

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

December 11, 2003

The Board of Regents met in regular session at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, December 11, 2003, in the Thomas Jefferson Room in the Claiborne Building, Baton Rouge, 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
Reggie Dupré
Frances Henry, Vice Chair
Stanley J. Jacobs
Robert Levy
William Oliver
W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr.
Clifford Smith
Pat Strong, Secretary
Artis Terrell, Jr.
Roland Toups, Chair
Adonis Ducre, Student Member

Absent: Virgil Robinson

MINUTES APPROVEDAPPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 23, 2003

On motion of Regent D'Aquin, seconded by Regent Blake, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of October 23, 2003, as circulated.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION TO DR. NORMAN HACKERMAN

Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, introduced Dr. Norman Hackerman, a former president of the University of Texas at Austin; President Emeritus of Rice University; and a member of the Board of Regents' Support Fund Advisory Committee since its inception in 1987. Dr. Hackerman is 91 years of age and commented that it was easier to look backwards, but more fun to look forward.

After a video about his many past and present accomplishments, Dr. E. Joseph Savoie, Commissioner of Higher Education, and Dr. Davidson presented Dr. Hackerman with a plaque thanking him for his wisdom and guidance with the Board of Regents' Support Fund.

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEEFACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 10, 2003

On behalf of Regent Henry, Chair of the Facilities and Property Committee, Mr. Marvin Roubique, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Facilities, presented motions from the Facilities and Property Committee Report of December 10, 2003.

SMALL CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Blake, 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.

LSU Baton Rouge

Replace Stairs, Doors and Hardware
Jackson Hall
\$275,000 Auxiliary Funds

Replace Elevator - Evangeline Hall
\$315,000 Auxiliary Funds

Replace Stairs, Doors and Hardware
Lejeune Hall
\$275,000 Auxiliary Funds

Royal/Cotillion Ballroom - LSU Union
\$165,000 Auxiliary Funds

LSU Health Science Center - New Orleans

Renovation of Fifth Floor Pharmacology
Research
Labs Medical Education Building
\$179,000 State Funds

Northwestern State University

Replacement of Turf at Brown-Stroud Baseball
Stadium
\$189,000 Self-Generated Funds

McNeese State University

Entrance Plaza-Campus Development
Assessment
\$300,000 Other Funds-Plant Fund

Delgado Community College

Westbank Library Relocation
\$345,000 State Funds

ACT 971 PROJECTS

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the Act 971 projects for FY 2003-2004.

Southern University Baton Rouge	\$	10,339
Southern University-Law Center		26,248
Southern University-Shreveport		138,080
Delgado Community College		391,381
Grambling State University		349,909
Northwestern State University		6,337
Southeastern Louisiana University		121,396
University of Louisiana at Monroe		<u>8,143</u>
		\$1,051,833

LSU SYSTEM - LEASE OF LAND TO CONSTRUCT WET LAB

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the request from the LSU System to lease 6.7 acres of land to the LSU Research and Technology Foundation to construct a Wet Lab Incubator on the Baton Rouge campus.

PROJECTS UTILIZING ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF FINANCING

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the Student Housing Project at LSU-Alexandria. Total cost of the project is estimated at \$9,720,000.

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the request from Southeastern Louisiana University to lease property to the Southeastern Development Foundation to construct a new residence for the university president. The facility will be approximately 7,500 square feet. A maintenance reserve account is required.

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the request from McNeese State University to upgrade the existing grass and gravel parking lots adjacent to the athletic complex. The project will be funded from parking fees at an estimated cost of \$636,385.

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 10, 2003

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Meeting Report of December 10, 2003, as presented. (*Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.*)

FINANCE COMMITTEEFINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 10, 2003

On behalf of Regent Strong, Chair of the Finance Committee, Mr. Roubique presented motions from the Finance Committee Report of December 10, 2003.

SECOND DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES AND ACADEMIC CENTERS POOL FUND

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve

the second distribution of the Community and Technical and Academic Centers Pool Fund in the amount of \$702,407.

