

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

JUNE 23, 2005

The Board of Regents met in session at 9:15 a.m., Thursday June 23, 2005, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Roland Toups called the meeting to order. Ms. Loretta Braud, Administrative Assistant, called the roll and a quorum was established.

Present for the meeting were:

Scott Brame  
Richard D'Aquin  
Reggie Dupré  
Frances Henry, Vice Chair  
Stanely Jacobs  
Ingrid Labat  
W. Clinton Rasberry  
Harold Stokes  
Pat Strong, Secretary  
Artis Terrell  
Roland Toups, Chair  
Chris Jividen, Student Member

Absent for the meeting were:

William Blake  
Robert Levy  
Virgil Robinson  
William Clifford Smith

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MAY 26, 2005

**On motion of Regent D'Aquin, seconded by Regent Dupré, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of May 26, 2005.**

**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**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 22, 2005.

OATH OF OFFICE/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS FOR REGENT CHRIS JIVIDEN

Mr. Killebrew noted that prior to the beginning of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Regent Chris Jividen, new student representative to the Board from Bossier Parish Community College, was administered the oath of office by Ms. Connie Koury, General Counsel to the Board. Regent Toups appointed Regent Jividen to serve on the following committees: (1) Academic and Student Affairs; (2) Learning Center; (3) Planning, Research, and Performance; and (4) Sponsored Programs.

PROPOSED ACADEMIC PROGRAM - LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY - GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN TECHNICAL WRITING AND COMMUNICATION

**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 proposed Graduate Certificate Program in Technical Writing and Communication (CIP 23.1101) at Louisiana Tech University, effective immediately.**

CURRICULAR REVISION - NICHOLLS STATE UNIVERSITY - REQUEST TO TERMINATE THE A.S. IN CHEMICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY

**On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Labat, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to terminate the A.S. program in Chemical Laboratory Technology (CIP Code 41.0301) at Nicholls State University, effective immediately. No new students may be enrolled in this program, and all current students shall be afforded an appropriate opportunity to complete their program of studies in a reasonable period of time.**

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

- 1. Grambling State University: Bachelor of Arts Degree in Art Education – Grades K-12 (CIP Code: 13.1302), Bachelor of Arts Degree in Vocal Music Education – Grades K-12 (CIP Code: 13.1312), and Bachelor of Arts Degree in Instrumental Music Education – Grades K-12 (CIP Code: 13.1312);**
- 2. McNeese State University: Master of Education in Educational Leadership (13.0401) plus Teacher Leader Endorsement and Alternative Path for Educational Leader;**
- 3. Northwestern State University: Non-Master’s/Certification-Only Alternate Program in Art Education – Grades K-12, Instrumental Music Education – Grades K-12, Vocal Music Education – Grades K-12, and Vocal and Instrumental Music Education – Grades K-12;**
- 4. Dillard University: Bachelor of Arts Degree in Art Education – Grades K-12 (CIP Code: 13.1302), Bachelor of Arts Degree in Vocal Music Education – Grades K-12 (CIP Code: 13.1312), and Bachelor of Arts Degree in Instrumental Music Education – Grades K-12 (CIP Code: 13.1312); and**
- 5. Centenary College: Bachelor of Arts Degree in Art Education – Grades K-12 (CIP Code: 13.1302), Bachelor of Arts Degree in Vocal Music Education – Grades K-12 (CIP Code: 13.1312), Bachelor of Arts Degree in Instrumental Music Education – Grades K-12 (CIP Code: 13.1312), Bachelor of Science**

**Degree in Health and Physical Education – Grades K-12 (CIP Code: 13.1314),  
and Bachelor of Science Degree in Dance Education – Grades K-12 (13.1324).**

REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER

**Results of May 2005 Meeting of the Statewide Council of Chief Academic Officers (SCCAO)**

1. Revised Mandatory Guidelines for the Conduct of Off-Campus Activities

Mr. Killebrew noted that Dr. Larry Tremblay, Associate Commissioner for Planning and Research, presented recommendations of the SCCAO for revisions to the Guidelines. Regent Henry recommended working changes to help make the policy more user-friendly for parish/local school districts seeking assistance of universities for education/leadership programs and training, including a clearly-identified time frame for institutional responses to such requests.

