MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

January 22, 2009

The Board of Regents met in session at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 22, 2009, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Artis Terrell called the meeting to order. Executive Assistant Carolyn Blanchard called the roll and a quorum was established.

Present for the meeting were:

Artis Terrell, Jr., Chair
Robert Levy, Vice Chair
Charlotte Bollinger
Scott Brame
Richard D’Aquin
Maurice Durbin
Ingrid Labat
W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr.
Victor Stelly
Harold Stokes
Roland Toups
Joseph Wiley

Absent for the meeting were:

Mary Ellen Roy, Secretary
Jamey Arnette
Robert Bruno
Donna Klein

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Regent Terrell welcomed Ms. Charlotte Bollinger, a newly appointed member of the Board of Regents.
MINUTES APPROVED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 8, 2009

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Stokes, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of January 8, 2009.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Before consideration of the agenda, Chair Terrell entertained a motion to dispense with the reading of each Committee report and to adopt the minutes and the reports each in globo.

On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to dispense with the reading of each committee report and to adopt the minutes and the reports each in globo.

ACTIONS APPROVED IN GLOBO

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT OF JANUARY 21, 2009

Adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Report of January 21, 2009. Staff indicated that these projects had been approved and initiated prior to current budgetary restrictions, but had received assurances from the management boards that future small capital projects would be thoroughly evaluated to coincide with new budgetary constraints. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

LEASES

Approve the lease of property to the North Louisiana Criminalistics Laboratory Commission for the purpose of constructing a crime lab facility. The facility will be approximately 73,800 GSF and is estimated to cost $15,000,000. The lease will be for a term of 50 years, after which the facility will revert to ownership by the Louisiana State University System on behalf of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at Shreveport (LSUHSC-S). The university will receive exclusive use of 9,000 SF of space in the completed facility and will receive $150,000 over a period of seven years to replace an
existing parking lot. Operation and maintenance of the facility will be the responsibility of the Commission. Regent Levy, citing possible conflict of interest, abstained.

SMALL CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

Approve the Small Capital Projects Report as presented by the staff.

Mouton Hall AC Replacement - University of Louisiana at Lafayette $490,000 from Building Use Fees.

East Campus Apartments - Exterior Washing and Waterproofing - Louisiana State University and A&M College $150,000 from Auxiliary Funds.

West Campus Apartments - Replace Flooring (Carpet) and Interior Painting - Louisiana State University and A&M College $275,000 from Auxiliary Funds.

Jackson Hall - Replace Flooring and Interior Painting - Louisiana State University and A&M College $200,000 from Auxiliary Funds.

Physiology Laboratory Renovation - Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans $350,000 from Restricted, Self-Generated Funds.

Gustav - International Cultural Center - Roof, Structural, and Interior Repairs - Louisiana State University and A&M College $295,000 from State Funds.

SVM - Large Animal Teaching Facility Floor Repair - Louisiana State University and A&M College $180,000 From State Funds.

Gustav - Life Sciences Cooling Tower - Masonry Screen Wall Reconstruction - Louisiana State University and A&M College $250,000 from State Funds.

Kirby Smith Dormitory - Cooling Tower Replacement - Louisiana State University and A&M College $200,000 from State Funds.

Thomas Boyd Hall - Renovations to Office of the Bursar (First Floor) - Louisiana State University and A&M College $394,000 from State Funds.

Nicholson Hall Renovation and Refurbishing of Office Space - Louisiana State University and A&M College $210,000 from State Funds.

Louise Garig Hall Renovations for LSU Residential Life - Louisiana State University and A&M College $250,000 from Auxiliary Funds.
Highland Hall Renovations for LSU Residential Life - Louisiana State University and A&M College $264,000 from Auxiliary Funds.

Evangeline Hall Renovation for Basic Science Residential College, LSU Residential - Louisiana State University and A&M College $349,000 from Auxiliary Funds.

LeJune Hall Bathroom Renovation for LSU Residential Life - Louisiana State University and A&M College $264,000 from Auxiliary Funds.

LSU Law Clinic Renovation - Louisiana State University Law Center $397,200 from State Funds.

REQUEST TO SEEK INTERIM EMERGENCY BOARD FUNDING

Approve the request from the Southern University System to seek $3,000,000 from the Interim Emergency Board for temporary work to stabilize the ravine at Southern University and A&M College.

ACT 959 PROJECTS

Approve the request by the Louisiana State University System to upgrade cooling and provide a back-up generator at the Fred C. Frey Computing Center at LSU A&M under the provisions of Act 959 of 2003. The project is estimated to cost $1,245,000.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Griswold announced that after many years of service to the Board of Regents, Ms. Louise Moore was retiring.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

ADOPTION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF JANUARY 21, 2009

Adopt the Finance Committee report of January 21, 2009. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)
ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT OF JANUARY 21, 2009

Adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee report of January 21, 2009. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.

