MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

December 5, 2002

The Board of Regents met in regular session at 9:25 a.m., Thursday, December 5, 2002, in the Louisiana Purchase Room of the Claiborne Building, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Richard D’Aquin called the meeting to order. Coordinator of Board Services, Ms. Helen Johnson, called the roll and a quorum was established.

Present for the meeting were:

Richard D’Aquin, Chair
Billy Blake
Scott Brame
Robert Levy
William Oliver
Ron Roberts, Vice Chair
Clifford Smith
Pat Strong
Artis Terrell, Jr.
Roland Toups, Secretary
Steven Sumbler, Student Member

Absent:
Reggie Dupré
Frances Henry
Virgil Robinson, Jr.
Norbert Simmons

Chairman D’Aquin recognized Dr. William Jenkins, President, LSU System. Dr. Jenkins introduced Dr. John Rock, recently named Chancellor of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans.
AMENDED AGENDA

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to amend the agenda to include a capital outlay request from the University of Louisiana at Monroe.

LSU/TULANE CANCER RESEARCH CONSORTIUM PRESENTATION

Dr. Mary Ella Sanders and Dr. Paul Whelton made a presentation to the Board regarding the Louisiana Cancer Research Consortium between the LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans and the Tulane Health Sciences Center. The primary function of the Louisiana Cancer Research Consortium is to conduct research and to promote education in the diagnosis, detection, and treatment of cancer. The consortium is in pursuit of obtaining National Cancer Institute designation for the two health sciences centers in New Orleans. Dr. Oliver Sartor and Dr. Roy Weiner also addressed the Board regarding the External Advisory Board of the Consortium.

MINUTES APPROVED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 24, 2002

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Blake, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of October 24, 2002, as circulated.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 4, 2002

On behalf of Regent Roberts, Vice-chair of the Technology Committee, Mr. Gerard
Killebrew, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, presented motions from the Technology Committee Report of December 4, 2002.

DISTANCE EDUCATION INITIATIVE GRANTS PROGRAM

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Technology Committee to approve the consultant’s recommendation to fund twelve (12) grant projects through the Distance Education Initiative Grants Program.

ADOPTION OF THE TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 4, 2002

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Technology Committee Meeting Report of December 4, 2002, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 4, 2002

On behalf of Regent Brame, Vice-chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Mr. Gerard Killebrew presented motions from the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Report of December 4, 2002.

PROPOSED ACADEMIC PROGRAM - SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA UNIVERSITY - B.S. IN HEALTH EDUCATION AND PROMOTION

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the proposed B.S. program in Health Education and Promotion (CIP Code 51.2207) at Southeastern Louisiana University, effective
immediately.

PROPOSED LETTER OF INTENT - MCNEESE STATE UNIVERSITY - BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES

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 grant approval for the Letter of Intent from McNeese State University for the projected Bachelor of General Studies Programs (CIP Code 24.0102).

PROPOSED ACADEMIC/RESEARCH CENTERS - UNIVERSITY OF NEW ORLEANS

A. Merritt C. Becker Intermodal Transportation Policy and Implementation Center

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the proposed Merritt C. Becker Intermodal and Transportation Policy and Implementation Center at the University of New Orleans, effective immediately and through June 30, 2005.

B. Robert E. Nims Center for Entertainment Arts, Amusements, and Multi-Media Technology

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the proposed Robert E. Nims Center for Entertainment, Arts, and Multimedia Technology at the University of New Orleans, effective immediately and through June 30, 2007.

C. National Center for Advanced Manufacturing

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 grant approval for the proposed National Center for Advanced Manufacturing at the University of New Orleans, effective immediately and through June 30, 2006.

PROPOSED NEW ACADEMIC AFFAIRS POLICY 2.17 - STAFF APPROVAL OF ROUTINE
ACADEMIC REQUESTS

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 approval for the proposed new Academic Affairs Policy 2.17 - Staff Approval of Routine Academic Requests, effective immediately. (See Appendix II of the Committee Report.)

PROPOSED EXTENSIONS OF SELECT ACADEMIC AFFAIRS POLICY DEADLINES

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 authorize extensions to deadlines established in Academic Affairs Policies 2.13 - Program Accreditation and 2.15 - Definitions of Undergraduate Certificate and Degrees, as indicated in the staff summary.

