The Board of Regents met in regular session at 9:12 a.m., Thursday, December 7, 2000, in the Board of Regents’ Auditorium, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Vice Chair Richard D’Aquinn 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:

Herschel Abbott
Richard D’Aquinn, Vice Chair
Michael Dees
Reggie Dupré
Frances Henry
Ron Roberts, Secretary
Pat Strong
Virgil Robinson, Jr.
Sherman Ruth, Student Member

Absent:

Mary Ella Sanders, Chair
Scott Brame
John Georges
Melvin Rambin
Norbert Simmons
Roland Toups

Vice Chair D’Aquinn recognized Dr. Wayne Brown, President of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS). Dr. Brown introduced Dr. Walter Bumphus, new chancellor of Baton Rouge Community College, who then addressed the Board.

MINUTES APPROVED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 26, 2000
On motion of Regent Abbott, seconded by Regent Dees, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of October 26, 2000, as circulated.

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 6, 2000

On behalf of Regent Henry, 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 Meeting Report of December 6, 2000.

PROPOSED ACADEMIC PROGRAM - LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AT SHREVEPORT - M.S. IN COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Abbott, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the proposed M.S. program in Counseling Psychology (CIP Code 42.0601) at Louisiana State University-Shreveport, Fall, 2001, subject to the following stipulations:

a. By May 1, 2001, the University shall submit a progress report to the Commissioner of Higher Education updating efforts of LSU-S to hire three additional Counseling Psychology faculty, affect a coordinated student practica assignment process with Louisiana Tech University, and institute an aggressive minority student recruitment/retention plan.

b. By May 1, 2002, the University shall submit a progress report to the Commissioner of Higher Education further updating efforts of LSU-S to accomplish items addressed in the previous progress report as necessary. In addition, the University will provide resolutions for any outstanding curricular issues.

In accordance with Academic Affairs Policy 2.13 - Professional Program Accreditation, no professional accreditation is mandated for this program.

PROPOSED CURRICULAR AND ADMINISTRATIVE REVISIONS

A. University of Louisiana at Lafayette
On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the request from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette to terminate the Associate in General Studies program (CIP 24.0102), effective the end of Spring semester, 2001.

B. Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the request from the Louisiana State University Health Science Center to:

1. Change the Name of the Department of Biometry and Genetics to the Department of Genetics; and

2. Move Biometry from the Department of Genetics to the Department of Public Health and Preventive Medicine.

These changes shall become effective immediately.

C. McNeese State University

1. Request to Terminate the A.S. Programs in Drafting/Design Technology, Office Administration, and Word Processing

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the request from McNeese State University to terminate its A.S. programs in Drafting/Design Technology (CIP Code 48.0101), Office Administration (CIP Code 52.0401), and Word Processing (CIP Code 52.0401), effective immediately.

2. Request to Combine Separate A.S. Programs in Process Technology, Electronics Technology, and Instrumentation Technology into a Single A.S. Program in Engineering Technology with Concentrations

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the request from McNeese State University to:

1. Consolidate existing A.S. programs in Process Plant Technology, Electronics Technology, and Instrumentation Technology into a single A.S. in Engineering Technology
program (CIP Code 15.9999) with concentrations in each subject area.; and

2. Terminate the A.S. programs in Process Plant Technology (CIP Code 15.9999), Electrical Technology (CIP Code 15.0303), and Instrumentation Technology (CIP Code 15.0404), effective immediately.

In accordance with Academic Affairs Policy 2.13 - Professional Program Accreditation, the University shall obtain accreditation from the Accrediting Board of Engineering and Technology for the A.S. program in Engineering Technology by December 15, 2003.

D. Louisiana State University - Request to Restructure and Rename Departments Within the School of Veterinary Medicine

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the request from Louisiana State University to restructure and rename departments within the School of Veterinary Medicine. The new departmental structure shall be as follows:

Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences
Department of Pathobiological Sciences
Department of Comparative Biomedical Sciences

These changes shall become effective immediately.

REQUEST TO OFFER AN EXISTING ACADEMIC PROGRAM THROUGH DISTANCE LEARNING TECHNOLOGIES - SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA UNIVERSITY- ASSOCIATE OF GENERAL STUDIES

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to authorize Southeastern Louisiana University to seek authorization from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to offer the existing Associate in General Studies program through distance learning technologies.

