MINUTES
BOARD OF REGENTS
DECEMBER 2, 2009

The Board of Regents met as a “Committee of the Whole” at the Learning Center for Rapides Parish, 1410 Neel Kearby Boulevard, Alexandria, Louisiana, in the Regents Room at 9:35 a.m. on December 2, 2009. Chair Artis Terrell, Jr. called the meeting to order. Executive Assistant Carolyn Blanchard called the roll, and a quorum was established.

Present for the meeting were:
Charlotte Bollinger
Scott Brame
Robert Bruno
Richard D’Aquin
Marc Guichard
Robert Levy, Vice Chair
W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr.
Mary Ellen Roy, Secretary
Victor Stelly
Harold Stokes
Artis Terrell, Jr., Chair
Joseph Wiley

Absent for the meeting were:
Maurice Durbin
Donna Klein
Ingrid Labat
Roland Toups

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.
MINUTES APPROVED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 22, 2009

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of October 22, 2009.

WELCOME BY DR. MARJORIE TAYLOR, DEAN OF THE LEARNING CENTER FOR RAPIDES PARISH

Dr. Marjorie Taylor, Dean of the Learning Center for Rapides Parish (LCRP), opened the meeting with a welcome to the LCRP. She then introduced her staff – Ms. Leigh Flynn, Director of Planning and Communication; Mr. Heath Fitts, Director of Technology; and Ms. Karen Goree, Special Administrative Coordinator.

Dr. Taylor presented a power point highlighting the Learning Center. She said the LCRP has been in operation for six years and is a state-of-the-art facility ideal for academic classes, conferences, and training needs. The LCRP is represented by ten in-state institutions and two out-of-state institutions which offer certificate, undergraduate and graduate level programs.

Dr. Taylor noted that not only has the number of classes increased over the six years, but enrollment has increased 110% from fall 2003 to fall 2009. Dr. Taylor said the budget for the Learning Center has remained the same for the six years of operation at $752,406.

A question and answer period followed.

Next, Dr. Sally Clausen, Commissioner of Higher Education, introduced Mr. Joseph Rosier, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Rapides Foundation. He noted the Foundation is keenly interested in the healthcare and economic development of the community.
He mentioned that the Foundation has concentrated in the workforce area with training beyond high school and provided resources to central Louisiana for its education initiatives.

Commissioner Clausen introduced Mr. Jon Grafton, Executive Director of England Airpark, who welcomed everyone to Alexandria. He stated that during his term as Executive Director, the airpark offers a commercial service airfield and has facilitated the creation of over 2,000 jobs. Mr. Grafton noted that the England Economic and Industrial Development District Board of Commissioners is a ten-member board. He further stated that the Foundation developed a twenty year Master-Plan with help from Dr. Loren Scott, Economic Advisor, Louisiana State University and A&M College. He then introduced Mr. Richard Bushnel, chair of the Board, who was in the audience.

Mr. Grafton gave some brief history on the England Air Force Base. He said the base encompassed 2,000 acres but was closed by the Department of Defense in December 1992 as part of the base realignment program. The community rallied together to redevelop the former military facility into a vibrant multi-modal commerce center.

He informed the Board that an international airport, numerous office and warehouse facilities, golf course, hotel and restaurant are located onsite at the Airpark. Mr. Grafton said it is the responsibility of the England Airpark to care for the facilities of the Learning Center for Rapides Parish.
REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee as follows:

CONTINUATION OF THE 2009 LOW-COMPLETER REVIEW

Staff Recommendations for Low-Completer Programs at Hurricane-Affected Campuses

To approve the staff recommendations relative to 52 select low-completer programs and 4 non-low-completer programs, including the termination of 30 of these programs. Affected system and campuses shall proceed with actions required of these recommendations forthwith.

LCTCS PROGRAM TERMINATIONS

To approve the termination of 77 programs at community colleges, community/technical colleges and varied campuses of the Louisiana Technical College.