Baton Rouge Community College	\$150,843
Bossier Parish Community College	\$ 19,417
Delgado Community College	\$166,361
Nunez Community College	\$ 22,549
South Louisiana Community College	\$ 53,554
LSU - Eunice	\$ 29,627
Southern Shreveport	<u>\$ 61,383</u>
Sub total - growth	\$503,734
Sowela Technical Community College	\$ 97,617
Preamble Budget Reduction	\$ 38,528
Academic Centers	\$ 35,000
LOUIS Library Network (Sowela, Fletcher, River Parishes)	<u>\$ 27,528</u>
TOTAL	\$702,407

TUITION AND FEE WAIVER REPORT

Mr. Roubique noted that a summary report on Scholarships and Fee Exemptions for FY 2003-2004 was presented, and he stated that approximately \$96 million was included in the Operating Budgets for Scholarships and Fee Exemptions.

ADOPTION OF THE FINANCE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 10, 2003

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Finance Committee Meeting Report of December 10, 2003, 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 10, 2003

On behalf of Regent Blake, Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Dr. Jeanne Burns, Associate Commissioner of Academic Affairs for Teacher Education, presented motions from the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Report of December 10, 2003.

PROPOSED ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Grambling State University

- A. Post-Master Certificate and Post-Certificate in Family Nurse Practitioner

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the proposed Post-Master Certificate and Post-Certificate programs in Family Nurse Practitioner (CIP Code 51.1605) at Grambling State University, effective immediately.

Fletcher Technical Community College

- A. A.A.S. in Radiologic Technology

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Smith, the Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the proposed A.A.S. program in Radiologic Technology (CIP Code 51.0907) at Fletcher Technical Community College. Once an appropriately-credentialed, full-time Program Director has been hired, the Board of Regents shall consider an implementation date for the program.

PROPOSED LETTER OF INTENT - LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY - B.S. IN NANOSYSTEMS ENGINEERING

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the Letter of Intent for the projected B.S. program in Nanosystems Engineering at Louisiana Tech University.

PROPOSED CURRICULAR REVISIONS

Louisiana State University-Shreveport - Program Terminations

- A. B.A. in Communications - Pre-Professional Speech Pathology
B. B.S. in Economics

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to terminate the B.A. in Communications - Pre-Professional Speech Pathology (CIP Code 51.0204) and B.S. in Economics (CIP Code 52.0601) programs at Louisiana State University-Shreveport, effective immediately.

University of Louisiana at Monroe

A. Request to Reinstate the B.A. in Art and a Teaching Minor Program

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to reinstate the B.A. in Art and a Teaching Minor program (CIP Code 13.1302) at the University of Louisiana at Monroe for a limited period of time while new state requirements for Art Education certification are being developed. Once new state requirements for Art Education certification have been promulgated, the University shall seek both Board of Regents approval and Board of Elementary and Secondary Education certification for a new, redesigned Art Education program.

PROGRESS REPORTS ON CONDITIONALLY APPROVED PROGRAMS/CENTERS

Louisiana State University at Shreveport

A. M.S. in Health Care Administration

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the 2002-2003 Progress Report Relative to Implementation of M.S. in Health Care Administration at Louisiana State University-Shreveport. The next progress report shall be due August 1, 2004.

Louisiana State University at Shreveport

B. Sports Science Institute

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Smith, the Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant full approval for the Sports Science Institute at Louisiana State University-Shreveport, effective immediately, for a period of five years from this date. By December 1, 2005, the University shall submit to the Commissioner of Higher Education an interim report detailing the Institute's financial condition. If upon expiration of the five-year term of approval the University decides to continue Institute operations, Louisiana State University-Shreveport shall submit a

subsequent request to the Commissioner of Higher Education for additional authorization.

Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at New Orleans

A. Master of Nursing - Nurse Anesthesia Option

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Terrell, the Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the 2002-2003 Progress Report Relative to Implementation of Master of Nursing - Nurse Anesthesia Option at the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center - New Orleans. No further progress reports are required.

Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at New Orleans

B. Inflammatory Bowel Disease Center

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by the Regent Smith, the Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to extend conditional approval for the Inflammatory Bowel Disease Center at the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans through December 1, 2004. By that date, the Center shall submit to the Commissioner of Higher Education a progress report addressing concerns cited in the staff summary. Thereafter, the Board of Regents shall reexamine the continued need for this Center.

