

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

DECEMBER 6, 2007

The Board of Regents met in session at 10:45 a.m. Thursday, December 6, 2007, in the Thomas Jefferson Room, Claiborne Building, 1201 North 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Chair Pat Strong 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:

Scott Brame
Robert Bruno
Richard D'Aquin
Donna Klein
James Klock
Ingrid Labat
Mary Ellen Roy
William Smith
Victor Stelly
Harold Stokes
Pat Strong
Roland Toups

Absent for the meeting were:

Maurice C. Durbin
Robert Levy
W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr.
Artis Terrell, Jr.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

MINUTES APPROVED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 25, 2007

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board voted

unanimously to approve the minutes of October 25, 2007.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT

On behalf of Regent Toups, Chair of the Technology Committee, Dr. Larry Tremblay, Acting Deputy Commissioner for Academic and Student Affairs, presented the Technology Committee Report of December 5, 2007.

POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION CAMPUS PHYSICAL SECURITY INITIATIVE

Dr. Tremblay noted that the goals of the Postsecondary Education Campus Physical Security Initiative were presented.

ADOPTION OF THE TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT OF DECEMBER 5, 2007

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Technology Committee Report of December 5, 2007. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT

On behalf of Regent Labat, Vice Chair of the Facilities and Property Committee, Mr. Rich Griswold, Associate Commissioner for Facilities, presented motions from the Facilities and Property Committee Report of December 5, 2007.

SMALL CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

On motion of Regent Labat, seconded by Regent Stelly, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the Small Capital Projects Report as listed.

Weed Control Lab - Rice Research Station (Rayne, Louisiana)**Louisiana State University Agricultural Center****\$200,000 from State Funds****Thomas Boyd Hall Accounts Payable Section Renovation****Louisiana State University and A&M College****\$235,000 from Self-Generated Funds (grants and contracts overhead)****School of Veterinary Medicine Pathobiology Lab****Louisiana State University and A&M College****\$349,000 from State Funds**ACT 959 PROJECT

On motion of Regent Labat, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the construction of an Information Technology Center at Southern University in New Orleans under the provisions of Act 959 of 2003. The project involves the construction of approximately 10,000 GSF of space at a cost estimated at \$3,000,000 utilizing funds from a federal grant and from restricted operating budget funds.

PROJECT UTILIZING ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF FINANCING

On motion of Regent Labat, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to endorse the concept and continuation of development for the construction of a new campus for Louisiana Delta Community College, as outlined.

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT OF DECEMBER 5, 2007

On motion of Regent Labat, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Report of December 5, 2007. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Roy, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, Mr. Gerald Killebrew, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, presented motions from the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of December 5, 2007.

PROPOSED LETTERS OF INTENT

Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-Shreveport/Louisiana Tech University/Louisiana State University-Shreveport - Collaborative Ph.D. Program in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to conditionally approve the proposed Letter of Intent for the projected Collaborative Ph.D. program in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology (CIP Code 26.1103) at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-Shreveport, Louisiana Tech University, and Louisiana State University-Shreveport, with the following stipulations:

- a. **In the program proposal, Louisiana State University-Shreveport shall provide compelling evidence as to why it is critical and essential that the institution should participate in this program as a Ph.D. degree-granting member. External consultants engaged by the Board of Regents to assess the prospective quality and need of the proposed program shall also be charged with recommending the level and extent of program participation by LSU-S.**
- b. **If and when the Board of Regents decides to allow LSU-S's participation as a Ph.D. degree-granting institution within this collaborative, this authorization shall apply to this particular degree arrangement only. It will remain for the Board of Regents to decide later whether or not to expand the role, scope, and mission of Louisiana State University-Shreveport to allow for future doctoral program development.**
- c. **The Board of Regents shall immediately engage the services of expert consultants to determine the extent and nature of all unmet postsecondary education needs in the Shreveport/Bossier City area. These consultants shall make recommendations to the Regents concerning the most effective and efficient methods to address such needs. These consultants shall utilize the work already completed by Economic Innovation International, Inc., Eva Klein and Associates, and other relevant studies in their deliberations. These recommendations**

shall be due by May 1, 2008.

