

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

April 23, 2014

The Board of Regents met in session at 2:36 p.m., Wednesday, April 23, 2014, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr. called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Executive Assistant Carolyn Blanchard called the roll and a quorum was established.

Present for the meeting were:

W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr., Chair
William Fenstermaker, Vice Chair
Albert Sam II, Secretary
Mark Abraham
Brooksie Bonvillain
Raymond Brandt
Joel Dupré
Pamela Egan
Robert Levy
Richard Lipsey
Edward Markle
Roy Martin III
Joseph Wiley

Absent from the meeting were:

Charlotte Bollinger
Joseph Farr
Chris Gorman

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MARCH 26, 2014

On motion of Regent Martin, seconded by Regent Wiley, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of March 26, 2014.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Abraham, Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Dr. Karen Denby, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, presented the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of April 23, 2014.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMSA. Proposed New Programs

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Sam, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to conditionally approve the A.A.S. in Technical Studies at South Louisiana Community College, and approve the P.B.C. in Accounting for Financial Management at McNeese State University; the P.B.C. in Human Resource Management at McNeese State University; the G.C. in Energy Law and Policy at LSU Law Center and the M.S. in Dentistry at LSUSHC-NO School of Dentistry.

B. Termination and Reinstatement Requests

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Sam, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to approve the termination of the (1) B.S./Education, Multiple Levels K-12; Reinstatement of B.S./Health and Physical Education at Louisiana Tech University and (2) M.A.T. in Multiple Levels, Grades K-12 at Louisiana Tech University.

CENTER OF EXCELLENCE: DELGADO CULINARY CENTER FOR WORKFORCE EXCELLENCE AT DELGADO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Sam, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to conditionally approve the proposed Culinary Center for Workforce Excellence at Delgado Community College.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Sam, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as listed below:

A. Research Centers/Institutes

- 1. Reauthorization: Institute of Human Services and Public Policy and Request for Name Change to *Institute for Nonprofit Administration and Research* at Louisiana State University at Shreveport**
- 2. Initial Authorization: Precision Agriculture and Unmanned Aircraft Systems Research and Applications Center at the University of Louisiana at Monroe**

B. Routine Staff Reports

- 1. Staff Approval of Routine Academic Requests**
- 2. Progress Reports for Conditionally Approved Programs/Units**
- 3. Past Due Progress Reports**
- 4. Letters of Intent/Proposals in the Queue**

OTHER BUSINESS: B.S./MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT MONROE

Dr. Denby said an update on the program was given at the Committee meeting.

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT OF APRIL 23, 2014

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Sam, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of April 23, 2014. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Lipsey, Chair of the Facilities and Property Committee, Mr. Chris Herring, Budget Analyst for Facilities and Planning, presented the Facilities and Property Committee Report of April 23, 2014.

CONSENT AGENDA (Small Capital Projects Report)

- Louisiana State University A&M – Beauregard Hall Remove Wardrobes/Paint and Replace Flooring
- Louisiana State University A&M – East Campus Apartments Buildings 7, 8, and 9: Flooring, Painting, and Lighting
- Louisiana State University A&M – J.C. Miller Built-Up Roof Replacement

- Louisiana State University A&M – Temporary Gym Floor and Offices for the Student Recreational Center
- Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at New Orleans – Roman Street Garage Elevator Lobby and Police Station Renovation

On motion of Regent Martin, seconded by Regent Wiley, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the Small Capital Projects Report from the Consent Agenda as noted above.

PROJECTS UTILIZING ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF FINANCING

On motion of Regent Martin, seconded by Regent Wiley, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the two third-party projects between the University of Louisiana System, on behalf of the University of Louisiana at Monroe and the ULM Facilities, Inc. for the purpose of construction of a new International Student Center and related improvements and the installation of a new synthetic turf surface on the Malone Stadium Football Field.

LEASE REQUEST: LSU A&M WOMEN’S GYMNASTICS PRACTICE FACILITY

On motion of Regent Martin, seconded by Regent Wiley, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the lease request from the Louisiana State University System, on behalf of Louisiana State University and A&M College, and the Tiger Athletic Foundation, for the purpose of constructing a new Women’s Gymnastics Practice Facility and related improvements.

MAJOR REPAIR PROJECT ADDITIONS TO ACT 27 OF 2006 [SUPP A7 2008]

On motion of Regent Martin, seconded by Regent Wiley, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the addition of the University of New Orleans’ Major Repair project for inclusion under the authority of Act 27 of 2006 [SUPP A7 of 2008].

Institution	Project	Cost Estimate
UNO	Education – ADA Compliance, Lighting, and Partition Replacement	\$179,921

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT OF APRIL 23, 2014

On motion of Regent Martin, seconded by Regent Wiley, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Report of April 23, 2014. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Levy, Chair of the Legislative Committee, Dr. Uma Subramanian, Deputy Commissioner for Legal and External Affairs, presented the Legislative Committee Report of April 23, 2014.