Bossier Parish Community College

A. C.T.S. in Computer Aided Drafting

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Smith, the Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant full approval for the C.T.S. Program in Computer Aided Drafting (CIP Code 48.0199) at Bossier Parish Community College, effective immediately.

MISCELLANEOUS ACADEMIC REPORTS

Grambling State University/Louisiana Tech University

A. Cooperative Agreement for an R.N. to B.S.N. Program

Dr. Burns noted the efforts of both universities for forming this cooperative agreement. She mentioned that both students and communities in north-central Louisiana will be served well by this important endeavor.

Louisiana Tech University

A. Progress Report on Professional Development and Research Institute on Blindness

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Smith, the Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the 2003 Progress Report from Louisiana Tech University Relative to Implementation of the Professional Development and Research Institute on Blindness. As previously stipulated by the Board of Regents, a second progress report shall be due by October 1, 2004.

Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at New Orleans

A. Progress Report on Epilepsy Center

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 2003 Progress Report from the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center - New Orleans Relative to Implementation of the Epilepsy Center. As previously stipulated by the Board of Regents, the term of approval for this Center shall continue through October 1, 2004.

PROPOSED NEW ACADEMIC AFFAIRS POLICY 2.18 - MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR PLACEMENT INTO ENTRY-LEVEL, COLLEGE-LEVEL MATHEMATICS AND ENGLISH

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Terrell, the Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for proposed new Academic Affairs Policy 2.18 - Minimum Requirements for Placement Into Entry-Level, College-Level Mathematics and English.

Dr. Burns noted that the Committee heard a presentation from Dr. Sally Clausen, Dr. Randy Moffett, and Dr. John Crain on efforts being taken by Southeastern Louisiana University to implement

new admission standards and minimum freshman placement requirements by Fall, 2004, a full year ahead of Regents mandates.

REPORTS OF THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER

- SACS Annual Meeting

Dr. Burns mentioned that Mr. Gerard Killebrew, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, attended the 2003 annual meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. She informed the Board that Grambling State University was taken off probation and both the University and the UL System were congratulated on this achievement.

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 10, 2003

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Report of December 10, 2003, as presented. *(Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)*

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 10, 2003

On behalf of Regent Brame, Chair of the Sponsored Programs Committee, Dr. Davidson presented motions from the Sponsored Programs Committee Meeting Report of December 10, 2003.

THE LOUISIANA SYSTEMIC INITIATIVES PROGRAM (LaSIP) AND RISING LOUISIANA MATHEMATICS SCORES ON THE NATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS (NAEP)

Dr. Davidson noted that Dr. Richard Anderson, LaSIP Senior Advisor, and LSU Boyd Professor Emeritus in Mathematics, presented a review of recent data from the National Assessment of Educational

Progress which indicated that Louisiana mathematics scores for the 4th and 8th grade levels have risen significantly over the last decade compared to elevations in scores for the rest of the nation.

UPDATES

Dr. Davidson noted the following updates were reviewed:

- Educational Outreach Proposal to the NSF by the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO)
- Multi-state GEARUP Conference Held in New Orleans, November 23-25, 2003
- BoRSF Proposals Received for Consideration in FY 2003-04
- Mathematics and Science Partnership (MSP) Proposal to the National Science Foundation (NSF)
- Health Nutrition and Weight Control: LA GEAR UP and the Pennington Biomedical Research Center

OTHER BUSINESS

Consideration of Request for Matching Funds for Submission of Proposal to the NSF Center of Research Excellence in Science and Technology (CREST) Program

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve committing the requested cash match from previously unspent monies in the Board of Regents Support Fund for the Southern University CREST proposal entitled "Center for Infrastructure Composites." The amount of cash match provided annually shall be \$30,000, not to exceed a total of \$150,000 for the initial five-year duration of the award. Matching funds are to be provided only if NSF CREST funding is received.

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 10, 2003

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Raspberry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Meeting Report of December 10, 2003, 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 10, 2003**

On behalf of Regent Dupré, Vice Chair of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee,
Dr. Larry Tremblay, Associate Commissioner for Strategic Initiatives, presented motions from the
Planning, Research and Performance Committee Report of December 10, 2003.