- d. Within thirty days, the Commissioner of Higher Education shall convene a meeting between himself, the President of the LSU System, and the President of the UL System to discuss overarching considerations which have guided and will guide the development and assessment of the proposed collaborative. The Commissioner shall report the contents of these discussions at the January, 2008 meetings of the Board of Regents.**

Louisiana State University-Shreveport - M.S. in Environmental Biology

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to approve the proposed Letter of Intent for the projected M.S. program in Environmental Biology (CIP Code 26.1305) at Louisiana State University-Shreveport.

Louisiana State University and A&M College - M.S. and Ph.D. in Coastal and Ecological Engineering

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to approve the proposed Letter of Intent for the projected M.S. and Ph.D. programs in Coastal and Ecological Engineering (CIP Code 14.2401) at Louisiana State University and A&M College.

Louisiana Tech University - Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Information Assurance

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to approve the proposed Letter of Intent for the projected post-baccalaureate Certificate program in Information Assurance (CIP Code 52.1201) at Louisiana Tech University.

PROPOSED ACADEMIC PROGRAMS*Louisiana Tech University - Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Information Assurance*

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to conditionally approve the proposed post-baccalaureate Certificate program in Information Assurance (CIP Code 52.1201) at Louisiana Tech University, effective immediately. The University shall update the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs on its progress toward filling vacant faculty positions and achieving CASS course certification by May 1, 2008.

Louisiana State University and A&M College - B.S. in Coastal Environmental Science

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to approve the proposed Bachelor of Science in Coastal Environmental Science (CIP Code 40.0607) at Louisiana State University and A&M College, effective immediately.

PROPOSED ACADEMIC/RESEARCH UNITS*Louisiana Tech University - Center for Information Assurance*

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to conditionally approve the proposed Center for Information Assurance at Louisiana Tech University for a period of one year, effective immediately. As required by Board of Regents' Academic Affairs Guidelines: Proposed New Centers, Institutes, and Other Academic/Research Units, Louisiana Tech shall submit to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs a proposal for full approval of this Center by December 1, 2008. This proposal should provide more explicit details regarding Center operations and include future budgets that will meet Regents' expectations for predominantly external support. If this proposal is not forthcoming by this date, the Board of Regents shall re-examine the need for the Center.

Northwestern State University - Department of Criminal Justice

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to approve the proposed new Department of Criminal

Justice in the College of Liberal Arts at Northwestern State University. Criminal Justice programs and research activities shall be administered from this new department.

PROGRESS REPORTS ON CONDITIONALLY APPROVED PROGRAMS/UNITS

Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-New Orleans

Doctor of Audiology

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the AY 2006-2007 Progress Report Relative to Implementation of the Doctor of Audiology Program at the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans. Progress reports addressing the successful recruitment of additional full-time faculty as required by previous Regents' action shall be due to the Associate Commissioner of Academic Affairs beginning June 1, 2008 and every six months thereafter as necessary.

Inflammatory Bowel Disease Center

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to terminate the Inflammatory Bowel Disease Center at the LSU Health Sciences Center-New Orleans, effective immediately.

Louisiana Tech University - Professional Development and Research Institute on Blindness

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the October 1, 2007, Progress Report from Louisiana Tech University Relative to Operations of the Professional Development and Research Institute on Blindness (PDRIB). Given funding at hand, Institute approval is hereby extended to December 31, 2009. Should the University wish to maintain the Institute thereafter, a full proposal will be required at and/or before the aforementioned date.

Baton Rouge Community College - A.S. in Business

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the AY 2006-2007 Progress Report Relative to Implementation of the Associate of Science in Business at Baton Rouge Community College. Two subsequent progress reports to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs shall be required:

- 1. By May 1, 2008 , the College shall report the status of an articulation agreement between this program and appropriate baccalaureate programs in Business at Southern University-Baton Rouge. Appended to this report should be copies of all completed articulation agreements with SU-BR and other proximate four-year universities; and**
- 2. By December 1, 2008, the College shall report the program's progress toward ACBSP accreditation.**

Southern University-Baton Rouge - Master of Engineering

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the November 1, 2007, progress report relative to the implementation of the Master of Engineering program at Southern University and A&M College.