**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 revised Mandatory Guidelines for the Conduct of Off-Campuses Activities, as amended, effective immediately. (A copy of the revised Guidelines are on file in the Office of Planning, Research, and Performance.)**

2. Revised Academic Affairs Policy 2.18 - Minimum Requirements for Entry-Level, College-Level Mathematics and English

**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 revised Academic Affairs Policy 2.18 - Minimum Requirements for Entrance into Entry-Level, College-Level Mathematics and English. (A copy of the revised policy is on file in the Office of Academic Affairs.)**

3. Proposed New Academic Affairs Policy 2.19 - Responsibilities and Requirements for the Enrollment of Students Across Multiple Institutions

Mr. Killbrew noted that Dr. E. Joseph Savoie, Commissioner of Higher Education, observed that the adoption of this policy would be an important step toward furthering high school curricular reform and promoting greater postsecondary access and usage.

**On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for proposed new Academic Affairs Policy 2.19 - Responsibilities and Requirements for the Enrollment of Students Across Multiple Institutions, effective immediately. The Commissioner shall endeavor to seek appropriate financial support to assist in the full implementation of this policy and, once financial agreements have been worked out between affected parties, revisions to the policy to cover these circumstances shall be proposed by staff and considered by the Board of Regents. (A copy of the new policy is on file in the Office of Academic Affairs.)**

Mr. Killbrew gave updates on: (1) the statewide review of existing Licensed Practical Nursing Program; (2) the schedule of reviews for proposed programs, and (3) the approval of routine academic requests.

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JUNE 22, 2005

**On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Report of June 22, 2005. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Terrell, Acting Chair of the Finance Committee, Mr. Donald Vandal, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, presented motions from the Finance Committee Report of June 22, 2005.

FINAL ALLOCATION OF THE FY 2004-05 COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE AND

LEARNING CENTER GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT POOL

**On motion of Regent Terrell, seconded by Regent Labat, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the \$75,000 balance of funding available from this year's community and technical college growth and development pool to be allocated on a one-time basis to support the Baton Rouge Community College Early College High School pilot project.**

PLAN FOR ALLOCATION OF FY 2005-06 APPROPRIATION FOR PERFORMANCE INCENTIVES IN SUPPORT OF THE MASTER PLAN AND FOR CONTINUED GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES AND LEARNING CENTERS

Mr. Vandal indicated that the current version of the General Appropriations Bill for FY 2005-06 contains an appropriation of \$10 million to the Board of Regents for "performance incentives in support of institutional efforts to achieve the goals and objectives of the Master Plan for Postsecondary Education and for continued growth and development of community and technical colleges and learning centers." He stated that since the final status of the budget is not currently known, the staff had recommended that a final determination of a plan for allocation of these funds be deferred. Mr. Vandal also noted that he would discuss with Finance Committee Chair Robinson about scheduling another meeting in the near future to finalize the plans for the funds.

PLAN FOR ALLOCATION OF FY 2005-06 APPROPRIATION FOR HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

**On motion of Regent Terrell, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the Health Care Workforce Development Budget for FY 2005-06.**

Regent Toups expressed his thanks to Dr. Larry Tremblay for providing an explanation of the Health Care Workforce Development Estimated Budget for FY 2005-06.

PLANS FOR ALLOCATION OF APPROPRIATION FOR LIBRARY, INSTRUCTIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT ACQUISITIONS

Mr. Vandal again noted that since the current status of appropriations of funds to the Board for Library, Instructional and Scientific Equipment Acquisitions is uncertain at the time, this item would be deferred until the next Finance Committee meeting.

REPORT FROM DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

Mr. Vandal gave an update on several items: (1) the Board of Regents staff will continue to work on the ATFA (Appropriations, Tuition, and Financial Aid) project, funded by a grant from WICHE; (2) Associate Commissioner Wendy Simoneaux, Deputy Commissioner Jimmy Clarke, Mr. Jack Guinn, Director of the Office of Student Financial Assistance, Representative Avon Honey, and two university student body presidents, along with himself would be attending a Technical Assistance Workshop from June 26-28, 2005, in Santa Fe, New Mexico; and (3) the Board of Regents staff will continue to monitor and report on final legislative budget actions.