PROPOSED NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

A. Louisiana Technical College – Region 9 – A.A.S. in Journeyman Industrial

To grant conditional approval for the proposed Associate of Applied Science in Journeyman Industrial (CIP Code 46.0000) at LTC Region 9-Sullivan and Hammond campuses, effective immediately. Incorporated with this curriculum are related CTS in General Apprenticeship and TD in Journeyman Industrial.

By July 1, 2010, Region 9 shall submit a progress report on the JI program, suggesting appropriate benchmarks for gauging the effectiveness of the program, including:

1. Numbers of enrollees and graduates;
2. Placement of graduates/pay rates and comparison to other journeymen;
3. Employer satisfaction data;
4. Composition and activities of the advisory board(s).
Depending upon the content of the abovementioned report, additional reports may be required.

B. Louisiana Technical College – Florida Parishes – A.A.S. in Veterinary Technology

To grant conditional approval for the proposed Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) in Veterinary Technology (CIP Code 51.0808) at the Louisiana Technical College – Florida Parishes. By December 1, 2010, the College shall submit to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs a progress report addressing the following:

1. Numbers of enrollees, retention rates, program completers, and the placement of completers;
2. Data regarding numbers of transfer students from each related CTS feeder programs; and
3. An update on program staffing.

C. Bossier Parish Community College – A.S. in Healthcare Management

To grant conditional approval for the proposed Associate of Science in Healthcare Management (CIP Code 51.0702) at Bossier Parish Community College. By December 1, 2010, the College shall submit to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs a progress report addressing numbers of enrollees, retention of students, program completer, placement of graduates, and transfer of graduates into the related B.S. in Health Studies at ULM.

D. Fletcher Technical Community College – A.A.S. in Integrated Production Technologies

To grant conditional approval for the proposed Associate of Applied Science in Integrated Production Technologies (CIP Code 15.0903) at L.E. Fletcher Technical Community College. By December 1, 2010, the College shall submit to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs a progress report addressing the following:

1. Numbers of enrollees, student retention rates, numbers of program completers, and graduate placement data;
2. An update on program staffing; and
3. Development of an articulation agreement with related programs at Nicholls State University; and
4. Progress toward program accreditation.
PROPOSED NEW RESEARCH UNIT - LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL CENTER – LOUISIANA INSTITUTE FOR BIOFUELS AND BIOPROCESSING

To grant one-year conditional approval for the proposed Louisiana Institute for Biofuels and Bioprocessing at the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center. By no later than December 1, 2010, the Agricultural Center shall submit to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs a proposal for full approval that will reflect predominant, external funding to afford Institute operations. Included in the proposal should be documentation that an advisory board has been appointed. Should such a request not be received by the aforementioned date, the Regents shall re-examine the need for this unit.

REAUTHORIZATION OF PREVIOUSLY APPROVED RESEARCH UNITS

A. Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at New Orleans – Early Intervention Institute

To grant continued approval for the Early Intervention Institute (EII) at the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at New Orleans (LSUHSC-NO) through June 30, 2013. Prior to the date of expiration, a request for reauthorization of institute status shall be due to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs. Should this request (using Form C) not be received by the aforementioned date, the Regents shall re-examine the need for this unit.

B. University of New Orleans - New Orleans Jazz Institute

To grant an extension of conditional approval for the New Orleans Jazz Institute (NOJI) at the University of New Orleans through December 1, 2010. By May 1, 2010, the University shall report to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs a list of external funding proposals submitted, the progress of these proposals, and amounts garnered to date to support future Institute activities. Upon assessment of this report, the Regents shall consider what additional steps are needed, if any before the due date for submittal of a proposal for full approval (using Form B) as required by Regents’ policies.

PROGRESS REPORTS ON CONDITIONALLY APPROVED ACADEMIC PROGRAMS AND UNITS – UNIVERSITY OF NEW ORLEANS

A. Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies

To receive the first report relative to the implementation of the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies at the University of New Orleans. A subsequent
report, addressing issues stipulated in the original action, shall be due to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs by January 1, 2011.

