MINUTES
BOARD OF REGENTS
OCTOBER 27, 2005

The Board of Regents met in session at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, October 27, 2005, in Board Conference Room 6-242, Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Roland Toups called the meeting to order. Executive Assistant to the Commissioner, Ms. Carolyn Blanchard, called the roll and a quorum was established.

Present for the meeting were: Absent for the meeting were:
Roland Toups, Chair Virgil Robinson
Frances Henry, Vice Chair Artis Terrell
Pat Strong, Secretary
William Blake
Scott Brame
Richard D’Aquin
Reggie Dupré
Stanley Jacobs
Ingrid Labat
Robert Levy
W. Clinton Rasberry
William Clifford Smith
Harold Stokes
Chris Jividen

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.

MINUTES APPROVED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 25, 2005
On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of August 25, 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 October 26, 2005.

PROPOSED ACADEMIC PROGRAM

*Northwestern State University - B.A. in Heritage Resources*

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the proposed Bachelor of Arts in Heritage Resources program (CIP 30.1202) at Northwestern State University, effective Fall 2005. By October 1, 2006, the University shall submit a report to the Commissioner of Higher Education documenting numbers of students enrolled in the program.

*University of New Orleans - B.S. in Earth and Environmental Sciences*

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 requests from the University of New Orleans:

1. A proposed B.S. in Earth and Environmental Sciences (CIP 40.0601) to be implemented immediately;

2. A change in the name of the Department of Geology and Geophysics to the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences; and

3. Immediate termination of existing B.S. programs in Environmental Sciences and Policy (CIP Code 03.0103), Geology (CIP Code 40.0601), and Geophysics (CIP Code 40.0603). The University shall provide adequate time to students currently enrolled in these programs to complete their program of studies.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED APPROVAL OF A RESEARCH CENTER AND INSTITUTE
Louisiana State University Agricultural Center

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 full approval for the Center for Natural Resource Economics and Policy at the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center for a period of five years from this date.

Louisiana Tech University - Professional Development and Research Institute on Blindness

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 receive the 2004-05 Progress Report from Louisiana Tech University Relative to Implementation of the Professional Development and Research Institute on Blindness. The Committee also recommends that the Board grant three additional years of full approval for the Institute, with the stipulation that the University submit a progress report updating the full extent of Institute operations and external funding to the Commissioner of Higher Education by October 1, 2007.

PROGRESS REPORTS ON CONDITIONALLY APPROVED PROGRAMS

Nicholls State University

• M.S. in Community and Technical College Mathematics

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 receive the 2004 Progress Report from Nicholls State University Relative to Implementation of the M.S. in Community and Technical College Mathematics. By October 1, 2006, the University shall submit to the Commissioner of Higher Education a subsequent progress report addressing continuing concerns as expressed in the staff summary.

• M.S. in Marine and Environmental Biology

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Blake, the Academic and Student Affairs Committee unanimously recommended that the Board of Regents receive the October 2005 Progress Report from Nicholls State University Relative to Implementation of the Master of Science program in Marine and Environmental Biology. By October 1, 2006, the University shall submit to the Commissioner of Higher Education a subsequent progress report addressing continued concerns as expressed in the staff summary.

• B.S. in Geomatics
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 receive the September 2005 Report from Nicholls State University Relative to the Implementation of the Bachelor of Science Program in Geomatics. By October 1, 2006, the University shall submit to the Commissioner of Higher Education a subsequent progress report addressing continuing concerns as expressed in the staff summary.

- **B.S. in Manufacturing Technology**

Mr. Killebrew stated that after reviewing the 2004-05 program progress report it was mutually agreed that the University would request immediate termination due to a lack of student interest and inadequate resources.

*S Southern University-Baton Rouge - B.S. in Electronic Business*

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Blake, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the August 2005 Report from Southern University and A&M College Relative to Implementation of the Bachelor of Science in Electronic Business Program. The next progress report shall be due January 15, 2007.

*Louisiana Technical College - Ascension*

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Jividen, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the AY 2004-2005 Report Relative to the Implementation of the A.A.S. in Process Technology at the Louisiana Technical College-Ascension. By September 1, 2006, the institution shall submit a progress report to the Commissioner of Higher Education documenting numbers of program graduates and the placement of students who left the program for employment.

