MINUTES
BOARD OF REGENTS
DECEMBER 3, 2008

The Board of Regents met in session at 3:25 p.m. Wednesday, December 3, 2008, in the
Thomas Jefferson Room, Claiborne Building, 1201 North 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
Chair Pat Strong called the meeting to order. Executive Assistant Carolyn Blanchard called the
roll and a quorum was established.

Present for the meeting were:
Pat Strong, Chair
Artis Terrell, Jr., Vice Chair
Jamey Arnette
Scott Brame
Robert Bruno
Richard D’Aquin
Maurice Durbin
Donna Klein
Ingrid Labat
Victor Stelly
Harold Stokes
Roland Toups
Joseph Wiley

Absent for the meeting were:
Robert Levy, Secretary
W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr.
Mary Ellen Roy

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Strong noted that no written requests were received for public comments and asked
whether the audience had any comments at the time. There were none.

MINUTES APPROVED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 23, 2008

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board voted
unanimously to approve the minutes of October 23, 2008.
REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Before consideration of the agenda, Chair Strong entertained a motion to dispense with a reading of each Committee report but, rather, adopt the minutes and the reports and entertain the motions contained in each in globo.

On motion of Regent D’Aquin, seconded by Regent Bruno, the Board voted unanimously to dispense with a reading of each committee report and adopt the reports and approve the actions and motions contained in each report in globo.

ACTIONS APPROVED IN GLOBO

LEARNING CENTERS COMMITTEE

ADOPTION OF THE LEARNING CENTERS COMMITTEE REPORT OF DECEMBER 3, 2008

Adopt the Learning Centers Committee Report of December 3, 2008. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

LCRP FEE STRUCTURE AND RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the revised fee schedule as presented. In addition, the Board authorizes the Commissioner of Higher Education to approve and implement future fee schedules at LCRP as necessary.
PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE OF DECEMBER 3, 2008

Adopt the Planning, Research and Performance Committee of December 3, 2008. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

LICENSURE

Approve the request for license renewal from Vanderbilt University, located in Nashville, Tennessee.

PROPRIETARY SCHOOLS

Approve the following recommendations submitted by its Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission:

Initial licenses for (1) Academy of Therapeutic Massage, LLC (2) Horizon CNA Training School, LLC, and (3) Unitech Training Academy, Alexandria

Change of Ownership for Baton Rouge College

License renewals for the following proprietary schools (initial license date in parentheses):

Acadiana Area Career College (10/22/97)
American School of Business (09/27/01)
Ayers Career College (10/25/90)
Becker Professional Review--Baton Rouge (10/24/96)
Becker Professional Review--New Orleans (10/24/96)
Cardiovascular Technology Training, Inc. (09/27/07)
Career Technical College (09/28/06)
Career Technical College of Shreveport (09/28/06)
Coastal College--Baton Rouge (09/28/00)
Compass Career College (09/23/04)
Crosby Court Reporting Center (10/28/93)
Delta College, Inc. (10/26/95)
Delta College, Slidell Branch (09/23/04)
Diesel Driving Academy--Shreveport (06/21/73)
Eastern College of Health Vocations (10/28/99)
MedVance Institute of Baton Rouge (09/27/01)
Nursing Assistant Network Association (10/27/94)
Professional Institute of Court Reporting  (10/27/94)
S.I.H.A.F. Career Institute  (09/27/07)
Thomas Training & Development Center, Inc.  (10/26/95)
Training Academy for Dental Assistants  (08/23/04)
Unitech Training Academy, West Monroe  (09/23/04)
The World’s Only Tattoo School, LLC  (09/27/07).

Dr. Tremblay announced that Ms. Theresa Hay, Assistant Commissioner for Planning and Research, will be leaving the Board of Regents to become the Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. He said she had worked at the Regents since 2001 and wished her well in her new career.

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT OF DECEMBER 3, 2008

Adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of December 3, 2008.  (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

PROPOSED ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

LTC - Sullivan - A.A.S. in Care and Development of Young Children

Grant conditional approval for the Associate of Applied Science program in Care & Development of Young Children (CIP Code 190709) at the LTC-Sullivan campus, with implementation contingent upon hiring of a full-time faculty member to direct the program.