2014 LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATES

1. Update on Board of Regents' Bills
2. Update on Bills Impacting Board of Regents
3. Update on Bills Impacting Higher Education
4. Bills Being Monitored

ADOPTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT OF APRIL 23, 2014

On motion of Regent Wiley, seconded by Regent Lipsey, the Board voted unanimously to receive the Legislative Committee Report of April 23, 2014. *(Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)*

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Martin, Chair of the Sponsored Programs Committee, Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, presented the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of April 23, 2014.

FY 2013-2014 BOARD OF REGENTS' SUPPORT FUND AWARDEES

- **Endowed Chairs for Eminent Scholars**

On motion of Regent Sam, seconded by Regent Markle, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve provision of Support Fund money at levels requested to complete the endowments for proposals ranked 1, 2, 3, and 5 in the Consultants' Report (i.e., proposals 005EC, 003EC, 002EC, and 001EC). It is also recommended that Support Fund money be provided at the level requested to complete the endowment for Restricted Bequest proposal 008EC. (See Appendix A of the committee report.)

- **Traditional Enhancement**

On motion of Regent Sam, seconded by Regent Markle, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the \$2,961,973 available and recommended for

expenditure. Funds shall be awarded in the rank order, at the funding levels, and with the funding stipulations recommended by consultants, and shall be divided among the five eligible disciplines and multidisciplinary projects as follows (See Appendix B of the Committee report.)

Discipline	Ranks	Total Funding
Business	1-4	\$ 454,000
Chemistry	1-7	\$ 788,107
Education	1-6	\$ 392,439
Mathematics	1-4	\$ 339,059
Physics & Astronomy	1-3	\$ 395,888
Multidisciplinary	1-7	\$ 592,480
Subtotal Traditional Enhancement	31 projects	\$ 2,961,973

- **Undergraduate Enhancement**

On motion of Regent Sam, seconded by Regent Markle, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve a total of \$1,023,000 for expenditure for the top twenty-four (24) Undergraduate Enhancement proposals submitted in FY 2013-14. Proposals shall be awarded in the rank order, at the funding levels, and with the funding stipulations recommended by consultants. (See Appendix C of the Committee report.)

- **Enhancement Program for Two-Year Institutions**

On motion of Regent Sam, seconded by Regent Markle, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve a total of \$690,400 recommended for expenditure for the top twelve (12) Enhancement Program for Two-Year Institutions proposals submitted in FY 2013-14. Proposals shall be awarded in the rank order, at the funding levels, and with funding stipulations recommended by consultants. (See Appendix D of the Committee report.)

Should the amount of money ultimately available to fund first-year activities in Traditional, Undergraduate, and Enhancement Program for Two-Year Institutions projects be less than the \$4,675,373 disbursed herein, the following principles shall apply: (1) All Support Fund money shall be awarded in rank order, at funding levels and with stipulations recommended by consultants; (2) if the remaining money in the budget for a particular component or discipline is insufficient to fully fund the next recommended proposal for that component or discipline, the remaining funds shall constitute the total award for that proposal; and (3) should an institution refuse or be denied an award, that money shall be awarded to the next highest ranked proposal within that component or discipline. (See Appendices B, C, D, and E of the Committee report.)

On motion of Regent Sam, seconded by Regent Markle, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs

Committee to approve \$1,640,000 from the Support Fund to match twenty-seven (27) new and fourteen (14) backlogged submissions to the Endowed Professorships program. (See Appendices F and G of the Committee report.)

On motion of Regent Sam, seconded by Regent Markle, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve \$980,000 to match the twenty-five (25) applications submitted in FY 2013-14 under the First-Generation Endowed Undergraduate Scholarships Program. (See Appendix H of the Committee report.)

On motion of Regent Sam, seconded by Regent Markle, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the disbursement of \$1,258,389 estimated to be available in FY 2013-14 to fund the first year of new RCS, ITRS, and ATLAS projects as follows:

- **Research Competitiveness Subprogram: \$685,025**
- **Industrial Ties Research Subprogram: \$288,364**
- **Awards to Louisiana Artists and Scholars Subprogram: \$285,000**

Approved R&D proposals shall be funded at the levels and with the stipulations recommended by consultants. Support Fund money shall be awarded to fund at recommended levels the top fourteen (14) RCS proposals, five (5) ITRS proposals, and eight (8) ATLAS proposals. In addition, the following principles shall apply: (1) should an institution refuse or be denied an award, or should FY 2013-14 money be returned from previously funded R&D contracts, that money shall be offered to the next-ranked proposal which the consultants recommended for Priority I funding within the respective subprogram, subject to availability of funds; (2) if the remaining money in the budget for a particular component is insufficient to fully fund the next-ranked recommended proposal for that component, the remaining funds shall constitute the total award for that proposal; and (3) if there are no remaining Priority I proposals in a particular subprogram the money shall be awarded in descending rank order to Priority I proposal(s) in another R&D subprogram. Should the amount of money ultimately available to fund first-year activities in all R&D projects be less than the \$1,258,389 disbursed herein, adherence to the following principles shall be uniformly enforced: R&D Priority I proposals shall be funded in rank order at the levels and the durations and with the stipulations recommended by consultants until the funds designated for each component have been exhausted. (See Appendix I of the Committee report.)