LICENSURE (R.S.17:1808)

On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve an initial license for the Frontier School of Midwifery, located in Hyden, Kentucky, and the University of South Alabama, located in Mobile, Alabama.

PROPRIETARY SCHOOLS

On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve initial operating licenses for Academy of Casino Dealing, located in Kenner, IAMN Computer Training Center, LLC, located in Gretna, Nursing Education Network, LLC, located in Kenner, and TNT Training Center, located in New Orleans, Louisiana.

On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve Associate in Occupational Studies Degree programs in Massage Therapy at Blue Cliff College, with locations in Lafayette, Metairie, and New Orleans.

On motion of Regent Dupré, 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 (initial license date in parentheses):

**Acadiana Area Career College (10/22/97)
Art Instruction Schools, Inc. (09/21/74)
Ayers Institute, Inc. (10/25/90)
Becker-Conviser Professional Review- Baton Rouge (10/24/96)
Becker-Conviser Professional Review- New Orleans (10/24/96)
Bryman College (09/30/95)
Crosby Court Reporting Centre (10/28/93)
Delta College, Inc. (10/26/95)
Diesel Driving Academy, Inc.-Shreveport (10/6/74)
Eastern College of Health Vocations (10/28/99)
Herzing College, (12/7/95)
Legally Speaking, LLC (12/6/01)
Massage Therapy College of Baton Rouge (10/22/92)
New Orleans Career Development Center, Inc. (10/29/98)
Nursing Assistant Network Association (10/27/94)
Professional Institute of Court Reporting (10/27/94)**

Remington College--New Orleans Campus (10/24/96)

South Louisiana Institute of Massage, L.L.C. (10/28/99)
Thomas Training & Development Center, Inc. (10/26/95)

REPORT FROM THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER

Dr. Tremblay noted that in the spring of 2004, the campuses will pilot an early-alert and intervention program using the Noel-Levitz Retention Management System. He also mentioned the review of the brochure outlining proposed offerings at the Learning Center for Rapides Parish for spring, 2004.

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 10, 2003

On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Meeting Report of December 10, 2003, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 10, 2003

Regent Brame, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented motions from the Nominating Committee Report of December 10, 2003.

NOMINATION OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2004

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee to approve the following slate of officers for 2004:

Chair:	Roland Toups
Vice Chairman:	Frances Henry
Secretary:	Pat Strong

NOMINATION OF NON-OFFICER MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE FOR 2004

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Blake, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee to approve the nomination of non-officer members to serve on the Executive Committee as follows for 2004:

**Scott Brame
Richard D'Aquin**

**Reggie Dupré
Virgil Robinson**

NOMINATION OF MEMBER(S) TO SERVE ON THE LOUISIANA STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE COMMISSION (LASFAC) FOR 2004

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Blake, 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) for 2004.

ADOPTION OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 10, 2003

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Nominating Committee Meeting Report of December 10, 2003, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 10, 2003

On behalf of Regent Toups, Chair of the Executive Committee, Dr. Savoie presented the Executive Committee Report of December 10, 2003.

UPDATE ON DESEGREGATION

Dr. Savoie noted that in accordance with written notice and the posted agenda, the Executive Committee entered into an executive session to receive an update on desegregation.

He said that a roll call vote was taken, and that no votes or action were taken while in executive session.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Savoie noted that the proposed schedule for the meetings of the Board for 2004 was accepted.

ADOPTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 10, 2003

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Executive Committee Meeting Report of December 10, 2003, as presented. *(Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)*

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

The Commissioner referred to the two items in the Board folders regarding:

1. The Council for a Better Louisiana (CABL) voter survey which shows that voters focused on issues in selecting the new governor, and
2. A copy of *Louisiana Graduates..Ready to Work!*, a magazine sponsored by Bell South and the Department of Labor. This magazine includes a listing of local graduates of universities in Louisiana who are ready to go to work.

Dr. Savoie reminded the Board that the next meeting will be January 8, 2004. At this meeting, he said, the recently nominated officers will take the oath of office for the new year.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Toups declared the meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.