By December 1, 2009, a report shall be due to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs addressing the following:

1. Adequacy of faculty and other resources;
2. Numbers of students and graduates;
3. Placement of graduates; and
4. Status of NAEYC accreditation efforts.

Northwestern State University - M.S. in Radiologic Sciences
Grant conditional approval for the proposed new Master of Science in Radiologic Sciences (CIP Code 51.0911) program at Northwestern State University, beginning Fall 2009. By September 1, 2009, the University shall submit a progress report to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs addressing the following:

1. Progress toward hiring additional doctorally prepared faculty;
2. A course rotation schedule of offerings for subsequent three years with faculty assignments, indicating incorporation of interdisciplinary faculty, in accordance with the recommendations of the External Review Committee;
3. Evidence of recruiting of under-represented minorities into the program.

Depending upon the content of this report, additional reporting may be deemed necessary.

PROPOSED LETTERS OF INTENT

University of New Orleans - Ph.D. in Medicinal Chemistry

Grant conditional approval for the proposed Letter of Intent for the projected Ph.D. in Medicinal Chemistry Program (CIP Code 51.2004) at the University of New Orleans. Any forthcoming proposal as a result of this Letter of Intent shall address possible duplication and funding concerns as expressed in the staff summary.

Northwestern State University - Master of Social Work

Grant conditional approval for the proposed Letter of Intent for the projected Master of Social Work Program (CIP Code 44.0701) at Northwestern State University’s Leesville campus. Any forthcoming proposal as a result of this Letter of Intent shall address possible need/duplication and funding concerns as expressed in the staff summary.
REAUTHORIZATIONS OF PREVIOUSLY APPROVED UNITS

*Louisiana State University in Shreveport - International Lincoln Center for American Studies*

Grant continued full approval for the International Lincoln Center for American Studies at Louisiana State University-Shreveport through December 31, 2013. Prior to that date, the University shall submit a request for reauthorization of center status. Should such a request not be received by the aforementioned date, the Board of Regents shall re-examine the need for this unit.

By December 1, 2010, the University shall submit a progress report to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs detailing funding secured to-date to afford Center operations through the remaining period of its term of approval.

*University of Louisiana at Lafayette - National Incident Management Systems and Advanced Technologies Institute (NIMSAT)*

Grant full, five-year approval for the National Incident Management Systems and Advanced Technologies Institute (NIMSAT) at the University of Louisiana-Lafayette through December 31, 2013. Before that date, the University shall submit a request for reauthorization of institute status. Should such a request not be received, the Board of Regents shall re-examine the need for this institute.

By December 1, 2009, the University shall submit an interim financial progress report to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs documenting current and future sources of funding to support continued Institute operations.

PROGRESS REPORTS ON CONDITIONALLY APPROVED PROGRAM/RESEARCH UNIT

*Louisiana State University in Shreveport - M.S. in Counseling Psychology*

Receive the October 2008 Progress Report from Louisiana State University in Shreveport and Louisiana Tech University relative to possible collaboration between related graduate programs in Counseling Psychology. Given that all stipulations associated with initial, conditional approval of the M.S. program in Counseling Psychology at LSUS have been fulfilled, no further progress reports are necessary. As such, the staff further recommends that full program approval be granted at this time.
Southeastern Louisiana University - Center for Nursing Research and Education

Receive the November 2008 progress report from Southeastern Louisiana University relative to implementation of the Center for Nursing Research in Education and Practice. Per previous action, the University shall submit to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs a request for full approval no later than November 1, 2009. Should such request not be received by the aforementioned date, the Board of Regents shall re-examine the continuing need for this unit.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

ADOPTION OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT OF DECEMBER 3, 2008

Adopt the Nominating Committee Report of December 3, 2008. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

NOMINATION OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2009

Accept the following nomination of Board officers for 2009:

