

MINUTES
BOARD OF REGENTS

August 26, 1999

The Board of Regents met in regular session at 9:05 a.m., Thursday, August 26, 1999, at the Center for BioEnvironmental Research at Tulane Medical Center, New Orleans, Louisiana. Chair Mary Ella Sanders called the meeting to order. Chair Sanders expressed appreciation to Tulane University for hosting the August Board meeting. She then introduced Dr. Scott S. Cowen, President, Tulane University.

PRESENTATION BY DR. SCOTT S. COWEN, PRESIDENT, TULANE UNIVERSITY

Dr. Scott Cowen, President, Tulane University, gave a brief presentation on the role of universities in economic development and in the power of private/public partnerships. He also commented on Tulane's top three priorities; increasing research funds, improving undergraduate education and partnering.

Coordinator of Board Services, Ms. Helen Johnson, called the roll and a quorum was established.

Present for the meeting were:

Mary Ella Sanders, Chair
Herschel Abbott
Scott Brame
Harold Callais
Richard D'Aquin, Vice Chair
Michael Dees
Reggie Dupré
John Georges
Frances Henry
Melvin Rambin
Ron Roberts, Secretary
Norbert Simmons
Pat Strong
Roland Toups

Absent:

Virgil Robinson, Jr.
Ryan Gatti, Student Member

MINUTES APPROVED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JUNE 24, 1999

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of June 24, 1999, as circulated.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

BOARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Callais, Chair of the Board Development Committee, Ms. Helen Johnson, presented the Board Development Committee Meeting Report of July 12, 1999. Ms. Johnson stated that two items were discussed, the Boards' Retreat and the Regents' Recognition Award. She reported that after careful consideration members of the Committee decided that the retreat be primarily devoted to issues regarding master planning. She continued by stating the Committee discussed various types of recognition programs but after lengthy discussion the issue was tabled.

ADOPTION OF THE BOARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JULY 12, 1999

On motion of Regent Callais, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Board Development Committee Meeting Report of July 12, 1999, as presented.

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT OF AUGUST 25, 1999

On behalf of Regent Georges, Chair of the Sponsored Programs Committee, Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, presented the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of August 25, 1999.

HEALTH EXCELLENCE FUND REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

On motion of Regent Georges, seconded by Regent Dees, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to adopt the RFP for the Millennium Trust Health Excellence Fund.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES EXCELLENCE PROGRAM RFP

On motion of Regent Georges, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to defer action relative to the Strategic Initiatives for Excellence Program RFP.

1999 BOARD OF REGENTS' SUPPORT FUND STRATEGIC PLAN

On motion of Regent Georges, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to adopt the 1999 Board of Regents Support Fund Strategic Plan, with exception of the section concerning the eligibility of disciplines. This issue is hereby referred to the LEQSF Planning Committee for review and recommendations.

GUIDELINES FOR THE ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIPS PROGRAM EVALUATION

On motion of Regent Georges, seconded by Regent Dees, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to adopt the timetable and guidelines for conducting the 1999-2000 evaluation of the Endowed Professorships program.

MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY-LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY TRENCHLESS TECHNOLOGY PROPOSAL

On motion of Regent Georges, seconded by Regent Roberts, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve matching funds of \$500,000 per year for five years, beginning in FY 2000-01, to satisfy the State matching requirement for the Trenchless Technology Proposal (Louisiana Tech University, Louisiana State University, Southern University-Baton Rouge, and Grambling State University). Funding is contingent upon success in the National Science Foundation competition.

CONTRACTUAL MATTERS

A. Tulane University Medical Center Contract

On motion of Regent Georges, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve Tulane University Medical Center's request to terminate LEQSF(1998-01)-RD-A-32. The second- and third- year funding made available through this termination shall be used to support other meritorious RCS proposals.

B. Northeast Louisiana University

On motion of Regent Georges, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve Northeast Louisiana University's request to replace Dr. Richard Buchholz with Dr. Ann M. Findley as principal investigator on LEQSF (1998-2001)-RD-A-20. This project shall continue to receive full funding for Years Two and Three.

