

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

August 28, 2003

The Board of Regents met in regular session at 9:05 a.m., Thursday, August 28, 2003, in the Louisiana Purchase Room of the Claiborne Building, 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:

Billy Blake
Scott Brame
Richard D' Aquin
Frances Henry, Vice Chair
Stanley J. Jacobs
Robert Levy
William Oliver
W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr.
Virgil Robinson
Clifford Smith
Pat Strong, Secretary
Roland Toups, Chair
Adonis Ducre', Student Member

Absent: Reggie Dupré
Artis Terrell, Jr.

MINUTES APPROVEDAPPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JUNE 26, 2003

On motion of Regent D'Aquin, seconded by Regent Smith, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of June 26, 2003, as circulated.

COMMENTS FROM DR. WALTER BUMPHUS, PRESIDENT OF THE LOUISIANA COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

Dr. Walter Bumphus, President of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS), expressed his thanks to the Board of Regents for allowing Dr. Jimmy Clarke, Deputy Commissioner of Planning, Research and Performance at the Board of Regents, to serve as Acting Chancellor of the Louisiana Technical College (LTC) this past year. Dr. Bumphus remarked that due to Dr. Clarke's intellect, people skills and passion, he left an exceptional impression with the entire LCTCS community. Dr. Bumphus also expressed his appreciation for the support from Dr. E. Joseph Savoie, Commissioner of Higher Education and all members of the Board of Regents during this past legislative session. Next, Dr. Bumphus introduced Dr. Margaret Montgomery-Richard, newly appointed Chancellor for the LTC. Dr. Montgomery-Richard had worked at Delgado Community College for over 20 years before joining the LCTCS.

Dr. Savoie praised President Bumphus for the professional approach in assembling the LCTCS Conference and Leadership Development Day with over 900 individuals in attendance on August 18, 2003.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Chair Toups recognized recently retired Dr. Donald Ayo for his service as President of Nicholls State University in Thibodaux since 1983 with a presentation of a resolution from the Board in his honor.

Dr. Ayo acknowledged the recognition shown him by the Board and mentioned that his faculty, staff and the community had displayed great support to the university through the years.

Next, Chair Toups recognized Dr. J. Terence Kelly, who had served as Chancellor of Delgado Community College for the last five and one-half years. He mentioned that Dr. Kelly regretted he could not attend the meeting, but was moving out-of-state to assume duties as President of the Alamo Community College District in San Antonio, Texas. Chair Toups then read the resolution from the Board honoring Dr. J. Terence Kelly.

Next, Chair Toups said the Board will recognize Dr. Gregory O'Brien, Chancellor of the University of New Orleans, at its September meeting as he leaves his post as Chancellor at the end of the year.

COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT MONROE AND LOUISIANA DELTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Chair Toups explained that the University of Louisiana at Monroe (ULM) and Louisiana Delta Community College (LDCC) are entering into a cooperative endeavor agreement for the purpose of promoting educational access throughout northeast Louisiana by sharing state resources. Chair Toups recognized the tireless efforts of Dr. Sally Clausen, President of the University of Louisiana System and Dr. Walter Bumphus, President of LCTCS for facilitating this endeavor. He further stated that the institutional heads, Dr. James Cofer, President of ULM, and Dr. Lynn Kreider, Chancellor of LDCC, were very instrumental in reaching the final agreement.

Dr. Kreider said the opportunities for the future will be tremendous. He thanked the Board of Regents for making this signing possible between the two institutions. He also thanked Dr. Cofer and his staff for their assistance and said this agreement will provide a model for the state.

Dr. Cofer offered his appreciation to Drs. Clausen, Bumphus and Savoie. He noted that the northeastern region of the state is the “poor part” of the state, but this cooperative endeavor provides an opportunity for many people to get a good education and be able to go to work.

Regent Frances Henry remarked that today’s signing should set a standard for other institutions.

