MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

June 28, 2001

The Board of Regents met in regular session at 9:19 a.m., Thursday, June 28, 2001, in the Board of Regents’ Auditorium, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Richard D’Aquin called the meeting to order. Coordinator of Board Services, Ms. Helen Johnson, called the roll and a quorum was established.

Present for the meeting were:

Richard D’Aquin, Chair
Billy Blake
Scott Brame
Reggie Dupré
Frances Henry
Ron Roberts, Vice Chair
Clifford Smith
Pat Strong
Roland Toups, Secretary
Sherman Ruth, Student Member

Absent:

Herschel Abbott
John Georges
Virgil Robinson, Jr.
Norbert Simmons

TRIBUTE TO REGENT MELVIN RAMBIN

Regent D’Aquin asked for a moment of silence in memory of Regent Melvin Rambin who died Tuesday, June 19, 2001. Regent Toups announced the presentation of a video that highlighted the life of Regent Rambin.

MINUTES APPROVED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MAY 24, 2001
On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of May 24, 2001, as circulated.

PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JUNE 27, 2001


REGIONAL PLANS

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to receive An Assessment of Needs for Postsecondary Education in Louisiana Region 5.

REPORT ON CREDIT-PRODUCING OFF-CAMPUS INSTRUCTION, 2000-01

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to adopt the Report on Credit-Producing Off-Campus Instruction, 2000-01.

BOARD OF REGENTS’ FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to adopt the Board of Regents’ Five-Year Strategic Plan, 2001-2005.

BOARD OF REGENTS’ 2001-2002 BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES ARTICULATION MATRIX AND STUDENT TRANSFER GUIDE

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and
Performance Committee to adopt the Board of Regents’ 2001-2002 Biological Sciences Articulation Matrix and Student Transfer Guide as a final draft. The Board authorizes the Commissioner of Higher Education and the Deputy Commissioner for Planning, Research and Performance to make final editorial changes prior to publication.

REPORT FROM THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to authorize staff to solicit participation, prepare appropriate memorandum of understandings between the Board of Regents and participating public middle and high schools, and subsequently arrange for the expenditure of Higher Education Initiative funds as necessary to implement the Educational Planning and Assessment System (EPAS) during Fall 2001.

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to authorize staff to prepare and disseminate a Request for Proposal (RFP) seeking qualified consultants to conduct institution specific assessments of current resources and capacity related to strategic enrollment planning at all public postsecondary institutions. These assessments are to include, at a minimum, appraisal of each institution’s recruitment and retention plan (including demographic analysis), student financial aid operation, facilities usage, staffing, and technology. The Commissioner of Higher Education, in consultation with the Chairman of the Board of Regents, is authorized to subsequently arrange for the expenditure of Higher Education Initiative funds as necessary to implement the conditions of the RFP.

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to authorize its special Committee on the Learning Center (formerly the University Center) for Rapides Parish to begin addressing all legal and other matters associated with the Regents’ authority as established by Senate Bill 829 regarding the Learning Center for Rapides Parish.

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
REPORT OF JUNE 27, 2001

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Blake, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research and Performance Committee
Meeting Report of June 27, 2001, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JUNE 27, 2001

On behalf of Regent Henry, 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 Meeting Report of June 27, 2001.

PROPOSED ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

A. University of Louisiana at Lafayette - Ph.D. in Applied Language and Speech Sciences

On motion of Regent Henry, 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 Ph.D. program in Applied Language and Speech Sciences (CIP Code 51.0299) at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, effective Fall semester, 2001. During the 2006-2007 AY, the Board of Regents shall engage the service of a team of external consultants to assess the quality of and need for this program.

B. Southern University-Shreveport - A.A.S. in Funeral Service Administration

On motion of Regent Henry, 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 A.A.S. degree in Funeral Services Administration (CIP Code 12.0301) at Southern University-Shreveport, pending the hiring of a full-time Program Director. Once this hire has been made, the Board of Regents will consider setting an implementation date for the program.

PROPOSED ACADEMIC/RESEARCH CENTERS

A. Requests for Conditional Approval

1. Louisiana State University-Shreveport - Sports Science Institute

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the proposed Sports Science Institute at Louisiana State University-Shreveport.
Committee to grant conditional approval for the proposed Sports Science Institute at Louisiana State University-Shreveport for a period of one year. As required by Board of Regents Academic Affairs Guidelines: Proposed New Centers, Institutes, and Other Academic/Research Units, LSUS shall submit to the Commissioner of Higher Education a proposal for full approval of the Institute by July 1, 2002. If this proposal is not forthcoming by this date, the Institute shall be automatically terminated.