On motion of Regent Sam, seconded by Regent Markle, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve funding for the twelve (12) top-ranked proposals submitted in the FY 2013-14 cycle for the Recruitment of Superior Graduate Students Traditional component for the durations and at the levels recommended by consultants. (See Appendix J of the Committee report.)

On motion of Regent Sam, seconded by Regent Markle, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs to approve funding for the three (3) top-ranked proposals submitted in the FY 2013-14 cycle to the BoR/SREB Graduate Fellowships to Promote Diversity Program for the durations and at the levels recommended by consultants. (See Appendix J of the Committee report.)

On motion of Regent Sam, seconded by Regent Markle, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the following contingency plan for a budgetary shortfall: should the final FY 2013-14 Support Fund budget not achieve the amount cited herein, any shortfall shall be accommodated through a proportionate reduction in the amounts allocated for proposals in the competitive Enhancement and Research and Development program components.

CONCEPT AND TIMETABLE: COMPETITIVE ENDOWED SUPERIOR GRADUATE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS SUBPROGRAM

On motion of Regent Sam, seconded by Regent Markle, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the following conceptualization and timetable for the competitive Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarship subprogram:

- **Establish July 2015 as the effective date to begin**
- **Permit previously matched Endowed Professorships to be converted to Endowed Graduate Student Scholarships**
 - **Conversions will be completed on a non-competitive basis**
 - **Professorships in process of conversion will be excluded from vacancy calculations through use of the waiver provision in current policy**
- **Charge staff, with advice of BoRSF Planning Committee and affected campus officers, to recommend comprehensive guidelines for the new subprogram during September/October 2014**

TWO REQUESTS FOR BoRSF MATCHING OF FEDERAL PROPOSALS

- A. National Institutes of Health Institutional Development Award (IDeA) Proposal by Dr. Tom Klei, LSU and A&M College

On motion of Regent Sam, seconded by Regent Markle, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to commit a cash match from previously unspent monies in the Board of Regents Support Fund for the Louisiana State University NIH Institutional Development Award (IDeA) continuation proposal entitled “Louisiana Biomedical Research Network.” The amount of cash match shall not exceed \$1,148,000 for the five-year duration of the award. Matching funds are to be provided only if NIH Institutional Development Award (IDeA) funding is received.

- B. Department of Homeland Security Center of Excellence Proposal by Dr. Les Guice, Louisiana Tech University

On motion of Regent Sam, seconded by Regent Markle, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to commit a cash match from previously unspent monies in the Board of Regents Support Fund for the Louisiana Tech University proposal for a Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Center of Excellence. The amount of cash match shall not exceed \$4,000,000 for the five-year duration of the award. Matching funds are to be provided only if DHS funding is received.

FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROPOSALS SUBMITTED UNDER THE LOUISIANA SYSTEMIC INITIATIVES (LaSIP) PROGRAM

On motion of Regent Sam, seconded by Regent Markle, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve \$969,000 in NCLB monies to support the seven (7) LaSIP projects recommended for funding in FY 2014. Projects shall be funded in the amounts and with the stipulations recommended by consultants.

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT OF APRIL 23, 2014

On motion of Regent Sam, seconded by Regent Markle, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of April 23, 2014. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Wiley, Chair of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee, Dr. Larry Tremblay, Deputy Commissioner for Planning, Research and Academic Affairs, presented the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Report of April 23, 2014.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Regent Wiley, seconded by Regent Markle, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve the items listed under the Consent Agenda:

A. R.S. 17:1808 (Licensure)

- 1. Initial Licenses** (*Palmer College of Chiropractic and University of Florida*)
- 2. License Renewals** (*Central Texas College, Liberty University and Walden University*)

BOARD OF REGENTS' 2014 TOPS REPORT

On motion of Regent Wiley, seconded by Regent Markle, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to receive and endorse the *Board of Regents' Analysis of the TOPS Program from 2004-2013.*

BOARD OF REGENTS' eLEARNING TASK FORCE ANNUAL UPDATE

On motion of Regent Wiley, seconded by Regent Markle, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to accept the annual update of the eLearning Task Force.

GRAD ACT REQUESTS FOR DATA RE-SUBMISSION

On motion of Regent Wiley, seconded by Regent Markle, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to authorize the staff to receive revised GRAD Act-related data from Baton Rouge Community College and Northwest Louisiana Technical College.

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF APRIL 23, 2014

On motion of Regent Wiley, seconded by Regent Markle, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Report of April 23, 2014. (*Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.*)

OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Rasberry spoke on the following items:

- The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Regents will be Wednesday, May 21, 2014.
- With today being Administrative Professionals Day, Chair Rasberry recognized the service and assistance of the Board of Regents' administrative professionals -- Michelle Brandon, Vera Dear, Jill Holton, Kathy Hoyt, Gayla Sanchez, and Carla Smith.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at
2:46 p.m.