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 6, 2000

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Abbott, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting
Report of December 6, 2000, 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 6, 2000

On behalf of Regent Robinson, Chair of the Facilities and Property Committee, Mr. Marvin Roubique, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Facilities and Property, presented motions from the Facilities and Property Committee Report of December 6, 2000.

SMALL CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

On motion of Regent Robinson, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to accept the Small Capital Projects Report as presented by staff.

ACT 971 PROJECTS SUPPLEMENT

On motion of Regent Robinson, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the Act 971 projects for Louisiana State University at Eunice and Northwestern State University as presented by staff.

PROJECTS UTILIZING ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF FINANCING

On motion of Regent Robinson, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the Elevated Walkway and Utility Support System project at the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans using alternative means of financing.

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 6, 2000

On motion of Regent Robinson, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Meeting Report of December 6, 2000, 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 6, 2000

On behalf of Regent Dees, 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 6, 2000. Dr. Clarke reported that

On motion of Regent Abbott, seconded by Regent Strong, the Planning Research and Performance Committee amended its agenda to include an item regarding the University Center for Rapides Parish.

BOARD OF REGENTS’ 2000-01 BUSINESS ARTICULATION MATRIX

On motion of Regent Dees, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to adopt the Board of Regents’ 2000-01 Business Concentration Articulation Matrix and Student Transfer Guide as a final draft. The Board authorizes the Commissioner of Higher Education and the Deputy Commissioner for Planning, Research and Performance to make final editorial changes prior to publication.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST REGARDING TOPS CURRICULA EQUIVALENTS

On motion of Regent Dees, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to endorse the proposed change to allow Integrated Science as an equivalent to Physical Science for purposes of meeting the core curriculum requirements for TOPS.

LOUISIANA DELTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Vice Chair D’Aquin recognized Mr. Edwards Barham, past Chair of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS) Board of Supervisors. Mr. Barham addressed the Board regarding Louisiana Delta Community College (LDCC). He stated that a new chancellor is to be selected shortly and there is concern about the funding needs of LDCC. He asked that the Board endorse the resolution from the LCTCS to support the continued creation of LDCC.
On motion of Regent Dees, seconded by Regent Abbott, the Board voted unanimously to amend the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to receive and concur with the report from LCTCS on the planning and implementation of Louisiana Delta Community College.

2001-2002 OPERATIONAL PLAN

On motion of Regent Dees, seconded by Regent Abbott, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve the Louisiana Board of Regents’ Operational Plan, FY2001-02.

PROPRIETARY SCHOOLS AREA

On motion of Regent Dees, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve a change-of-ownership license for Baton Rouge School of Computers, located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

On motion of Regent Dees, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve a change-of-ownership license for Southwest Paralegal College, located in Lafayette, Louisiana.

On motion of Regent Dees, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve the addition of an Associate in Occupational Studies degree program in Culinary Arts at Culinary Institute of New Orleans, located in New Orleans, Louisiana.

On motion of Regent Dees, seconded by Regent Strong, 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 CPA Review
    Baton Rouge
    New Orleans
Cleveland Institute of Electronics
Crescent City School of Gaming & Bartending
Delta College
Diesel Driving Academy, Inc.
H&R Block
    Alexandria
Arabie
Baker
Baton Rouge (3 locations)
Bossier City (2 locations)
Chalmette
Crowley
Hammond
Lafayette (2 locations)
Lake Charles
Leesville
Metairie (3 locations)
Monroe (2 locations)
New Orleans (2 locations)
Shreveport
Thibodaux
Herzing College
In Touch Body Works
New Orleans Career Development Center, Inc.
Nursing Assistant Network Association
Professional Institute of Court Reporting
South Louisiana Institute of Massage
Thomas Training & Development Center, Inc.

R.S. 17:1808 (LICENSURE)

On motion of Regent Dees, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to renew the operating licenses for Pearl River Community College and Southwest Mississippi Community College.

On motion of Regent Dees, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to exempt from licensure United Christian Fellowship Church and ACTS Church, Inc. under the religious institution exemption provided for by RS 17:1808.

UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR RAPIDES PARISH

On motion of Regent Dees, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve the Technology Enhancement Plan for the University Center for Rapides Parish.

PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 6, 2000
On motion of Regent Dees, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Meeting Report of December 6, 2000, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 6, 2000

On behalf of Regent Roberts, Chair of the Sponsored Programs Committee, Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, presented motions from the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of December 6, 2000.

CONSIDERATION OF THE FY 2001-02 BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT FUND PLAN AND BUDGET

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to adopt the FY 2001-02 Support Fund Plan and Budget. (See the one-page summary in Appendix B of the committee report.)

CONSIDERATION OF A BOARD OF REGENTS POLICY FOR THE ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIPS PROGRAM

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the Endowed Professorships Policy, as revised.

CONSIDERATION OF AN INVERSE RATIO IN THE ENDOWED CHAIRS PROGRAM FOR CAMPUSES WITH FEWER THAN THREE ENDOWED CHAIRS

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to defer action on the Inverse Ratio ($400K private:$600K Board of Regents Support Fund) for Campuses With Fewer Than Three Endowed Chairs.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS RELATIVE TO EXISTING CONTRACTS

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to vacate the RCS award (LEQSF(2000-03)-RD-A-17) to Dr. Lynn Harrison. The Committee further recommended that the LSU Health Sciences
Center-Shreveport be instructed to return all funds transmitted under the terms of this contract to the Board no later than January 15, 2001.

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve reduced Year Three funding from $29,438 to $19,250 on LEQSF (1999-2002)-RD-A-21. Year Three funding should provide $15,000 for the support of the Ph.D. student currently employed on this grant, $500 for supplies, and $3,750 for overhead (25% of salaries).

NOMINEES FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT FUND PLANNING COMMITTEE

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the nominees officially recommended for membership on the Board of Regents Support Fund Planning Committee. (See Appendix C of the committee report.)

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 6, 2000

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Meeting Report of December 6, 2000, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT OF DECEMBER 6, 2000

On behalf of Regent Robinson, Chair of the Personnel Committee, Mr. Donald Vandal, Deputy Commissioner for Administration, presented motions from the Personnel Committee Meeting of December 6, 2000.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

On motion of Regent Robinson, seconded by Regent D’Aquinn, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Personnel Committee to adopt the personnel action recommendations, as reflected in Appendix B of the committee report. (See Attachment A.)

ADOPTION OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 6, 2000
On motion of Regent Robinson, seconded by Regent Dees, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Personnel Committee Meeting Report of December 6, 2000, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT OF DECEMBER 6, 2000

Regent Dees, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented motions from the Nominating Committee Meeting of December 6, 2000.

NOMINATION OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2001

On motion of Regent Dees, seconded by Regent Dupré, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee to approve the following slate of officers:

Chair: Richard D'Aquin
Vice Chair: William T. “Ron” Roberts, Jr.
Secretary: Roland Toups

NOMINATION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2001

On motion of Regent Dees, seconded by Regent Dupré, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee to approve the Executive Committee as follows:

Regent Richard D'Aquin, Chair
Regent William T. “Ron” Roberts, Jr., Vice Chair
Regent Roland Toups, Secretary
Regent Frances Henry
Regent Virgil Robinson, Jr.
Regent Mary Ella Sanders
Regent Pat Strong

NOMINATION OF THE LOUISIANA STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE COMMISSION (LASFAC) FOR 2001

On motion of Regent Dees, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee to approve Regent Frances Henry to serve as the Regents’ representative on the Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission (LASFAC). The Committee further recommends that a second representative be appointed by the Chair at a later date.
ADOPTION OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 6, 2000

On motion of Regent Dees, seconded by Regent Abbott, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Nominating Committee Meeting Report of December 6, 2000, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER

Commissioner E. Joseph Savoie congratulated the new officers and wished all a safe and happy holiday season. He then cited recent news articles and educational journals that reported on the status of education in Louisiana. The Commissioner stated that Louisiana has a desperate need to stay on target to provide educational opportunities to all citizens.

Regent D’Aquin asked that all remember to keep Regent Rambin in their prayers.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Vice Chair D’Aquin declared the meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m.