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

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the latest Progress Report from LTC-Ascension Relative to Completer Productivity in Its A.A.S. Program in Process Technology. By December 1, 2008, the College shall submit to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs a subsequent progress report addressing this same issue.

**ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT OF
DECEMBER 5, 2007**

**On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Klock, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of December 5, 2007. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)
PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

On behalf of Regent Stokes, Chair of the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee, Dr. Tremblay presented motions from the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee Report of December 5, 2007.

LICENSURE

On motion of Regent Stokes, 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 institutions:

- 1. Central Michigan University**
- 2. University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences**
- 3. The University of Phoenix**

PROPRIETARY SCHOOLS

On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve an initial operating license for J. C. Training Center, located in New Orleans, Louisiana.

On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve an initial operating license for ProScribe Voice Reporting Institute, located in Sulphur, Louisiana.

On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Klein, 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):

- Acadiana Area Career College (10/22/97)**
- American School of Business (09/27/01)**
- Ayers Institute, Inc. (10/25/90)**
- Becker Professional Review--Baton Rouge (10/24/96)**
- Becker Professional Review--New Orleans (10/24/96)**
- 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)
South Louisiana Institute of Massage, L.L.C. (10/28/99)
Thomas Training & Development Center, Inc. (10/26/95)
Training Academy for Dental Assistants (08/23/04)
Unitech Training Academy, West Monroe (09/23/04)

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE
REPORT OF DECEMBER 5, 2007

On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee Report of December 5, 2007. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Smith, Chair of the Nominating Committee, Mr. Donald Vandal, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, presented motions from the Nominating Committee Report of December 5, 2007.

NOMINATION OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2008

On motion of Regent Smith, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee to accept the following nomination of officers for 2008:

Chair: Regent Pat Strong
Vice Chairman: Regent Artis Terrell, Jr.
Secretary: Regent Robert Levy

NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2008

On motion of Regent Smith, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee to accept the nomination of the Executive Committee as follows for 2008:

**Chair Pat Strong
Vice Chair Artis Terrell, Jr.
Secretary Robert Levy
Regent Scott Brame**

**Regent W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr.
Regent Mary Ellen Roy
Regent Harold Stokes**

NOMINATION OF MEMBER(S) TO SERVE ON THE LOUISIANA STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE COMMISSION (LASFAC) FOR 2008

On motion of Regent Smith, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee to accept the nominations of Mr. Pat Strong, Chair of the Board, and Ms. Theresa Hay, Assistant Commissioner for Planning and Research of the Board of Regents, to serve as the Regents' representatives on the Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission (LASFAC) for 2008.

NOMINATION OF MEMBER(S) TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF REGENTS' PROPRIETARY SCHOOLS ADVISORY COMMISSION FOR 2008

On motion of Regent Smith, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee unanimously to accept the nomination of Mr. Richard D'Aquin to serve as the representative on the Board of Regents' Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission for 2008.

ADOPTION OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT OF DECEMBER 5, 2007

On motion of Regent Smith, seconded by Regent Labat, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Nominating Committee Report of December 5, 2007. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Savoie reported on the following items:

- LSU-Shreveport announced a new scholarship – the John and Cheryl Good Endowed Scholarship for First Generation College Students under the BoRSF First-Generation Endowed Undergraduate Scholarship Program.
- Spoke at the College Convention 2008 in New Hampshire on November 28.
- Spoke at the Jindal's Transition Council meeting on higher education on November 30. Regents Toups and Rasberry will serve on the Higher Education Advisory Council for Governor-Elect Bobby Jindal.
- Installation of officers will be January 10, 2008.
- The next Committee and Board meetings will be January 23-24, 2008.

Ms. Connie Koury, General Counsel, noted that 20 student government association presidents attended the College Convention 2008. She said that Louisiana had the largest delegation in attendance. Ms. Koury read an email from Mr. Wayne Lesperance, organizer for College Convention 2008, regarding Louisiana's positive impact on the convention. Regent Klock commended Ms. Koury and Mr. Harold Boutte, Assistant Commissioner, for all their time and efforts in accompanying the student representatives to the College Convention.

Regent Strong thanked Board members for their trust and confidence in appointing him along with Regents Terrell and Levy for upcoming service as Board officers in 2008.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Brame, there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.