

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

October 29, 2004

The Board of Regents met in regular session at 10:10 a.m., Friday, October 29, 2004, in the Cate Teacher Education Center at Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond, 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
W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr.
Virgil Robinson
Clifford Smith
Pat Strong, Secretary
Artis Terrell
Roland Toups, Chair

Absent:

Reggie Dupré
Jeraul Mackey

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 APPROVEDAPPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2004

On motion of Regent D'Aquin, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of September 23, 2004, as circulated.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION TO DR. RON LUCKETT, BOARD OF REGENTS

Regent Toups recognized Dr. Ron Lockett, Director of Program Planning in the Sponsored Programs division of the Board of Regents, along with his wife, Nancy. Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, Dr. E. Joseph Savoie, Commissioner of Higher Education, and Regent Toups honored Dr. Lockett for his upcoming retirement and presented an engraved crystal clock to him for his 29 years of dedication and hard work at the Regents. Dr. Davidson commented that Dr. Lockett is a model, not only for the staff in the Sponsored Programs Division, but for all to emulate. Dr. Lockett thanked everyone for their support and assistance.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Strong, Chair of the Finance Committee, Mr. Donnie Vandal, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, presented motions from the Finance Committee Report of October 21, 2004.

FINANCIAL AND BUDGET ISSUES OVERVIEW

Mr. Vandal noted that Ms. Wendy Simoneaux, Associate Commissioner for Finance, presented an overview of the FY 2004-2005 operating budgets for postsecondary education. Mr. Vandal indicated that the operating budget (inclusive of all means of financing) totals approximately \$3.636 billion, with \$2.344 billion reflected in unrestricted operating funds and \$1.292 billion in restricted operating funds.

OPERATING BUDGET PRESENTATIONS & DISCUSSION

Mr. Vandal said that the Regents' staff provided a list of key issues to be addressed on October 21, 2004, by the management boards and LUMCON at the Finance Committee meeting on operating budgets.

OPERATING BUDGET CONSIDERATION

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Blake, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the operating budget submissions for FY 2004-2005.

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to recommend that the Commissioner of Higher Education be authorized to review and approve proposed BA-7 adjustments for institutions and budget units which were pending as reflected in the report.

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to authorize the University of New Orleans to operate its athletic program at the level proposed in its budget submission, which is in excess of the amount allowed under the Board's policy on use of operating budget funds for athletic programs, but which is within projected athletic program revenues.

Regent Toups requested that the staff review the athletic policy and return with recommendations in the next few months.

COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT POOL DISTRIBUTION

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Blake, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the distribution of the Community and Technical College Growth and Development Pool as reflected in the report.

ADOPTION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF OCTOBER 21, 2004

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Finance Committee Report of October 21, 2004, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Regent Toups informed the audience that Regent William Oliver had resigned from the Board of Regents effective October 27, 2004. He noted that, due to the advancing opportunity for research and economic development in Louisiana through the concept of the Louisiana Optical Network Initiative (LONI) and Regent Oliver's employment with BellSouth, a possible conflict of interest could arise in the future. Mr. Toups applauded Mr. Oliver's integrity and extended regrets in losing him from the Board of Regents.

Regent Clifford Smith, Acting Chair of the Technology Committee, presented motions from the Technology Committee Report of October 28, 2004.

SUPPORTING E-LEARNING AND ESSENTIAL CAMPUS TRANSITIONS (SELECT) GRANTS PROGRAM RECOMMENDED AWARDS

On motion of Regent Smith, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Technology Committee to approval 15 Supporting E-learning and Essential Campus Transitions (SELECT) Grants Program, FY 2004-2005 in the amount of \$593,132.

LONI PROGRESS UPDATE

On motion of Smith, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Technology Committee to amend the proposed Governance Plan to include two members appointed to the Louisiana Optical Network Initiative (LONI) Management Council by the President of Louisiana Community and Technology College System (LCTCS).

Following the motion amending the Governance Plan, the Board took the following action:

On motion of Regent Smith, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Technology Committee to approve the Governance Plan of the Louisiana Optical Network Initiative Steering Committee, as amended.

NEW BUSINESS

Regent Smith said that several items were discussed as follows: (1) the WCET Conference in San Antonio, TX; (2) ELC/SDLS/CEP Retreat; (3) tours and demonstrations relative to LONI; and (4) the Statewide E-Learning Support Center.

ADOPTION OF THE TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT OF OCTOBER 28, 2004

On motion of Regent Smith, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Technology Committee Report of October 28, 2004, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Brame, Chair of the Sponsored Programs Committee, Dr. Kerry Davidson presented motions from the Sponsored Program Committee Report of October 28, 2004.