C. Southern University – New Orleans

On motion of Regent Georges, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to allow Southern University-New Orleans until January, 2000, to seek alternative funding arrangements to replace the money not provided by the Dreyfuss Foundation relative to pending contract LEQSF(1999-2000)-ENH-TR-62.

SUPPORT FUND MATCHING FOR DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE EPSCoR (DEPSCoR)

On motion of Regent Georges, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to allow principal investigators of proposals funded under the Department of Defense (DEPSCoR) FY 2000 competition to redistribute matching Support Fund money over a three-year period ending in FY 2002-03. All matching funds are to be provided contingent upon the award of DEPSCoR funding.

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF AUGUST 25, 1999

On motion of Regent Georges, seconded by Regent Roberts, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Meeting Report of August 25, 1999, as presented.

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF AUGUST 25, 1999

On behalf of Regent Henry, Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Dr. Carolyn Hargrave, Deputy Commissioner for Academic Affairs, presented motions from the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Report of August 25, 1999.

PROPOSED MORATORIUM ON CONSIDERATION OF NEW ASSOCIATE PROGRAMS AT FOUR-YEAR UNIVERSITIES

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 Moratorium on Consideration of New Associate Programs at Four-Year Universities.

PROPOSED LETTER OF INTENT - LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY-SHREVEPORT - M.S. in HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION (Cooperative with Louisiana State University Health Science Center

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Roberts, 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 M.S. program in Health Care Administration (CIP Code 51.0701) at Louisiana State University-Shreveport. Any proposal forthcoming as a result of this Letter of Intent shall in particular include: (1) additional information regarding anticipated cooperative efforts with Louisiana State University Health Science Center and the University of New Orleans which have potential to reduce program costs; (2) documentation which substantiates projected local areas need for program graduates; and (3) specific evidence of program interest from potential students outside health care areas.

PROPOSED CURRICULAR REVISION - LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY - REQUEST TO TERMINATE THE B.A. PROGRAM IN SPEECH EDUCATION

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 Tech University to terminate the B.A. program in Speech Education (CIP Code 13.1331). The University shall take appropriate steps to accommodate the needs of students currently enrolled in the program.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS RELATIVE TO LOW-COMPLETER AND OTHER PROGRAMS AT SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY-SHREVEPORT

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Roberts, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the following:

- 1. The following 8 low-completer programs at Southern University-Shreveport shall be terminated immediately:**

- A.A. in Mental Health/Mental Retardation**
- A.A. in Tourism and Travel Management**
- A.S. in Hotel/Motel & Restaurant Management**
- A.A. in Day Care Administration**
- A.A.S. in Banking and Finance**
- A.A.S. in Mechanical Technology**
- A.S. in Small Business Administration**
- A.S. in Teacher Aides**

- 2. The following 6 low-completer programs at Southern University-Shreveport shall be maintained conditionally until July 1, 2003:**

- A.S. in Legal Assistant**
- A.A.S. in Electronics Technology**

A.S. in Accounting
A.S. in Surgical Technology
A.A.S. in Radiologic Technology
A.A.S. in Health Information Management

By July 1, 2003, the University shall submit to the Commissioner of Higher Education a report documenting enrollment, graduation, and placement statistics for each program above.

Southern University-Shreveport shall take appropriate steps to accommodate the needs of students currently enrolled in all terminated programs.

FOLLOW-UP REPORTS ON CONDITIONALLY APPROVED PROGRAMS

A. Louisiana Tech University - Ph.D. in Engineering

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Dees, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the 1999 report from Louisiana Tech University relative to implementation of the Ph.D. program in Engineering. The program, therefore, remains conditionally approved until the next University report due on June 1, 2000.

B. University of Southwestern Louisiana/Louisiana State University Health Science Center - Joint B.S. in Dental Hygiene

On motion of Regent Henry, 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 report from the University of Southwestern Louisiana and the Louisiana State University Medical Center relative to fulfillment of stipulation 1 required of the joint B.S. program in Dental Hygiene by the Regents. A report from both universities addressing stipulation 2 shall be submitted to the Commissioner of Higher Education due March 1, 2000.

C. Baton Rouge Community College -A.S. in General Business

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Roberts, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval to terminate the A.S. program in General Business (CIP Code 52.0201) at Baton Rouge Community College. The College shall take appropriate steps to accommodate the needs of students currently enrolled in the program.