B. Pontchartrain Institute for Environmental Sciences

To receive the 2009 progress report from the University of New Orleans relative to operations of the Pontchartrain Institute for Environmental Sciences. By October 1, 2011, a request for reauthorization of institute status shall be due to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs. Should this request (using Form C) not be received by the aforementioned date, the Regents shall re-examine the need for this unit.

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS REPORT OF DECEMBER 2, 2009

To adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Report of December 2, 2009. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee as follows:

LICENSURE

To approve the request for license renewal for Northern Kentucky University, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, and the University of Phoenix.

PROPRIETARY SCHOOLS

To approve the following recommendation submitted by the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission on November 10, 2009, to renew the licenses of the following proprietary schools (initial license date in parentheses):

- Acadiana Area Career College (10/22/97)
- Ayers Career College (10/25/90)
- Becker Professional Education—Baton Rouge (10/24/96)
- Becker Professional Education—New Orleans (10/24/96)
- Cardiovascular Technology Training, Inc. (09/27/07)
- Career Technical College (09/28/06)
- Career Technical College of Shreveport (09/28/06)
- Coastal College--Baton Rouge (09/28/00)
Compass Career College (09/23/04)
Crosby Court Reporting Center (10/28/93)
Delta College, Inc. (10/26/95)
Delta College, Slidell Branch (09/23/04)
Diesel Driving Academy--Shreveport (06/21/73)
Eastern College of Health Vocations (10/28/99)
MedVance Institute of Baton Rouge (09/27/01)
Nursing Assistant Network Association (10/27/94)
Professional Institute of Court Reporting (10/27/94)
S.I.H.A.F. Career Institute (09/27/07)
Southern Security School (09/25/08)
Thomas Training & Development Center, Inc. (10/26/95)
Training Academy for Dental Assistants (08/23/04)
Unitech Training Academy, West Monroe (09/23/04)
The World’s Only Tattoo School, LLC (09/27/07)

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE OF
DECEMBER 2, 2009

To adopt the Planning, Research and Performance Committee of December 2,
2009. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)
NOMINATING COMMITTEE

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Stokes, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Nominating Committee as follows:

NOMINATION OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2010

To accept the following nomination of Board officers for 2010:

Chair: Regent Artis L. Terrell, Jr.
Vice Chairman: Regent Robert W. Levy
Secretary: Regent Mary Ellen Roy

NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2010

To accept the nomination of members to serve on the Executive Committee for 2010:

Chair Artis L. Terrell, Jr. Regent Donna G. Klein
Vice Chair Robert W. Levy Regent W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr.
Secretary Mary Ellen Roy Regent Harold M. Stokes
Regent Charlotte A. Bollinger

NOMINATION OF MEMBER(S) TO SERVE ON THE LOUISIANA STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE COMMISSION (LASFAC) FOR 2010

To accept the nominations of Joseph C. Wiley, member of the Board of Regents, and Larry Tremblay, Associate Commissioner for Planning and Research, to serve as the Regents’ representatives on the Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission (LASFAC) for 2010.

NOMINATION OF MEMBER(S) TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF REGENTS’ PROPRIETARY SCHOOLS ADVISORY COMMISSION FOR 2010

To accept the nomination of Richard E. D’Aquin, member of the Board of Regents, to serve as the representative on the Board of Regents’ Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission for 2010.

ADOPTION OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT OF DECEMBER 2, 2009

To adopt the Nominating Committee Report of December 2, 2009. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)
Chair Terrell congratulated the new slate of officers for 2010 and reminded them of the installation of officers at the January 7th meeting.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Dr. Clausen stated that Dr. Taylor and Ms. Flynn would conduct a tour of the Learning Center for Rapides Parish before lunch.

ADJOURNMENT

Regent Terrell stated there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.