TEACHER EDUCATION INITIATIVES

Revised Board of Regents Guidelines for Classroom Teachers Enrollment Program (CTEP)

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 approval for Revised Board of Regents’ Guidelines for the Louisiana Classroom Teacher Enrollment Program (CTEP), as amended. (See Appendix III of the Committee Report.) The Associate Commissioner for Teacher Education Initiatives is hereby authorized to appoint and chair a CTEP study group to consider issues discussed above. This study group shall include appropriate representation from all affected parties and meet as directed by the Associate Commissioner. The final report of this study group shall be presented to the Board of Regents in time to consider the submittal of any new/additional legislation (if needed) during the 2003-2004 Legislative Session.

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 4, 2002

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Report of December 4, 2002, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of
FINANCE COMMITTEE

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 4, 2002


DISTRIBUTION OF ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT FUNDS

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the Distribution of the Enrollment Management Funds in the amount of $1,325,000 as presented. (See Appendix B of the Committee Report.)

DISTRIBUTION OF GOVERNOR’S INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - CAPITAL FUNDS

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the Distribution of Information Technology Capital Funds in the amount of $5 million as presented by staff. (See Appendix C of the Committee Report.)

ADOPTION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 4, 2002

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Blake, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Finance Committee Meeting Report of December 4, 2002, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 4, 2002

On behalf of Regent Roberts, Vice-chair of the Facilities and Property Committee, Mr.

SMALL CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

**Louisiana State University A&M**

LSU Union  
Fire Alarm System Replacement  
$276,000 Auxiliary Funds

LSU Union  
Royal Cotillion Ballroom Renovations  
$340,000 Auxiliary Funds

Fire and Emergency Training Institute (FETI) Training Pavilion  
$141,350 Auxiliary Funds

LSU Computing Services Center  
Attic Floor Space Expansion, Phase 1  
$320,000

Women’s Softball Park Press Box  
$175,000 Auxiliary Funds

Assembly Center ADA Accessible Multi-Use Space  
$340,000 Restricted Interest Earnings

Edward J. Gay Apartments Installation of Piping System, Phase 1  
$180,000 Auxiliary Funds

**LSU Health Sciences Center - Shreveport**

Obstetrics Renovation 4G  
$341,600 Restricted Self-Generated Funds

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Smith, 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.

REQUEST FROM BOSSIER PARISH COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO INCREASE BOND AUTHORIZATION FROM $45 MILLION TO $55 MILLION

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Smith, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to increase the bond authorization from $45 million to $55 million for the development of the Bossier Parish Community College, provided that before the $2.5 million allocated for contingency items is expended, further approval of the Board of Regents is required.

OTHER BUSINESS

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the use of Act 971 funds for Grambling State University in the amount of $111,048.

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to approve the University of Louisiana at Monroe’s request to demolish and remove the Nicholson Hall & Olin Hall dormitories contingent upon ratification by the University of Louisiana System Board.

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 4, 2002

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Meeting Report of December 4, 2002, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

SPONSORED PROGRAMS

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 4, 2002

On behalf of Regent Roberts, Chair of the Sponsored Programs Committee, Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, presented motions from the

CLARIFICATION OF POLICIES REGARDING PROFESSORSHIPS AND EMINENT SCHOLAR CHAIRS AWARDED THROUGH THE BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT FUND

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to adopt the following: Endowments for professorships and eminent scholar chairs established through the Board of Regents Support Fund are considered to be permanent in nature. Effective immediately, and applying to all applications submitted for the first time during FY 2002-03: (1) Said endowments may be dissolved only under unforeseen and unusual circumstances, and then only with prior approval of the Board of Regents; (2) The Regents shall not allow the dissolution of endowments in any case in which approval would result in a modification of the public:private ratio in a manner less favorable to the State; (3) The inverse ratio provisions for Board of Regents Support Fund professorships and eminent scholar chairs apply only toward money raised subsequent to the adoption of the affected policies, i.e., December 7, 2000 and January 25, 2001, respectively; and (4) The Regents shall not allow the combination of money raised before the dates referenced above with money raised after those dates in any case in which approval would result in a modification of the public:private ratio in a manner less favorable to the State.

REQUEST FROM XAVIER UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE BOARD OF REGENTS EPSCoR COMMITTEE

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Smith, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve Xavier University’s request to become a member of the EPSCoR Committee.

NOMINATION FROM LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY-BATON ROUGE TO REPLACE DR. GEORGE STRAIN WITH DR. DORIS CARVER ON THE BOARD OF REGENTS EPSCoR COMMITTEE

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve Dr. Doris Carver, Associate Vice Chancellor, Office of Research and Graduate Studies at Louisiana State University-Baton Rouge, as a member of the
EPSCoR Committee.