D. Delgado Community College - Certificate in Pharmacy Technician

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 report from Delgado Community College relative to fulfillment of stipulations 1, 2, and 5 required of the Certificate program in Pharmacy Technician, with the exception of needed revisions to the program re-entry policy. This revision, along with a report relative to the fulfillment of stipulations 3 and 4, shall be submitted to the Commissioner of Higher Education by December 31, 2000.

E. Bossier Parish Community College - Certificate in Pharmacy Technician

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 report from Bossier Parish Community College relative to fulfillment of stipulations 1, 2, and 4 required of the Certificate program in Pharmacy Technician. A report relative to the fulfillment of stipulation 3 shall be submitted to the Commissioner of Higher Education by December 31, 2000.

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF AUGUST 25, 1999

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Roberts, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Report of August 25, 1999, as presented.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Strong, Chair of the Technology Committee, Dr. Hargrave presented the Technology Committee Meeting Report of August 25, 1999. She noted that Dr. Laura Lindsay, Chair of the Electronic Learning Committee (ELC), made a brief presentation in which she summarized the first annual report and reported on future activities.

ADOPTION OF THE TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF AUGUST 25, 1999

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Dees, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Technology Committee Meeting Report of August 25, 1999, as presented.

PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE**PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF AUGUST 25, 1999**

On behalf of Regent Toups, Chair of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee, Dr. Jimmy Clarke, Deputy Commissioner for Planning, Research and Performance, presented motions from the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Report of August 25, 1999.

ACT 129 OF 1991 (LICENSURE)

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve an operating license for the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences to offer a Bachelor of Science in Nuclear Medicine Technology at the VA Hospital in Shreveport.

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to exempt from licensure the Louisiana Missionary Baptist Institute and Seminary under the religious institution exemption provided for by Act 129 of 1991.

PROPRIETARY SCHOOLS

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Roberts, the Board voted to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve the recommendation of its Proprietary School Commission to renew the licenses of the following proprietary schools:

**Applied Education, Inc. (Baton Rouge)
Baton Rouge College (Baton Rouge campus)
Baton Rouge College (Hammond campus)
Baton Rouge College (Metairie campus)
Blue Cliff School of Therapeutic Massage (Kenner)
Cameron College (New Orleans)
Career Training Specialists (Monroe)
Cumberland School of Technology (Baton Rouge)
Delta College of Arts and Technology (Baton Rouge)**

**Diesel Driving Academy, Inc. (Baton Rouge) LA Health System Corp.
 School of Health Sciences (Lafayette)
 LA Institute of Massage Therapy (Lake Charles)
 Southern Medical Corporation School of Ultrasound (Baton Rouge)
 The Princeton Review (Baton Rouge)
 Tri-State Semi-Driver Training, Inc. (Palmer, TX)**

On motion of Regent Abbott, seconded by Regent Georges, the Board voted to defer action on the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to endorse the recommendations approved by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education in February regarding the license application of Culinary Academy of New Orleans.

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted to defer action on the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to allow Culinary Academy of New Orleans (CANO) to solicit students through advertising, agents, mail circulars, or other means.

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Dees, the Board voted to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to instruct the staff to request from the Attorney General an opinion regarding the use of names by proprietary schools which may be construed as misleading.

REQUEST FROM OSFA REGARDING TOPS CURRICULA EQUIVALENTS

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to inform the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) that it supports the following high school courses as equivalent for purposes of eligibility for the Tuition Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS).

TOPS CORE COURSE

**Physical Science
 Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry
 Advanced Mathematics
 Advanced Mathematics
 Advanced Mathematics
 Advanced Mathematics
 Geometry or Advanced Mathematics
 Fine Arts (2 units of performance courses)
 Western Civilization**

EQUIVALENT COURSE

**General Science
 Integrated Math. I, II, and III
 Pre-Calculus
 Algebra III
 Probability and Statistics
 Discrete Mathematics
 Applied Mathematics III
 Speech Debate (2 units)
 European History**

Furthermore, the Planning, Research and Performance Committee recommends that the Board of Regents defer approval at this time for the following courses:

TOPS CORE COURSE

Algebra I

Applied Algebra IA & IB

Chemistry

Earth Science or Environmental Science

EQUIVALENT COURSE

Algebra I, Parts 1 & 2

Applied Mathematics I & II

Chemistry Com

Agriscience I & II

Regent Dees amended the motion to encourage the Student Financial Aid Commission to move expeditiously on this.