REAUTHORIZATIONS OF PREVIOUSLY APPROVED UNITS

Louisiana Tech University - Center for Information Assurance

Grant continued approval for the Center for Information Assurance at Louisiana Tech University through December 1, 2009. Prior to that date, the University shall submit a request for full center approval with evidence of continuing external support and other measures of potential long-term success.

University of Louisiana at Lafayette - Louisiana Center for Health Informatics (Health Informatics Center of Acadiana)

Grant continued approval for the Louisiana Health Informatics Center (Health Informatics Center of Acadiana) at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette through January 31, 2014. By December 31, 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. Additionally, approval is recommended for a name change from the Health Informatics Center of Acadiana to the Louisiana Center for Health Informatics.

PROGRESS REPORTS ON CONDITIONALLY APPROVED PROGRAM/RESEARCH UNIT

Bossier Parish Community College

Multiple A.A.S. Programs in Cyber Technology

Receive the December 2008 Progress Report from Bossier Parish Community College Relative to Implementation of Five A.A.S. Programs in Cyber Technology. By August 1, 2009, the College shall submit to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs a subsequent progress report addressing the issues identified in the staff summary section.

A.A.S. in Care and Development of Young Children
Receive the 2008 Progress Report from Bossier Parish Community College relative to implementation of the A.A.S. program in the Care and Development of Young Children (CIP Code 19.0709) at Bossier Parish Community College. As a well-credentialed and experienced program director has been hired, the staff also recommends that the Committee approve program implementation, effective immediately. The next progress report, as previously stipulated, shall be due by August 1, 2009.

*Louisiana State University at Alexandria - B.S. in Nursing*

Receive the December 2008 Report from Louisiana State University-Alexandria Relative to Implementation of the B.S. program in Nursing. A subsequent progress report, addressing concerns as expressed in the staff summary above, shall be due to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs by December 1, 2009.

*Baton Rouge Community College - A.S. in Business*

Receive the November 2008 Progress Report from Baton Rouge Community College relative to implementation of the Associate of Science in Business. By December 1, 2009, the College shall submit to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs a subsequent progress report, addressing the following:

1. Status of ACBSP accreditation;
2. Final articulation agreements with SUBR and LSU A&M, as appropriate; and
3. The placement of program graduates to date.

*Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at Shreveport - Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)*

Receive the January 2009 Progress Report from the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-Shreveport relative to implementation of the Doctor of Physical Therapy program. As all stipulations of conditional approval have been met, the program is hereby granted full approval. No further progress reports are deemed necessary at this time.
Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at New Orleans

Doctor of Audiology

Receive the December 2008 Progress Report from the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-New Orleans relative to implementation of the Doctor of Audiology program. As all stipulations of conditional approval have been met, the staff recommends full program approval. No further progress reports are deemed necessary at this time.

Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)

Receive the December 2008 Progress Report from the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-New Orleans relative to implementation of the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program. As all stipulations of conditional approval have been met, the staff recommends full program approval. No further progress reports are deemed necessary at this time.

PROGRAM/UNIT TERMINATIONS

Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at New Orleans - Louisiana Center for Autism

Terminate the Louisiana Center for Autism at the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-New Orleans, effective immediately.

Louisiana Technical College - Jefferson and West Jefferson Campuses - Technical Diploma in Practical Nursing

Terminate the Technical Diploma programs in Practical Nursing (CIP Code 511613) at the LTC - Jefferson and West Jefferson campuses, effective immediately.

TEACHER EDUCATION INITIATIVES

Evaluation of Teacher Preparation Programs and Graduate Programs for Educators

Grant approval for the appointment of the following individuals to the Blue Ribbon Commission for Educational Excellence:
a. Dr. Loren Blanchard (Xavier University) to represent the Chief Academic Officers; and  
b. Ms. Sally Gilfour (Nicholls State University) to represent the pre-service teachers.

Grant approval for the Bachelor of Science in Family and Consumer Science Education (Grades 6-12) (CIP Code: 13.1308) at Louisiana State University and A&M College and the Associate of Science in Teaching (Grades 1-5) (CIP Code: 13.0101) at South Louisiana Community College.

REPORTS OF THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER

Grant approval to ratify the proposed Schedule of Approved CTE Substitute for Select Academic Courses as it applies to new High School Graduation Requirements. This schedule shall be forwarded to the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education for its concurrence.

PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF JANUARY 21, 2009

Adopt the Planning, Research and Performance Committee report of January 21, 2009. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.

LICENSE

Approve the request for license renewals for Baton Rouge College, Grantham University, and Herzing College.

PROPRIETARY SCHOOLS

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

Initial license for the Multi-Cultural Education Community Center of Achievement
License renewals for the following proprietary schools (initial license date in parentheses):

Alpha Motivation Institute (formerly Infinity Hypnosis Institute, Inc.) (12/05/02)
American Commercial College (12/05/02)
Becker Professional Review--Lafayette (12/09/04)
Blue Cliff College--Lafayette (01/27/00)
Diesel Driving Academy--Lafayette Branch (01/27/05)
Fishers of Men Training & Career Development Center, LLC (12/07/06)
Galliano Training Center, LLC (12/08/05)
Gretna Career College (12/19/91)
Herzing College (12/07/95)
IAMN Computer Training Center (12/11/03)
ITI Technical College (01/27/00)
J. C. Training Center (12/06/07)
Kenner Health Careers Institute, LLC (12/11/03)
Lafourche Merchant Marine Training Services, Inc. (12/14/89)
Legally Speaking (12/06/01)
Martin International, Inc., of Louisiana (12/16/82)
Moore Career College (12/08/05)
NASCAR Technical Institute (12/05/02)
National Driving Academy, Inc. (12/05/96)
New Orleans Academy of Culinary Arts (12/09/04)
Tulsa Welding School (12/07/06).

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

ADOPTION OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT OF JANUARY 21, 2009

Adopt the Nominating Committee report of January 21, 2009. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.

NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2009

Accept the nomination of Regent Scott Brame to fill a vacant position on the Executive Committee for 2009.
SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT OF JANUARY 21, 2009

Adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee report of January 21, 2009.
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CONSIDERATION OF THE FY 2009-10 BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT FUND PLAN AND BUDGET

Approve the FY 2009-10 Board of Regents Support Fund Plan and Budget.
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BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT FUND (BoRSF) ADVISORY COMMITTEE, PLANNING COMMITTEE, AND EPSCoR SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP NOMINATIONS

Approve the nominations from the Louisiana State University System, the Louisiana Community and Technical College System, and the University of Louisiana System for the appointments of Dr. William H. Worger, LSU-BR, to the BoRSF Planning Committee, Dr. Mike Gargano, LSU System, to the BoRSF Advisory Committee, Dr. Douglas Van Nostran, LCTCS, to the BoRSF Planning and Advisory Committees, and Dr. Mark Zappi, UL at Lafayette, to the BoRSF EPSCoR Subcommittee, respectively.

RATIFICATION OF COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent D’Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Committee assignments for 2009.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Dr. Sally Clausen, Commissioner of Higher Education, expressed appreciation to the system presidents for their diligent efforts in addressing the serious budget issues that higher education is facing. She said we will continue to focus on expanding access to more students since only 24% of the Louisiana population has a college degree. Dr. Clausen emphasized the
need to increase graduation rates from the associate degree programs which may expand job opportunities. She encouraged the state to compete for more students, for better programs, to be competitive nationally and internationally, and at the same time, to have a greater cooperative spirit.

Dr. Clausen discussed the need for finding additional technology transfer opportunities and economic innovation during this critical times across the nation. She said it was anticipated that by the time President Obama finishes his first term in office, there will be 3 million new jobs and not enough graduates to fill them.

Commissioner Clausen said she and the system presidents are working with the Governor and the Legislature to make every decision is based on our students and our future.

Dr. Clausen mentioned that representatives from each management board of higher education have been working with staff to finalize the Master Plan. She said that a copy of the Master Plan and the Performance-based Funding Formula will soon be sent to Board members for review. Commissioner Clausen said the next step would be to send copies to the Governor and the Legislature.

Regent Toups inquired about dates scheduled for higher education’s budget recommendations. Deputy Commissioner Vandal said a strategic priority plan must be submitted to the Division of Administration (DoA) by Wednesday, February 4, 2009. He said a tentative meeting has been scheduled for February 9th with DoA to review the preliminary budget recommendations. He continued by stating that the finalized executive budget will be submitted to the Legislature 45 days before the April 27th session begins. At that time, the general appropriations bill is introduced, and the process starts from there. Mr. Vandal noted that the
session ends June 25, so higher education will know where it stands with regard to the budget, not long before the July 1st fiscal year.

Commissioner Clausen reminded the Board that the Regents are looking at its own efficiency of operations. She said all four systems have either joined or are in the process of joining the Voluntary System of Accountability where we report to the public how well we are doing in key accountability areas.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Terrell stated there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.