2. University of New Orleans - Center for Hazard Assessment Response and Technology

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the proposed Center for Hazard Assessment Response and Technology at the University of New Orleans for a period of one year. As required by Board of Regents Academic Affairs Guidelines: Proposed New Centers, Institutes, and Other Academic/Research Units, UNO shall submit to the Commissioner of Higher Education a proposal for full approval of the Institute by July 1, 2002. If this proposal is not forthcoming by this date, the Institute shall be automatically terminated.

B. Requests for Full Approval

1. Louisiana State University - Center for GeoInformatics

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the proposed Center for GeoInformatics at Louisiana State University and A&M College for a five-year period. By July 1, 2004, the University shall submit to the Commissioner of Higher Education a report updating activities of the Center, including a summary of the operational budgets for FYs 2001-2004 and proposed budgets for FYs 2004-2006.

2. University of New Orleans - Pontchartrain Institute for Environmental Sciences

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the proposed Pontchartrain Institute for Environmental Sciences at the University of New Orleans for a five-year period. By July 1, 2004, the University shall submit to the Commissioner of Higher Education a report updating activities of the Institute, including a summary of the operational budgets for FYs 2001-2004 and proposed budgets for FYs 2004-2006.

REQUEST TO OFFER AN EXISTING ACADEMIC PROGRAM THROUGH DISTANCE LEARNING TECHNOLOGIES - LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY-SHREVEPORT - M.S. IN HUMAN SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the request from Louisiana State University-Shreveport to seek authorization from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to offer the Master of Science program in Human Services Administration via distance learning technologies.

PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE AND CURRICULAR REVISIONS - LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the following requests from Louisiana State University for administrative and curricular revisions:

A. To Change the Name of the M.S. Program in Nuclear Science and Engineering to the M.S. in Medical Physics and Health Physics;
B. To Merge the Department of Interior Design into the School of Art;
C. To Change the Name of the College of Design to the College of Art and Design;
D. To Change the Name of the Center for Coastal, Energy, and Environmental Resources to the School of the Coast and the Environment; and
E. To Change the Name of the Institute for Environmental Studies to the Department of Environmental Studies.

These changes shall be effective immediately.

PROGRESS REPORTS ON CONDITIONALLY APPROVED PROGRAMS

A. Louisiana Tech University

1. Ph.D. in Engineering

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Blake, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the 2000-2001 Report from Louisiana Tech University Relative to Implementation of the Ph.D. Program in Engineering. The next progress report shall be due June 1, 2002.

2. M.S. in Engineering Management

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the 2000-2001 Progress Report from Louisiana Tech University Relative to Implementation of the M.S. program in Engineering
Management. The University shall submit another progress report to the Commissioner of Higher Education by June 1, 2002, documenting efforts of the University to fully address recommendations of the external consultant.

B. Nicholls State University - B.S. in Manufacturing Technology

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the 2000-2001 Progress Report from Nicholls State University Relative to Implementation of the B.S. Program in Manufacturing Technology. The next progress report shall be due June 1, 2002.

C. Louisiana State University-Eunice - Certificate in Diagnostic Medical Sonography

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the 2000-2001 Progress Report from Louisiana State University-Eunice Relative to the Implementation of the Certificate Program in Diagnostic Medical Sonography. The University shall submit another progress report to the Commissioner of Higher Education by November 1, 2001, documenting efforts of the University to complete preparations for implementation of the program.

D. Southern University-New Orleans - M.A. in Museum Studies and Cultural Preservation

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to direct Southern University-New Orleans to keep the Academic Affairs staff fully informed of its ongoing search for a Program Director to oversee the M.A. program in Museum Studies and Historical Preservation. Upon the hiring of this individual and review of a progress report due June 30, 2001, the Board of Regents shall consider setting a definite date for program implementation.

UPDATES ON TEACHER EDUCATION INITIATIVES

On motion of Regent Henry, 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 Title II/CITAL Redesign Grants for FY 2001-2002:

Public Universities (Title II and CITAL Funds)

1. Grambling State University ($45,000)
2. Louisiana State University and A&M College ($75,000)
3. Louisiana State University - Shreveport ($60,000)
4. Louisiana Tech University ($45,000)
5. McNeese State University ($75,000)
6. Nicholls State University ($60,000)
7. Northwestern State University ($60,000)
8. Southern University - Baton Rouge ($60,000)
9. Southern University - New Orleans ($60,000)
10. Southeastern Louisiana University ($75,000)
11. University of Louisiana at Lafayette ($75,000)
12. University of Louisiana at Monroe ($60,000)
13. University of New Orleans ($75,000)

Private Universities (Title II Funds Only)

1. Centenary College ($30,000)
2. Dillard University ($30,000)
3. Loyola University ($30,000)
4. Louisiana College ($30,000)
5. Our Lady of Holy Cross College ($30,000)
6. Xavier University ($30,000)

All contracts will extend from July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002. All CITAL funds will be awarded to public universities at the beginning of the contract period. All Title II funds will be awarded to public and private universities once the U.S. Department of Education approves the Title II Teacher Quality Enhancement Grant Work Plan and Budget for 2001-2002. Due to the fact that the Title II grant follows a federal funding cycle, the Title II funds will not be disseminated until Fall 2001.