REQUEST FROM LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY A&M COLLEGE FOR MATCHING FUNDS FOR AN INTEGRATED GRADUATE EDUCATION AND RESEARCH TRAINEESHIP PROPOSAL

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the matching funds from previously unspent monies in the Board of Regents Support Fund for the NSF IGERT proposal submitted by Louisiana State University entitled "Education and Training for Systematic Monitoring and Assessment in Real Time for Bridges and Pavements." The amount of matching funds provided for the proposal shall be equivalent to the amount of cash match provided by Louisiana State University, i.e., \$225,000 for the five-year duration of the award, or \$45,000 annually. All matching funds are to be used for graduate student support, and will be provided only if NSF IGERT funding is received.

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF OCTOBER 28, 2004

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of October 28, 2004, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Henry, 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 28, 2004.

SMALL CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

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

Replacement of Baseball Turf at Brown-Stroud Baseball Stadium - Northwestern State University (Reapproval)
\$250,000 in In-House Institutional Funds

Highland Hall - Sprinkler System Upgrade - Louisiana State University and A&M College
\$300,000 in Auxiliary Funds

Annie Boyd Hall - Sprinkler System Upgrade - Louisiana State University and A&M College
\$300,000 in Auxiliary Funds

Duplication Center Renovation - Southern University and A&M College
\$185,000 in Federal Funds (Title III)

Lottie B. Anthony Repairs - Southern University and A&M College
\$144,000 in Federal Funds (Title III)

FY 2005-2006 CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET RECOMMENDATION (FINAL)

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to adopt the FY 2005-2006 Capital Outlay Budget Recommendation as presented by staff.

ACT 971 PROJECTS

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 Act 971 projects as presented by staff.

PROJECTS UTILIZING ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF FINANCING

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the project at Northwestern State University to construct a modified dormitory complex to house 396 beds utilizing alternative means of financing.

PRESENTATION ON THE STATUS OF BATON ROUGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Mr. Griswold said that Dr. Walter Bumphus, President of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS), and Chancellor Myrtle Dorsey of Baton Rouge Community College made a presentation on the status of the campus development for the Baton Rouge Community College. He indicated that several buildings had been completed and others are under construction.

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT OF OCTOBER 28, 2004

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Report of October 28, 2004, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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 Report of October 28, 2004.

PROPOSED ACADEMIC PROGRAMS**Delgado Community College - A.A.S. in Veterinary 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 grant conditional approval for the A.A.S. program in Veterinary Technology at Delgado Community College, effective Spring 2005. Beginning September 1, 2005, and continuing on that date until approval by the Council on Veterinary Education and Accreditation (CVTEA) has been achieved, Delgado Community College shall submit to the Commissioner of Higher Education a report addressing concerns cited in the staff summary.

L. E. Fletcher Technical Community College - Associate of General Studies

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 of the proposed Associate of General Studies program (CIP 24.0102) at L. E. Fletcher Technical Community College, with three stipulations:

- 1. By January 15, 2005, the College shall inform the Commissioner of Higher Education of the status of its application to SACS/CoC for institutional candidacy;**
- 2. By September 1, 2005, the College shall submit a report to the Commissioner of Higher Education which describes the College's progress toward hiring five qualified full-time faculty for the program and developing its library to meet SACS-COC standards;**
- 3. Upon receipt of the report required in #2 above, the Board of Regents shall consider a date for program implementation.**

PROPOSED PROGRAM TERMINATIONS - SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY-SHREVEPORT**C.T.S. in Construction Technology****C.T.S. in Dance****C.T.S. in Medical Imaging Assistant**

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 terminate the Certificate of Technical Studies programs in Construction Technology, Dance, and Medical Imaging Assistant (CIP Codes 15.0101, 50.0301, and 51.0899) at Southern University-Shreveport, effective immediately.

PROPOSED LETTER OF INTENT - SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY-BATON ROUGE - B.A. IN AFRICAN/AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDIES

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the proposed Letter of Intent for the projected B.A. program in African/African-American Studies (CIP Code 05.0201) at Southern University-Baton Rouge. Any forthcoming program proposal submitted as a result of this Letter of Intent shall specifically address staff concerns concerning a sustaining rationale which justifies additional state costs.

PROGRESS REPORTS ON CONDITIONALLY-APPROVED PROGRAMS

Southern University-Shreveport - A.A.S. in Safety and Hazardous Materials Technology

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the AY 2003-2004 Progress Report from Southern University-Shreveport Relative to Implementation of the A.A.S. Program in Safety and Hazardous Materials Technology. As all Regents' stipulations have been met, the program is hereby granted full approval.

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 2003-04 Progress Report from Nicholls State University Relative to Implementation of the B.S. Program in Manufacturing Engineering Technology. In its next progress report, to be due August 1, 2005, the University shall provide evidence of significant progress toward addressing all concerns identified in the staff summary.