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF AUGUST 27, 2003

On behalf of Regent Brame, Chair of the Sponsored Programs Committee, Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, presented the Sponsored Programs Committee Meeting Report of August 27, 2003.

Dr. Davidson noted that questions had recently been raised regarding policies of the Board of Regents relative to awards made through the Support Fund’s Endowed Professorships component. He stated that the best way to fully understand Endowed Professorships awards was to consider the program within the larger context of the overall purpose, design, implementation, and evolution of the Support Fund.

Dr. Davidson mentioned that a historical summary of the Board of Regents Support Fund with a focus on the role of the Endowed Professorships program was presented to the Sponsored Programs Committee. Dr. Davidson said that a summary was given of the Constitutional foundation of the Board of Regents’ Support Fund and explained that, based on a 1991 opinion by the Attorney General, members of the Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (LAICU), have a legal right to participate in each of the Support Fund’s four programs: Research and Development, Eminent Scholars, Enhancement, and Superior Graduate Fellows.

He noted that a comprehensive review of purposes and funding patterns in each of the Support Fund programs was given and explained that funding across all four Support Fund components generally favors the research-oriented campuses.

Dr. Davidson concluded his presentation with the following comments:

“The Constitutional amendment creating the LEQSF mandates that funds for higher education be used for certain purposes to improve education and enhance economic development. The amendment also provided the Board of Regents with flexibility in deciding how funds would be apportioned among programs and campuses. Consistent with three successive Strategic Plans and reaffirmed in each annual Support Fund budget—all recommended by the Planning and Advisory Committees and approved unanimously by the Board of Regents—the Board has pursued strategies to attain “a sound educational system at all levels and in all disciplines.” The evolution of Support Fund policies and funding patterns among programs and campuses reflect unending efforts of the higher education community and the Board to meet these demands.”

Dr. Davidson responded that, at the suggestion of Regent Jacobs, the Committee had agreed that there should be further consideration of appropriate strategies and options for the Support Fund. Regent Henry reiterated that some issues need to be revisited in a timely fashion.

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF AUGUST 27, 2003

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Meeting Report of August 27, 2003, as presented. *(Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)*

LEARNING CENTERS COMMITTEE

LEARNING CENTERS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF AUGUST 27, 2003

On behalf of Regent Brame, Vice Chair of the Learning Centers Committee, Dr. Jimmy Clarke, Deputy Commissioner for Planning, Research and Performance, presented motions from the Learning Centers Committee Report of August 27, 2003.

FORMULATION OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Learning Centers Committee to approve the formulation of the Instructional Advisory Council and Regional Advisory Council for the Learning Center for Rapides Parish.

REPORT FROM THE DEAN

Dr. Clarke noted that many varied marketing efforts are underway for the Learning Center for Rapides Parish such as appearances on local morning news shows, morning radio talk shows, public service announcements, advertisements in the local newspaper and a wide distribution of the fall schedules throughout the area.

He noted that approximately 80 potential students attended the two evening registrations held July 21 and August 13. Dr. Clarke said registration will continue through Friday, August 29.

Dr. Clarke remarked that Dr. Marjorie Taylor, Dean of the Learning Center for Rapides Parish, had met with Dr. Rory Lee, President of Louisiana College. He stated that the Center and Louisiana College are exploring various ways that the two can partner to offer various courses and programs.

Dr. Clarke also mentioned that Dr. Taylor visited Cuyohoga Community College's Corporate College in Cleveland, Ohio with a Louisiana delegation from the LCTCS. He said that possible implementation of the "Corporate College" concept could take place next year in Louisiana.

ADOPTION OF THE LEARNING CENTERS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF AUGUST 27, 2003

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Learning Centers Committee Meeting Report of August 27, 2003, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE**PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT
OF AUGUST 27, 2003**

On behalf of Regent Oliver, Chair of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee, Dr. Jimmy Clarke presented motions from the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Report of August 27, 2003.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE STATUS OF INTERNATIONAL
EDUCATION IN LOUISIANA POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION**

On motion of Regent Oliver, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to adopt the staff recommendations regarding The Status of International Education in Louisiana Postsecondary Education: Reports and Recommendations of the Board of Regents International Education Advisory Committee, June 2003.