By September 21, 2001, all universities must submit an electronic report that demonstrates progress in addressing activities cited in the subgrant proposals in order for Title II funds to be disseminated. Universities will be encouraged to submit budget adjustments at that time if work completed during the summer indicates a need to redirect resources during the fall and spring semesters.

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee that the University of Louisiana at Lafayette be awarded a CITAL Pilot Practitioner Teacher Program subgrant for FY 2001-2002, due to the fact that Louisiana State University - Shreveport will not be able to use previously awarded CITAL grant funds.

On motion of Regent Henry, 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 timelines for the redesign of graduate programs for teachers and educational leaders within Colleges of Education, provided the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education establishes new certification and testing policies for educational leadership during the time period of July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002:
2. July 1, 2003 - June 30, 2004: Universities obtain approval of new graduate programs from the BoR/BESE and receive the necessary professional development to implement new programs effectively.
3. July 1, 2004 - Universities begin implementing redesigned graduate programs.

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JUNE 27, 2001

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Report of June 27, 2001, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

LUMCON COMMITTEE

LUMCON COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JUNE 27, 2001

On behalf of Regent Strong, Chair of the LUMCON Committee, Mr. Killebrew presented motions from the LUMCON Committee Report of June 27, 2001.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS RELATIVE TO THE REVIEW OF LUMCON

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Blake, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the LUMCON Committee to receive review reports of external consultants and resulting responses from the LUMCON Executive Board and Executive Director. The LUMCON Executive Board and Executive Director shall submit periodic progress reports to the Commissioner of Higher Education documenting efforts to address problematic areas identified by external consultants. The first of these progress reports shall be due on October 1, 2001; thereafter, subsequent progress reports shall be due every six months through April 1, 2004. The staff of the Board of Regents shall assess the appropriateness of each progress report and make reports/recommendations to the Board of Regents as deemed necessary. Upon submittal of the final progress report, the Board of Regents shall determine whether a subsequent review by external consultants is required.

ADOPTION OF THE LUMCON COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JUNE 27, 2001

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the LUMCON Committee Meeting Report of June 27, 2001, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)
SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JUNE 27, 2001

On behalf of Regent Roberts, Chair of the Sponsored Programs Committee, Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, presented motions from the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of June 27, 2001.

FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Endowed Chairs

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve funding for all completed FY 2000-01 proposals for Endowed Chairs for Eminent Scholars, subject to compliance with consultants’ funding stipulations. The Commissioner shall determine if compliance with stipulations has been achieved.

B. Endowed Professorships

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve funding for all FY 2000-01 Endowed Professorships applications received on or before April 17, 2001.

C. Joint Faculty Appointments Program

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve funding for the JFAP proposal submitted from Grambling State University and Louisiana Tech University. (A copy of the consultants’ report is available in the Sponsored Programs office.)

FY 2001-02 BUDGET FOR THE LOUISIANA COLLABORATIVE FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE PREPARATION OF TEACHERS (LaCEPT) PROGRAM

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Blake, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the comprehensive budget for LaCEPT through December, 2002, including the use of approximately $180,000 in unexpended Support Fund money. Funds will be committed for the following projects:
A. Continued participation in the NSF Core Evaluation in fiscal year 2001-2002 beyond the pilot study in Spring 2001 ($75,000);

B. Campus stipends to facilitate more timely compliance with ongoing NSF national electronic data collection project (12 campuses @ $5,000/each year for two years = $120,000);

C. Continuation funding for successful evaluation research projects on selected campuses (four projects @ $30,000/each for one year = $120,000);

D. Classroom Indicator Project with former Teaching Scholars who are now in K-12 classrooms across Louisiana (five study groups @ $2,500/each for one year = $12,500); and

E. Study of state and campus policymakers and other key players ($10,000).

REQUEST FROM LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY-BATON ROUGE TO TERMINATE AN EXISTING RESEARCH COMPETITIVENESS SUBPROGRAM CONTRACT

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the termination of LEQSF(1999-02)-RD-A-05, effective June 3, 2001. The final report, together with the necessary expenditures report and all unexpended funds, shall be transmitted to the Board within 30 days of this action.

