 Mr. Bill Bentley, Executive Vice President and Chief Operations Officer of the Points of Light Foundation, was welcomed by Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco and Lt. Governor Mitch Landrieu as the State launched its VolunteerLouisiana.gov website. This website is a place where volunteers interested in helping in Louisiana's recovery can register and be connected with a variety of opportunities throughout the state with emphasis on the southern coast.
- Speak to the Louisiana Association of School Superintendents in Lake Charles about dual enrollment on June 23;
- SREB's annual meeting will be held on June 25-27 in Atlanta;

- SHEEO's annual meeting will take place in Alaska on July 19<sup>th</sup>; and
- Next Committee/Board meetings and Board retreat will be August 23 and 24.

ADJOURNMENT

**On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Levy, there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.**