DISCUSSION OF PLANS FOR INTERIM EPSCoR LEADERSHIP

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the following interim arrangements for the organization and leadership of EPSCoR: (1) Dr. Gene D’Amour, Senior Vice President for Resource Development, Xavier University, to remain as EPSCoR Committee Chair, and Dr. Doris Carver, Associate Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Studies, LSU, to serve as Vice Chair of the Committee; (2) Mr. Jim Gershey, Executive Director of Special Programs and NSF EPSCoR Project Administrator, will provide day-to-day staff leadership; and (3) Ms. Denise Williams, Director of Database and Related Activities, will interact with Drs. D’Amour and Carver in drafting the request for proposals (RFP) for the next round of EPSCoR competition.

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 4, 2002

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Meeting Report of December 4, 2002, 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 DECEMBER 4, 2002

On behalf of Regent Strong, Chair of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee, Dr. Jimmy Clarke, Deputy Commissioner for Planning, Research and Performance, presented motions from the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Report of December 4, 2002.

LICENSURE

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and
Performance Committee to grant an initial conditional license to Ashington University with the following stipulations:

1. Ashington University will notify the Distance Education and Training Council (DETC) by December 15, 2002 of its intention to seek and gain DETC accreditation;
2. Ashington University will submit a progress report each six months to the Board of Regents outlining its progress in seeking DETC accreditation, including any and all correspondence between DETC and the university. The first report is due July 1, 2003;
3. The Board of Regents’ staff will conduct an onsite visit to Ashington University, assessing its progress and the contents of its progress report. The staff will report its findings to the Board of Regents in August/September, 2003.
4. Ashington University will submit correspondence and appropriate documentation regarding attendance at DETC meetings/workshops.

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to grant an initial license to Baton Rouge College. The institution will notify the Board of Regents of the Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and Training’s (ACCET) action regarding the new associate of applied science degree program in paralegal studies no later than March 30, 2003.

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to renew the license of Southern Arkansas University.

PROPRIETARY SCHOOLS

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve an initial operating license for American Commercial College, located in Shreveport, Louisiana.

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve an initial operating license for High-Tech Institute, located in Orlando, Florida.
On motion of Regent Strong, 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 Infinity Hypnosis Institute, located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve an initial operating license for Metropolitan Community College, located in Metairie, Louisiana.

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve an initial operating license for NASCAR Technical Institute, located in Mooresville, North Carolina.

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to renew the licenses of the following proprietary schools:
Acadiana Area Career College
Ayers Institute, Inc.
Becker Conviser Professional Review--Baton Rouge
Becker Conviser Professional Review--New Orleans
Crosby Court Reporting Centre
Delta College, Inc.
Eastern College of Health Vocations
Education America--Southeast College of Technology
H & R Block, Inc. (24 Locations)
Alexandria
Baker
Baton Rouge (3)
Bossier City (2)
Chalmette
Hammond
Houma
Lafayette (2)
Lake Charles
Leesville
Metairie (2)
Monroe (2)
New Orleans (3)
Rayne
Shreveport
Terrytown

Massage Therapy College of Baton Rouge
National Driving Academy, Inc.
New Orleans Career Development Center, Inc.
Nursing Assistant Network Association
On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Oliver, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee to approve the Executive Committee as follows:

Regent William T. “Ron” Roberts, Jr., Chair
Regent Roland Toups, Vice Chair
Regent Frances Henry, Secretary
Regent Richard D’Aquin, Immediate Past Chair
NOMINATION OF THE LOUISIANA STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE COMMISSION (LASFAC) FOR 2003

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Smith, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee to approve Regent Frances Henry and Regent Pat Strong to serve as the Regents’ representatives on the Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission (LASFAC).

ADOPTION OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 4, 2002

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Nominating Committee Meeting Report of December 4, 2002, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

Chair D’Aquin asked for personal privilege to reflect on the considerable progress that has been made in Louisiana higher education over the past year. He cited the following:

- Louisiana’s Master Plan for Public Postsecondary Education
- EPAS
- Noel-Levitz Enrollment Management Project
- Blue Ribbon Commission
- Literacy Reform
- GEAR UP
- LEQSF
- Distance Education

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER

Commissioner E. Joseph Savoie thanked Chairman D’Aquin for his leadership during the past two years. He then referred Board members to a handout entitled “The Workforce Gap.” He then reminded them of the “Sunset Hearing” being held December 11 and of the next Board meeting scheduled
for January 9.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair D’Aquín declared the meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.