*Fletcher Technical Community College*

- **A.A.S. in Technical Studies**
- **A.A.S. in Nautical Science**

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Smith, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the May 2005 Progress Reports from Fletcher Technical Community College Relative to SACS/CoC Candidacy and Implementation of the A.A.S. in Technical Studies and A.A.S. in Nautical
Science Programs. By February 1, 2006, the College shall submit to the Commissioner of Higher Education a subsequent progress report documenting the institution’s progress toward achieving SACS candidacy. Further, this report shall also address needs for additional resources and greater cooperation with UNO/LUMCON to support the Nautical Science program.

TEACHER EDUCATION INITIATIVES

Report on the Blue Ribbon Commission on Educational Excellence and Other Updates

Mr. Killbrew noted that Dr. Jeanne Burns had informed the Committee that the Blue Ribbon Commission meetings had been canceled for the fall of 2005 and rescheduled for February 9, March 9, April 13, and May 11, 2006.

Evaluation of a Redesigned Initial Teacher Preparation Program and Graduate Programs for Teachers and Education Leaders

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 grant approval for the following redesigned teacher preparation/education programs:


Extension of Final Approval for Redesigned K-12 and Graduate Programs in Education

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 an extension for approval of all redesigned K-12 and graduate programs for teachers and educational leaders until July 1, 2006.

Waiver for Teacher Preparation Accountability System

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 waive the implementation of the Teacher Preparation Accountability System during AY 2005-06 due to the state's inability to collect data from K-12 schools necessary for the calculation of system-wide scores. All teacher preparation programs will be required to prepare institutional reports for April 2006 and report other data required by the Higher Education Act of 1998.

REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER

Mr. Killebrew noted that he had reported on several items: (1) Louisiana’s participation in the American Diploma Project; (2) the statewide review of existing licensed practical nursing programs; (3) the schedule of reviews for proposed programs; (4) the status of reviews of conditionally approved programs; (5) the status of reviews for proposed programs/units; and (6) staff approval of routine academic requests.

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF OCTOBER 26, 2005

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Report of October 26, 2005. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Jacobs, Chair of the Facilities and Property Committee, Mr. Rich Griswold, Associate Commissioner for Facilities, presented motions from the Facilities and Property Committee Report of October 26, 2005.

SMALL CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

Chill Water Tower Replacement at Station 1 - Northwestern State University
$180,000 from State Funds

Clinical Sciences Research Building 4th Floor Renovation - Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans
$340,000 from State Funds

Clinical Sciences Research Building Exhaust System No. 1 Upgrade - Louisiana State
University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans
$345,000 from State Funds

Psychiatry Crisis Center - Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in Shreveport
$225,000 from Restricted Self-Generated Funds

On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent D’Aquin, 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.

PROJECTS UTILIZING ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF FINANCING

On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the construction of improvements to eight dining facilities on the campus of Louisiana State University and A & M College, at a cost estimated at approximately $13,400,000.

PROJECTS UTILIZING EXPEDITED APPROVAL PROCEDURE

Mr. Griswold noted that expedited approval procedures were used as provided in the facilities policy to approve a project to renovate a portion of the Galiano Cafeteria, improve streets and parking lots and to construct three new parking lots at Nicholls State University. He also stated that the cancellation of the September Board of Regents’ meeting due to Hurricane Katrina contributed to the need to use these procedures. Mr. Griswold indicated the projects, which will utilize an alternative means of financing, would cost approximately $9,000,000.

FY 2006-2007 CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET RECOMMENDATION (FINAL)

On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to adopt the FY 2006-2007 Capital Outlay Budget Recommendation.

Regent Strong noted that a cover letter which explains the approach should accompany the FY 2006-2007 Capital Outlay Budget.

HURRICANES KATRINA AND RITA FACILITIES STATUS REPORT
Mr. Griswold noted that a staff report covering the impact of both Hurricanes Katrina and Rita was presented. Regent D’Aquin inquired if money was available to use to repair roofs damaged from the hurricanes. Mr. Griswold stated that a roofing fund is being used for temporary roofing. He said it was anticipated this cost would be reimbursed by FEMA and then permanent roofs would be installed at a later date.

**ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF OCTOBER 26, 2005**

*On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent D’Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Meeting Report of October 26, 2005.* *(Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)*

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Blake, Vice Chair of the Finance Committee, Mr. Donald Vandal, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, presented motions from the Finance Committee Report of October 26, 2005.