CONSIDERATION OF NAME CHANGE FOR UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA INSTITUTIONS

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee, in accordance with Acts 634 and 45 of the 1995 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, to approve the request from Northeast Louisiana University to change its name to the University of Louisiana at Monroe and the University of Southwestern Louisiana to change its name to the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to adopt the nomination procedure as outlined in the Workforce Investment Act of 1998: Implementation for Postsecondary Education to select postsecondary education representatives for the eighteen (18) Workforce Investment Boards.

PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF AUGUST 25, 1999

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Meeting Report of August 25, 1999, as presented.

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEEFACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF AUGUST 25, 1999

On behalf of Regent Roberts, Chair of the Facilities and Property Committee, Mr. Marvin Roubique, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Facilities, presented motions from the Facilities and Property Committee Meeting Report of August 25, 1999.

CAPITAL PROJECTS COSTING LESS THAN \$350,000Louisiana Tech

Exterior Security Door Access and Video Monitoring Equipment
\$200,000 Auxiliary Funds

Residence Hall Entertainment and Educational Television Video Enhancement
\$120,000 Auxiliary Funds

Mitchell and Hutchinson Residence Hall Carpeting
\$125,000 Auxiliary Funds

Absorption Chiller Replacement in Hutchinson Hall
\$200,000 Auxiliary Funds

Replacement of Elevators in Kidd Residence Hall
\$275,000 Auxiliary Funds

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Dees, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the projects.

New Infirmary Building - Southern University in Baton Rouge (Re-approval)
\$350,000 (\$140,000 from insurance proceeds/remainder from the Student Insurance Account)

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the projects.

FACILITIES POLICY ON FEASIBILITY STUDIES

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property

Committee to approve the revised facility policy Section 3.04.01, which defines and outlines the process relating to the use of feasibility studies for capital projects.

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF AUGUST 25, 1999

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Meeting Report of August 25, 1999, as presented.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF AUGUST 25, 1999

On behalf of Regent Dupré, Mr. Donald Vandal, Deputy Commissioner for Administration, presented the Personnel Committee Meeting Report of August 25, 1999.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Personnel Committee to approve the personnel actions providing for certain staff promotions and salary adjustments as detailed on the August Personnel Action Report (Attachment A).

On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Personnel Committee to approve the staff recommendation to proceed with unclassified staff evaluations and a staff salary adjustment plan not to exceed an average of 3%, and limited to 3% in the aggregate, contingent upon identification of adequate resources to fund such a plan.

COMMISSIONER'S EVALUATION

Mr. Vandal reported that at 4:30 p.m. Regent Dupré announced that the Personnel Committee would enter into Executive Session.

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the committee unanimously adopted a motion, by roll call vote, to enter into executive session in accordance with R.S. 42:6, to discuss personnel matters.

A roll call vote was taken.

Yes: (3) Reggie Dupré, Richard D'Aquin, Roland Toups

No: (0) Abstain: (0)

Absent: (1) Norbert Simmons

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Personnel Committee to accept the evaluation of Commissioner E. Joseph Savoie.

On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent Dees, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Personnel Committee to direct the staff to survey SREB states for salary and compensation data for positions comparable to the Commissioner and to collect current salary and compensation data for System Presidents and institution presidents and chancellors in Louisiana. This data is to be presented to the Personnel Committee and Board at its next regular meeting.

ADOPTION OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF AUGUST 25, 1999

On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Personnel Committee Meeting Report of August 25, 1999, as presented.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER

Commissioner E. Joseph Savoie spoke about the reform in higher education and thanked the higher education community for their cooperation. He then recognized the staff and thanked them for their hard work. He continued by reminding the Board about the upcoming Endowed Chairs and Professorship check presentations being held across the state. He also reminded the Board of the onsite Capital Outlay visits being conducted.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Sanders declared the meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

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