LICENSURE

On motion of Regent Oliver, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve a two-year operating license for Panola College.

On motion of Regent Oliver, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to grant exemptions from licensure to Family Worship School of Theology, located in Opelousas, Louisiana, and Vision International College and University, located in Reserve, Louisiana, under the religious exemption provided in law.

On motion of Regent Oliver, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to authorize staff to grant exemptions from licensure to religious institutions as defined in R.S. 17:1808. Staff will periodically report to the Planning, Research and Performance Committee regarding these exemptions.

PROPRIETARY SCHOOLS

On motion of Regent Oliver, seconded by Regent Smith, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve an initial operating license for Crescent City Coders, L.L.C., located in Gretna, Louisiana.

On motion of Regent Oliver, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to renew the licenses of the following proprietary schools (initial license date in parentheses):

**Baton Rouge College--Baton Rouge (06/26/86)
Baton Rouge College--Hammond (06/22/95)
Baton Rouge College--Metairie (06/24/93)
Cameron College (06/29/83)
Central Louisiana Medical Academy (06/24/99)
Delta College of Arts & Technology (06/25/92)
Diesel Driving Academy, Inc. – Baton Rouge (06/25/87)
John Casablancas Modeling and Career Center (05/31/93)
Lafayette General Medical Center School of Health Sciences (06/27/96)
LA Institute of Massage Therapy (06/25/92)
New Horizons-New Orleans (05/25/00)
New Horizons-Shreveport (05/25/00)
Southern Medical Corp., School of Ultrasound (06/26/97)**

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
REPORT OF AUGUST 27, 2003

On motion of Regent Oliver, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Meeting Report of August 27, 2003, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

FINANCE COMMITTEEFINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF AUGUST 27, 2003

On behalf of Regent Strong, Chair of the Finance Committee, Mr. Marvin Roubique, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Facilities, presented motions from the Finance Committee Report of August 27, 2003.

FIRST DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES AND ACADEMIC CENTERS POOL FUND

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the distribution of the FY 2003-04 Community and Technical Colleges and Academic Centers Pool Fund as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

DISTRIBUTION OF EQUIPMENT POOL FUND - CAPITAL OUTLAY

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Jacobs, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the distribution of the FY 2003-04 Library, Academic, Scientific and Instructional Equipment Pool Funds as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.) Further that the staff be given authority to allocate any bond funds based on the same pro-rata distribution model, when the funds become available.

DISTRIBUTION OF PERFORMANCE AND QUALITY POOL FUND

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Oliver, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the distribution of the FY 2003-04 Performance and Quality Development Pool Fund as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

OTHER BUSINESS

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the distribution of the Health Care Workforce Development Appropriation as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

ADOPTION OF THE FINANCE MEETING REPORT OF AUGUST 27, 2003

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Oliver, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Finance Committee Meeting Report of August 27, 2003, as presented. *(Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)*

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE**FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF AUGUST 27, 2003**

On behalf of Regent Henry, Chair of the Facilities and Property Committee, Mr. Roubique presented motions from the Facilities and Property Committee Report of August 27, 2003.

SMALL CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Strong, 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.

Louisiana State University and A&M

Third Floor Tenant Finish-Out at Frey Computing Center
\$275,000 State Funds

Third Floor Tenant Finish-Out at Frey Computing Center (Reapproval)
\$345,000 State Funds

Life Safety Improvements at Union
\$250,000 Auxiliary Funds

Johnson Hall 3rd Floor HVAC
\$275,000 State Funds

CEBA Mechanical Room Renovation
\$ 35,000 State Funds
\$305,000 Donations

Veterinary Medicine Inhalation Lab Expansion and Renovation (Reapproval)
\$250,000 State Funds
\$166,375 Previously Approved