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JUNE 27, 2001

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Meeting Report of June 27, 2001, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JUNE 27, 2001

On behalf of Regent Dupré, Vice Chair of the Facilities and Property Committee, Mr. Marvin Roubique, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Facilities presented motions from the Facilities and Property Committee Report of June 27, 2001.
SMALL CAPITAL PROJECTS APPROVAL REPORT

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY and A&M COLLEGE
Replace Smoke Detectors, Residential Life
$250,000 from Auxiliary Funds

A150 Parking Lot Overlays
$123,800 from Auxiliary Funds

Herget/Miller Halls Lot, North Kirby Smith Lot Improvements
$288,400 from Auxiliary Funds

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT LAFAYETTE
Outdoor Animal Corral
$250,000 from Self-Generated Funds

On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the small capital projects report as presented by staff.

FY 2001-2002 CAPITAL OUTLAY RECOMMENDATION STATUS REPORT

On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent Smith, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to require that prior to any money being spent or contracts signed, the respective management boards submit for Regents’ approval appropriate capital outlay requests, to include project details for the following projects appearing in House Bill #2:

1. Main Campus and Airport Renovations at LTC Bastrop Campus with $1,505,000 in B2.
2. Scott’s Bluff Erosion Control at Southern University in Baton Rouge with $544,000 from federal sources and $295,000 in B2.
3. Upgrade Telephone/Fiber Optic at the University of Louisiana in Monroe with $100,000 in B2 and $1,500,000 in B5.
4. Reconstruct Running Track at McNeese State University with $389,865 Self-Generated and $300,000 from other state cash.
5. Gene Therapy Research Consortium with $6,000,000 in B1 and $6,845,000 in B2.

PROJECTS UTILIZING ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF FINANCING

On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the request by the Pennington Biomedical Research Center to add a Clinical Research facility of 80,000 GSF at a cost of $10.8 million, using alternative means of financing.
ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JUNE 27, 2001

On motion of Regent Robinson, seconded by Regent Blake, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Meeting Report of June 27, 2001, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JUNE 27, 2001


DISCUSSION OF POOL FUNDS

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the distribution of

- the faculty salary pool fund and the guidelines for distribution of the faculty salary funds as presented. (See Attachment C of the Committee report.)
- the distribution of operational pool funds as presented. (See Attachment D of the Committee report.)
- the distribution of equipment pool funds and the guidelines for distribution of the equipment funds as presented. (See Attachment E of the Committee report.)

ADOPTION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JUNE 27, 2001

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Blake, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Finance Committee Meeting Report of June 27, 2001, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JUNE 27, 2001

On behalf of Regent Dupré, Vice Chair of the Legislation Committee, Ms. Kim Hunter-Reed, Deputy Commissioner for Public Affairs, presented the Legislation Committee Report of June 27, 2001. She reported that the committee had discussed a list of approved legislative instruments initiated by the Board of Regents as well as other approved legislation.
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JUNE 27, 2001

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Legislation Committee Meeting Report of June 27, 2001, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT OF JUNE 27, 2001

On behalf of Regent Brame, Chair of the Personnel Committee, Mr. Donnie Vandal, Deputy Commissioner for Administration, presented motions from the Personnel Committee Meeting Report of June 27, 2001.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Personnel Committee to adopt the personnel action recommendations as reflected in Attachment A of the Committee Report.

ADOPTION OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JUNE 27, 2001

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Personnel Committee Meeting Report of June 27, 2001, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER

Commissioner E. Joseph Savoie informed the Board that Dr. Wayne Brown was ill and expressed wishes for a speedy recovery. He thanked the campuses, the Governor, and the Legislature for the hard work and support of postsecondary education during the Regular Session of the Legislature. The provision of funds for faculty pay raises, the technology initiative and the continuing effort to rebuild an adequate recurring operational base for our campuses are significant. Commissioner Savoie then reminded that we are continuing to rebuild the core capacities of an education system that was subjected to a decade of financial abuse. He reported
that our campuses are facing a $61 million increase in unfunded expenditures next fiscal year. He stated that we must find creative and reasonable solutions to this problem without adversely affecting academic services and workforce development training provided for our students. The Commissioner then recognized Dr. Dan Reneau, President, Louisiana Tech University and Mr. William Silvia, Executive Vice President, LSU System. They each provided the Board with information regarding increased energy costs of their universities.

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to approve a policy statement mandating that all campuses attend an energy audit training seminar, conduct a comprehensive campus energy audit, and develop aggressive cost savings strategies based on the plan and the audit.

OTHER BUSINESS

Regent Ruth recognized four of the SGA presidents who attended the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair D’Aquín declared the meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.