ADOPTION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JUNE 22, 2005

**On motion of Regent Terrell, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Finance Committee Meeting Report of June 22, 2005.**  
*(Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)*

**LEGISLATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

On behalf of Regent Strong, Acting Chair of the Legislation Committee, Ms. Connie Koury presented the Legislation Committee Report of June 22, 2005.

LEGISLATION

Ms. Koury and Dr. James Clarke, Deputy Commissioner for Academic and Student Affairs, gave updates on several House and Senate Bills. Dr. Savoie also gave an update on HB 434, the High School Redesign Bill and Dr. Clarke gave a briefing on SB 355, TOPS Tech Legislation. Ms. Koury noted that the Legislation Committee Report would be amended by adding Early Start in the title of SB 355 (TOPS Tech Early Start).

ADOPTION OF THE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JUNE 22, 2005

**On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Labat, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Legislation Committee Report as amended of June 22, 2005. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

**SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

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 June 22, 2005.

CONSIDERATION OF A PLAN TO ORGANIZE THE ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIPS PROGRAM IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THE ROLES, SCOPES, AND MISSIONS OF LOUISIANA CAMPUSES

**On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to charge the Board of Regents Support Fund Planning Committee and Board of Regents Support Fund staff to reorganize the Endowed Professorships program based on the staff summary and outline. The Commissioner of Higher Education shall solicit responses to the BoRSF Planning Committee's draft policy from colleges and universities statewide prior to presenting recommendations to the Board of Regents.**



FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF LEGISLATIVE SUPPLEMENTAL AND SUPPORT FUND MONEY

**On motion of Regent Raspberry, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to defer action until the August Board meeting.**

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JUNE 22, 2005

**On motion of Regent Raspberry, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of June 22, 2005. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

**PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Dupré, Vice Chair of the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee, Dr. Clarke, presented motions from the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee Report of June 22, 2005.

LICENSURE

**On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve an initial two-year operating license for the University of Alabama - Birmingham to offer a Masters of Science in Nursing program for nurse practitioners through distance learning.**

BOARD OF REGENTS' 2005-2006 GENERAL EDUCATION AND BUSINESS ARTICULATION MATRICES AND STUDENT TRANSFER GUIDES

**On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to adopt the Board of Regents' 2005-06 General Education Articulation Matrix and Student Transfer Guide and the 2005-06 Board of Regents' Business Articulation Matrix and Student Transfer Guide, pending endorsement by the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System and the Board of Supervisors for the Louisiana State University System.**

REPORT FROM DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

Dr. Clarke reported on several items: (1) the Board had established a toll free number for prospective students seeking information about admission to Louisiana public colleges and universities; (2) the staff had been meeting with stakeholders concerning the design and implementation of a database necessary to support the development of a financial aid policy as part of the state's effort in the Appropriations, Tuition, and Financial Aid (ATFA) initiative; and (3) his increased involvement with the Council of Student Body Presidents (COSBP).

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JUNE 22, 2005

**On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee Report of June 22, 2005.** *(Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)*

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Toups, Chair of the Executive Committee, Mr. Donald Vandal presented the Executive Committee Report of June 22, 2005.

The Executive Committee amended its agenda to allow Mr. Rich Griswold, Associate Commissioner for Facilities, to present a status report on Capital Outlay for FY 2005-2006. Mr. Griswold presented the report and reviewed individual projects and the current status in House Bill No. 2, the Capital Outlay Bill.

ADOPTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JUNE 22, 2005

**On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Executive Committee Report of June 22, 2005.** *(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 current legislative session would conclude on June 23, 2005;
- The Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) annual meeting is being held in New Orleans on June 26-27. Governor Blanco will be chairing the meeting this year;
- The staff was commended for its hard work and diligence during the session;
- There were two publications in the Board members' folders - SREB "Investing Wisely in Adult Learning is Key to State Prosperity" and AGB - "Public Policy Paper Series." Each publication noted positive steps in Louisiana.

ADJOURNMENT

Regent Raspberry reported that Regent Levy recently had knee replacement surgery and despite a difficult surgery, he was making progress.

Dr. Savoie commented that Ms. Carolyn Blanchard, Executive Assistant to the Commissioner, was doing well after surgery and would return to work in July.

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Jacobs, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.