Renovation to Purchasing Department - Thomas Boyd Hall
\$345,000 State Funds

Burden Oak Parking Lot
\$318,000 Auxiliary Funds

Thomas Boyd Hall Renovations for Provost Office

\$240,000 State Funds

LSU Agricultural Center

Louisiana House - Home and Landscape Resource Center

\$180,000 State Funds

Office Building Addition at Idlewild Research Station

\$250,000 State Funds

University of New Orleans

Bienville Hall Maintenance and Renovation

\$180,000 Auxiliary Funds

University of Louisiana at Monroe

Addition to Women's Softball Complex

\$ 69,748 Auxiliary Funds

\$130,120 Donations

Renovation to Sandel Building - Bookstore/Coffee shop

\$169,992 Other Funds (Auxiliary)

Renovations to Sandel Building for Admissions

\$180,000 State

Campus Transportation Enhancement Bayou Walk

\$ 13,509 Construction Fees

\$ 30,000 ULM Foundation

\$226,672 Federal ISTE A

PROJECTS UTILIZING ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF FINANCING

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center's Louisiana House-Home and Landscape Resource Center utilizing Alternative Means of Financing totaling \$783,600 to include in-kind donations.

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the Equine Intensive Care Unit project for Louisiana State

**University School of Veterinary Medicine utilizing Alternative Means of Financing
in the amount of \$623,000.**

PRESENTATION BY LSU FOR ATHLETIC FACILITIES

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the West Side Stadium addition to Tiger Stadium, other general maintenance and repairs to Tiger Stadium and the new Football Operation Center to be financed by an \$82 million bond issue by the Tiger Athletic Foundation.

PRESENTATION BY BATON ROUGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE ON FACILITIES PLAN

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve Phase II of the construction projects for Baton Rouge Community College as presented.

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF AUGUST 27, 2003

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Meeting Report of August 27, 2003, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEEACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF AUGUST 27, 2003

On behalf of Regent Blake, 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 August 27, 2003.

PROPOSED ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center – New Orleans
(Doctor of Audiology)

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the proposed Doctor of Audiology

program (CIP Code 51.0202) at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center–New Orleans, beginning Fall 2004. By June 1, 2005, the Health Sciences Center shall engage the services of one new Ph.D. in Audiology and one new Doctor of Audiology faculty to staff the program. The Health Sciences Center shall submit an interim report to the Commissioner of Higher Education regarding the status of this faculty search by June 1, 2004.

Further, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant continued maintenance of the Master of Communication Disorders (Audiology Option) program (CIP Code 51.0201) at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center–New Orleans through AY 2005-2006, at which time the need for this program shall be reconsidered.

Louisiana Tech University -- (Doctor of Audiology)

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 conditional approval for the proposed Doctor of Audiology program (CIP Code 51.0202) at Louisiana Tech University. The implementation date of this program shall be set once the University has engaged the services of two new Ph.D. in Audiology faculty to help staff the program. Beginning June 1, 2004, the University shall submit annual reports to the Commissioner of Higher Education until all consultant recommendations have been fulfilled.

Further, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant continued maintenance of the M.A. in Speech Pathology-Audiology (Audiology Option) program (CIP Code 51.0204) at Louisiana Tech University through AY 2005-2006, at which time the need for this program shall be reconsidered.

NICHOLLS STATE UNIVERSITY - M.S. IN COMMUNITY/TECHNICAL COLLEGE MATHEMATICS

On motion of Regent Blake, 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 M.S. program in Community/Technical College Mathematics (CIP Code 27.0199) at Nicholls State University. The implementation date of the program shall be decided after receipt of a progress report to be due March 1, 2004, documenting efforts of the University to address outstanding concerns. Most critically, one additional new

Ph.D. in Mathematics faculty must be hired prior to program implementation. Additional progress reports may be required thereafter.

Further, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to terminate the M.S. program in Applied Mathematics (CIP Code 27.0301) at Nicholls State University, effective Fall 2004.

NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY-- M.A..IN HERITAGE RESOURCES

On motion of Regent Blake, 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 M.A. in Heritage Resources program (CIP 30.1202) at Northwestern State University. The implementation date of the program shall be decided after receipt of a progress report to be due June 1, 2004, documenting efforts of the University to address outstanding concerns. Additional progress reports may be required thereafter.

Further, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to terminate the M.A. program in History (CIP Code 45.0801) at Northwestern State University, effective Fall 2004.

LOUISIANA DELTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE -- A.S. IN NURSING

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the proposed Associate of Science in Nursing program (CIP 51.1601) at Louisiana Delta Community College, subject to the following stipulations:

- 1. The College shall update the Commissioner of Higher Education on a periodic basis regarding its progress toward attaining SACS/CoC candidacy; and**
- 2. The College shall update the Commissioner of Higher Education on a periodic basis regarding its progress toward program approval by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing.**

Once SACS/CoC candidacy has been achieved and the LSBN has granted program approval, then the Board of Regents shall consider a date for program implementation.

Thereafter, the College shall submit annual reports to the Commissioner of Higher Education regarding its progress toward NLNAC program accreditation.

PROGRESS REPORT ON CONDITIONALLY APPROVED PROGRAM -- NICHOLLS STATE UNIVERSITY -- B.S. IN MANUFACTURING ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the AY 2002-2003 Progress Report from Nicholls State University Relative to Implementation of the B.S. Program in Manufacturing Engineering Technology. The next progress report shall be due August 1, 2004.

PROPOSED CURRICULAR/ADMINISTRATIVE REVISIONS

Southern University-Shreveport - Request to Terminate the A.A.S. Program in Aviation Maintenance Management

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Oliver, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to terminate the A.A.S. program in Aviation Maintenance Management (CIP Code 47.0609) at Southern University-Shreveport, effective immediately.

Northwestern State University - Request to Consolidate the B.A. in Art and B.S. in Graphic Communications Programs Into a Single B.F.A. in Fine and Graphic Arts

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Oliver, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to consolidate the B.A. in Art and B.S. in Graphic Communications programs at Northwestern State University into a single B.F.A. in Fine and Graphic Arts (CIP Code 50.0701), effective immediately. The B.A. in Art (CIP Code 50.0701) and B.S. in Graphic Communications (CIP Code 50.0401) programs are hereby terminated, effective immediately.

TEACHER EDUCATION INITIATIVES -- EVALUATIONS OF REDESIGNED TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the Grades 1-6 Non-Master/Certification-Only Certification program at Our Lady of Holy Cross College.

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF AUGUST 27, 2003

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Oliver, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Report of August 27, 2003, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

Commissioner Savoie informed the Board of several upcoming events and informational items enclosed in the Board packets as follows:

- A copy of the 2003 President's report from Our Lady of Holy Cross College;
- A publication from the Council for a Better Louisiana entitled, "Louisiana Fact Book for the 2003 Election Year";
- The Gubernatorial Education forum hosted by the Department of Education and the Board of Regents to be held either October 8th or 9th in the Claiborne Building;
- Endowed chair check presentations have been underway and will continue next week in central and north Louisiana;
- Capital outlay visits have been underway and will culminate with public hearings scheduled for September 9; and
- An article in the *USA Today* on August 27, 2003, entitled *Colleges Brace for Bigger Classes and Less Bang for More Bucks* which shows Louisiana as one of 20 states expecting an increase in funding for higher education. Although, Louisiana's projected funding increase is reported as being between 2.0% and 5.0%, Louisiana's funding increase was finalized at 5%, which was third highest in the nation and first in the south.

Regent Jacobs suggested that the Governor and appropriate legislators be invited to a Board meeting to be recognized for their budgetary support during the legislative session.

Finally, Regent Toups recognized the newest member of the Board of Regents, Mr. W. Clinton “Bubba” Rasberry, Jr.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Toups declared the meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.