Southeastern Louisiana University - M.S. in Applied Sociology

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 receive the AY 2003-04 Progress Reports from Southeastern Louisiana University Relative to the Implementation of the M.S. Program in Applied Sociology. As all Regents' stipulations have been met, the program is hereby granted full approval.

Louisiana Technical College – Ascension Campus - A.A.S. in Process Technology

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 receive the AY 2003-04 Progress Report from Louisiana Technical College - Ascension Campus relative to the implementation of the A.A.S. in Process Technology. By September 1, 2005, the institution shall submit a progress report to the Commissioner of Higher Education addressing concerns cited in the staff summary. In particular, this report should contain significant evidence of substantial and sustained student interest in the program.

Louisiana Delta Community College

- 1. A.S. in General Science**
- 2. A.A.S. in Business Technology**
- 3. A.S. in Early Childhood Education**

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the AY 2003-04 Progress Reports from Louisiana Delta Community College Relative to the A.S. in General Science, the A.A.S. in Business Technology, and the A.S. in Early Childhood Education programs. Additional progress reports addressing previously stated staff concerns shall be due October 1, 2005.

TEACHER EDUCATION INITIATIVES

Report of the Blue Ribbon Commission for Education Excellence and Other Updates

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 confirm the appointments of: 1) Kathy Sellers Johnson to represent the Louisiana Community and Technical College System; and 2) Anngelica Danielle Barrow to represent Pre-Service Teachers to the Blue Ribbon Commission for Educational Excellence.

Evaluation of Redesigned Teacher Preparation Programs

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the Advanced Master's Degree for Teachers and K-12 (All Levels) baccalaureate programs in Art Education, Music Education - Instrumental, Music Education-Vocal, and Health and Physical Education at Louisiana Tech University. These program approvals are effective immediately.

REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER

Mr. Killebrew said that several issues were discussed: (1) the statewide review of existing Licensed Practical Nursing programs; (2) the schedule of reviews for proposed programs; (3) the staff approval of routine academic requests; and (4) the November meeting of the Statewide Council of Chief Academic Officers.

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF OCTOBER 28, 2004

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Report of October 28, 2004 as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Jacobs, Member of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee, Dr. Jimmy Clarke, Deputy Commissioner for Academic and Student Affairs, presented motions from the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Report of October 28, 2004.

BOARD OF REGENTS' FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN, 2005-2009

On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Planning, Research and Performance Committee recommendation to adopt the Board of Regents' Five-year Strategic Plan, 2005-2009, as revised.

BOARD OF REGENTS' 2005-2006 OPERATIONAL PLAN

On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Planning, Research and Performance Committee recommendation to adopt the Board of Regents' 2005-2006 Operational Plan.

LICENSURE

On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research

and Performance Committee to renew the licenses of the following institutions:

- 1. Education America - Remington College**
- 2. Grantham University**
- 3. Herzing College**
- 4. ITT Technical Institute**

PROPOSED REVISION TO MASTER PLAN ISSUES DOCUMENT

On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to adopt the revisions of its Master Plan Issues Document as presented by the staff.

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION DRAFT RESOLUTION

On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to adopt the resolution requesting that Louisiana Economic Development include appropriate college and university personnel in its efforts to promote international trade and investment. The Commissioner of Higher Education is directed to forward the signed resolution to the Secretary of Louisiana Economic Development.

REPORT FROM THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

Dr. Clarke said that several updates had been mentioned: (1) the ACT Annual Board of Directors' meeting in Iowa City, Iowa; (2) the Northshore Postsecondary Education Steering Committee scheduled for November 4, 2004; (3) a presentation on TOPS will be given to the House Education Committee on November 16, 2004; and (4) the latest edition of *NEXT* magazine has an insert section *Acceler8* that will be used as a planning tool for 8th grade students.

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF OCTOBER 28, 2004

On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee Meeting Report of October 28, 2004, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER

Dr. Savoie reported on the following items:

- Thanks were extended to Dr. Randy Moffett and his staff for the hospitality shown to the Board of Regent and its staff;
- Regent Henry and the Commissioner attended the High School Redesign Commission meeting held on October 18, 2004;
- Regents and selected staff attended the Adult Learning Task Force meeting held on October 25, 2004;
- The Governor's Cabinet Retreat was held on October 26 and 27 to discuss collaboration with high schools to decrease drop-out rates and policy directives;
- He will participate in a public policy pre-conference session on "Impending Demographic Shifts and State Relations" sponsored by the Association for the Study of Higher Education (ASHE) in Kansas on November 3 and 4, 2004; and
- Next Committee and Board meetings along with a joint meeting with BESE will take place in Baton Rouge on December 8-9, 2004.

Regent Toups again congratulated Dr. Luckett and his wife Nancy on his approaching retirement. Mr. Toups noted that the joint meeting with the University of Louisiana System and Board of Regents will begin at 11:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.