**FY 2005-06 OPERATING BUDGET CONSIDERATION**

*On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the FY 2005-06 Operating Budget submissions.*

**REVIEW OF IMPACTED INSTITUTIONS**

Mr. Vandal stated that officials from institutions which had been directly impacted by the hurricanes gave reports on their current status and budget forecasts.

**DISCUSSION OF EMERGING BUDGETARY ISSUES**

Mr. Vandal stated there was a discussion of Executive Order KBB2005-38 which imposed a hiring and spending freeze. He continued by stating that higher education officials, in negotiations with the Division of Administration, designed a target savings proposal of $25
Mr. Vandal noted, however, there could be further higher education budget reductions.

Mr. Vandal told the Board that the staff is currently preparing a severe revenue loss scenario by developing a budget with a 5% and 10% reduction.

ADOPTION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF OCTOBER 26, 2005

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Finance Committee Meeting Report of October 26, 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, Mr. John Wallin, Associate Commissioner for Sponsored Programs Administration, presented motions from the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of October 26, 2005.

IdeA NETWORKS OF BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH EXCELLENCE (INBRE) AWARD FROM THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH - Dr. Harold Silverman, Vice Chancellor for Research, LSU-Baton Rouge

Mr. Wallin stated that Dr. Harold Silverman, LSU-Baton Rouge, gave a brief overall description of a new $16.9 million grant from the National Institutes of Health.

KATRINA/RITA-RELATED RECOMMENDATIONS AND UPDATES

Postponement in the Development of the 2006-2013 BoRSF Strategic Plan

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve extension of the FY 1999-00 through 2005-06 BoRSF Strategic Plan for one year. The 2006-08 through 2013-14 Strategic Plan, to be prepared during 2006, will be formulated with due consideration given to hurricane-related impacts.

Changes in BoRSF Deadlines and Regulations for the FY 2005-06 Cycle

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs
Committee to approve changes in deadlines and regulations relative to the FY 2005-06 BoRSF competitive cycle.

Activities of the Post-Katrina/Rita STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Task Force

- Establishment and Organization of the Task Force

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Smith, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the organization and membership of the Post-Katrina/Rita Research (and Related Infrastructure) Task Force. The Task Force will advise the Commissioner of Higher Education and the Board of Regents regarding hurricane-related STEM research matters.

- White Papers to Federal Funding Agencies

Mr. Wallin noted that the Task Force assisted in the preparation of a White Paper requested by the National Science Foundation. He said the Task Force would also prepare white papers for submission to other Federal agencies such as the Department of Defense, Department of Energy, Department of Agriculture, National Institutes of Health, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and the Office of Management and Budget. Mr. Wallin noted that the Commissioner of Higher Education would include the white paper as a component of his comprehensive post-secondary presentation.

- Publicized Research Activities Regarding Hurricane-Related Impacts

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve two overlapping forums during calendar years 2006 and 2007. The forums will be funded using $35,000 which the National Science Foundation has recently provided through the EPSCoR Operational Grant, plus up to $100,000 from the Support Fund.

K-16 Partnerships for School Reform Workshop, October 10, 2005

Mr. Wallin noted that an update was given by Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, about the October 10, 2005, K-16 Partnerships for
REQUEST FROM THE LOUISIANA SPACE CONSORTIUM FOR MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE “LaSPACE INITIATIVE IN RADIATION ASTROBIOLOGY” (LIRA)

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to commit cash match from previously unspent monies in the Board of Regents Support Fund for the Louisiana component of the Goddard Space Flight Center proposal entitled “LaSPACE Initiative in Radiation Astrobiology.” The amount of cash match provided shall be $100,000 per year, for a total of $500,000 for the five-year duration of the award. Matching funds are to be provided only if NASA funding is received.

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF OCTOBER 26, 2005

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Meeting Report of October 26, 2005. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Dupré, Chair of the Technology Committee, Dr. Larry Tremblay, Associate Commissioner for Planning and Research, presented the Technology Committee Report of October 26, 2005.

REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER FOR INFORMATION AND LEARNING TECHNOLOGY

Dr. Tremblay noted that Mr. Mike Abbiatti, Associate Commissioner for Information and Learning Technology, briefed the Committee on several items: (1) the Statewide E-Learning Support Center; (2) the LEARNET Loop Wireless Project; (3) the status of fiber bids, equipment purchases, and the business and staffing plan for LONI; and (4) the NLR.

POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION RESPONSE TO HURRICANES KATRINA AND RITA

Dr. Tremblay noted that a briefing was given on the response to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita by postsecondary education. He said Mr. Abbiatti is organizing a regional/national
postsecondary disaster preparedness response organization as an addition to the Emergency Management Assistance Compact.

ADOPTION OF THE TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF OCTOBER 26, 2005

On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent Smith, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Technology Committee Meeting Report of October 26, 2005. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

Regent Toups recognized Mr. Abbiatti for his contributions for higher education in the recovery efforts immediately following the two hurricanes.

PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Levy, Chair of the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee, Dr. Tremblay presented motions from the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee Report of October 26, 2005.

LICENSED

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Smith, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve renewing the operating licenses for Central Michigan University, Troy State University, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, and the University of Phoenix.

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to revoke the operating license of Ashington University, effective immediately.

PROPRIETARY SCHOOLS

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Jacobs, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve the following recommendations which will guide its Proprietary School Advisory Commission at its meeting on November 15th.
1. Any proprietary school not impacted by a hurricane whose renewal application is deemed complete and compliant will be approved for license renewal.

2. Any proprietary school suffering minimal impact by a hurricane which has reopened for classes must submit an explanation on how lost time will be made up. If the explanation is judged reasonable and the renewal application is deemed complete and compliant, the institution will be approved for license renewal.

3. Any proprietary school suffering substantial damages and currently closed will be approved for license renewal but prior to resuming classes must have completed the following tasks:
   a. submitted for staff approval a plan detailing steps to be taken to reopen;
   b. submitted to staff copies of the necessary permits/clearances from appropriate local/state officials; and
   c. submitted to staff a renewal application which is deemed complete and compliant.

   A site visit from the Board of Regents’ Proprietary School Section staff will be undertaken within 30 days of the school’s reopening.

   Any proprietary school closed by a hurricane which has not resumed classes as of November 1st, regardless of license renewal date, must complete the tasks outlined in # 3 above prior to resuming classes.

4. Proprietary schools suffering substantial damages, currently closed, and not planning to reopen must notify the Proprietary School Section staff concerning plans to (1) have students taught out by another school, (2) process appropriate refunds for students, and (3) follow the Board of Regents’ Policies and Procedures for Closed Schools, including the submission of all student records for safekeeping.

BOARD OF REGENTS’ OPERATIONAL PLAN, 2006-07

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent D’Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve the Board of Regents’ Operational Plan, 2006-07.

REPORT FROM THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER
Dr. Tremblay reported on several items: (1) the Executive Order No KBB 2005-69 which suspends the rules and regulations for the administration of the Proprietary Schools Law; (2) preliminary fall headcount enrollment; (3) the number of Louisiana’s displaced college students enrolled in other states; and (4) implementation of the Financial Aid Data System (FADS).

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF OCTOBER 26, 2005

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Dupré, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee Report of October 26, 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. Vandal presented motions from the Executive Committee Report of October 26, 2005

UPDATE ON DESEGREGATION SETTLEMENT AND THE ANNUAL EVALUATION OF THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Mr. Vandal noted that the Executive Committee entered into Executive Session to discuss desegregation issues and the annual evaluation of the Commissioner of Higher Education. He said when the Executive Committee reconvened, no votes or actions had been taken while in Executive Session.

He noted that the Executive Committee had reviewed the annual evaluation of Dr. E. Joseph Savoie, Commissioner of Higher Education, and gave him an excellent recommendation.

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent D’Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee that the Commissioner of Higher Education be commended for his service and job performance.

BOARD OF REGENTS’ INTERNAL POLICY AND OPERATIONAL ISSUES, FY 2005-06

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted
unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee to give authorization for the Commissioner, in consultation with the Chair, to act with respect to all budgetary, operational, and personnel issues of the agency as circumstances require as the current fiscal year unfolds.

ADOPTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF OCTOBER 26, 2005

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent D’Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Executive Committee Report of October 26, 2005. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

Chair Toups thanked Ms. Connie Koury, Legal Counsel for the Board, for her hard work at the Regents.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER

Dr. Savoie reported on the following:

- Regents Rasberry and Brame made endowed check presentations in north Louisiana;
- Dr. Harold Silverman from LSU announced $17 million grant from NIH;
- Special Session begins November 6;
- Next meetings will be December 7 and 8 with a joint BESE/BOR meeting on December 8;
- Special Education Forum to be held today, October 27 at 1:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Regent Toups declared the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.