Chair: Regent Artis L. Terrell, Jr.
Vice Chairman: Regent Robert W. Levy
Secretary: Regent Mary Ellen Roy

NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2009

Accept the nomination of the Executive Committee as follows for 2009:

Chair Artis L. Terrell, Jr. Regent W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr.
Vice Chair Robert W. Levy Regent Harold M. Stokes
Secretary Mary Ellen Roy Regent Pat A. Strong
Regent Donna G. Klein

NOMINATION OF MEMBER(S) TO SERVE ON THE LOUISIANA STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE COMMISSION (LASFAC) FOR 2009

Accept the nominations of Joseph C. Wiley, member of the Board of Regents, and Larry Tremblay, Acting Deputy Commissioner for
Academic and Student Affairs of the Board of Regents, to serve as the Regents’ representatives on the Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission (LASFAC) for 2009.

NOMINATION OF MEMBER(S) TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF REGENTS’ PROPRIETARY SCHOOLS ADVISORY COMMISSION FOR 2009

Accept the nomination of Richard E. D’Aquin, member of the Board of Regents, to serve as the representative on the Board of Regents’ Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission for 2009.

Chair Strong congratulated the new slate of officers for 2009 and reminded them of the installation of officers at the January 8th meeting. He also spoke of the recent hazing incident at Southern University and A&M College. Mr. Strong emphasized the need for management boards to review hazing policies with the students to prevent further problems.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Dr. Clausen stated that an email was sent to system presidents regarding cost-containment. She said each system head was being asked to begin a self-assessment of all campus operations and to identify core functions that must be maintained at stringent levels to ensure necessary operations. Dr. Clausen also requested the system presidents to identify state funding for all non-academic units that do not serve essential functions and to review all programs for productivity and phase out those with low completers or that are unnecessarily duplicative. She stated that as an immediate contribution to reducing the budget deficit, system heads have agreed to absorb an approximate $10 million shortfall in vital programs—Dual Enrollment and Go Grant—for the spring.
She briefly discussed the Governor’s order for a hiring and travel freeze due to an expected $1.3 billion shortfall in the state budget. She said the executive order allows the management boards and campuses to determine which areas of hiring should be frozen. Dr. Clausen mentioned that our office is evaluating all of our out-of-state travel in order to reduce costs where possible.

Commissioner Clausen announced that the 2008 national report card entitled “Measuring Up” was released and measured six areas of achievement: (1) preparation of students for college, (2) participation in college, (3) affordability, (4) completion, (5) benefits to the state’s economy and (6) learning. She said that all states but one received a failing grade in affordability. Dr. Clausen reminded everyone that we are making progress but we have a lot of work to do in both higher education and in our work with elementary and secondary education.

Commissioner Clausen congratulated Regent Donna Klein for receiving the Robert S. Daniels Alumni Service Award for her outstanding volunteer efforts for the organization from the Alumni Association. She said Regent Klein’s husband, Russell, was honored with a plaque for 23 years of service to the LSU Health Sciences Center. She also congratulated Regent Harold Stokes for becoming a full-time faculty member at the LSUHSCNO as Professor of Clinical Surgery and Chief of Hand Surgery. She mentioned a possible Board Development in January 2009.

Dr. Clausen listed the activities she has attended since our last Board meeting in October including Dr. E. Joseph Savoie’s investiture activities as President of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and the Economic Development Committee of 100
meeting. She also stated that she presented the Endowed Professor and Chair Checks to UNO, LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans, Delgado and Nunez Community Colleges, Xavier, Loyola, Tulane and Tulane Health Sciences Center. Dr. Clausen said she also attended a Blue Ribbon Commission meeting, and a Press Conference to announce a LCTCS online initiative.

Regent Bruno noted that he and Dr. Clausen attended a reception held for the newly appointed chancellor of Southern University and A&M College, Dr. Kofi Lomotey.

Regent Wiley informed the Board that arrangements to tour LUMCON has been planned for December 12th and invited everyone to attend if their schedules permitted.

ADJOURNMENT

Regent Strong stated there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.