

# MINUTES

## BOARD OF REGENTS

April 26, 2017

The Board of Regents met in session at noon on Wednesday, April 26, 2017, in the Louisiana Purchase Room 1-100, Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Richard Lipsey called the meeting to order.

### ROLL CALL

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

Present for the meeting were:

Richard Lipsey, Chair  
Edward Markle, Vice Chair  
Marty Chabert, Secretary  
Claudia Adley  
Blake David  
Thomas Henning  
Benson Kinney  
Robert Levy  
Roy Martin III  
Charles McDonald  
Darren Mire  
W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr.  
T. Jay Seale III  
William Gray Stream  
Collis Temple III  
Jacqueline Wyatt

Absent from the meeting were:

None

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Lipsey 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 20, 2017

**On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Seale, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of March 20, 2017.**

## **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**On motion of Regent Martin, seconded by Regent Kinney, the Board voted unanimously to approve all Committee recommendations from the April 26, 2017 Committee meetings.**

## **LEGISLATIVE**

### **2017 REGULAR SESSION UPDATES**

The report covered Board of Regents' legislative bills and bills that directly impact the Board of Regents and higher education, along with bills to monitor. The report was provided for informational purposes only and no action by the Board was needed.

## **FACILITIES AND PROPERTY**

### **CONSENT AGENDA: SMALL CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT**

**Approve the items on the Consent Agenda as listed below:**

- 1. LA Tech: A.E. Phillips Classroom/Restroom Improvements**
- 2. LSU A&M: Alex Box Stadium Seating Bowl Waterproofing**
- 3. LSU A&M: School of Veterinary Medicine Raptor Flight Cage**
- 4. LSU A&M: Soccer Complex Locker Room Improvements**
- 5. LSU-S: Student Success Center (Budget Increase)**
- 6. ULM: Activity Center LED Lighting Upgrade**
- 7. ULM: Activity Center Roof Replacement**
- 8. ULM: School of Construction Management Building HVAC Renovation**
- 9. ULM: Summer 2017 Parking & Paving Project**
- 10. ULM: Treatment Room Expansion Project**

## THIRD PARTY PROJECTS

1. NiSU: Manning Field Turf Replacement

**Approve the third party project submitted by the University of Louisiana System, on behalf of Nicholls State University, to replace the turf field and goalposts on Manning Field.**

2. ULM: Brown Stadium Track & Soccer Field Renovations
3. ULM: Foundation & Alumni Building Project

**Approve the two third party projects submitted by the University of Louisiana System, on behalf of the University of Louisiana at Monroe, to renovate the Brown Stadium Track and Soccer Field and related improvements as well as construct a new Foundation and Alumni Building. Committee approval of the Foundation project is contingent upon the University of Louisiana at Monroe creating a Maintenance Reserve Account for the new facility.**

## **ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS**

### ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

- A. Letters of Intent
  1. BS / Criminal Justice – Nicholls

**Approve the Letter of Intent from Nicholls State University to develop a program proposal for a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice.**

2. BS / Nursing – GSU

**Approve the Letter of Intent from Grambling State University to develop a program proposal for a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, after approval of the Letter of Intent by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN).**

### 2016-2017 ACADEMIC PROGRAM REVIEW

**Approve the staff recommendations relative to the 205 academic programs included in the review:**

- **Continuation of 152 programs, with enrollment and completer updates at staff request;**
- **Termination of 49 programs (45, effective May);**
- **Revision/Restructuring of 14 programs, with relevant terminations and revisions in the Curriculum Inventory; and**
- **Creation of 2 new programs in the CRIN.**

## CONSENT AGENDA

**Approve the items on the Consent Agenda as listed below:**

**A. Previously Approved Center**

- 1. Cecil J. Picard Center for Child Development and Lifelong Learning at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette through April 2022.**

**B. Routine Staff Reports**

- 1. Staff Approvals**
- 2. Progress Reports for Conditionally Approved Programs/Units**
- 3. Letters of Intent/Proposals in the Queue**

## **PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE**

## CONSENT AGENDA

**Approve the items on the Consent Agenda as listed below:**

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

- 1. Initial License**
  - a. Argosy University**
- 2. License Renewal**
  - a. Northcentral University**

**B. State Authorization Reciprocal Agreement (SARA) Institutional Renewals**

- 1. University of Louisiana at Lafayette**
- 2. University of Louisiana at Monroe**

## OTHER BUSINESS

An update was given on the implementation of Act 619 of the 2016 Regular Legislative Session. This item was for informational purposes only; therefore no action was needed.

## **SPONSORED PROGRAMS**

## FY 2016-2017 BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT FUND AWARD RECOMMENDATIONS

**Approve the FY 2016-17 BoRSF funding recommendations, with contingencies, as amended. A total of \$800,000 to the Endowed Chairs for Eminent Scholars program was recommended; all other programs and subprograms were recommended for funding as presented. The second-ranked proposal in Endowed Chairs, requiring a total of \$800,000, was not approved for funding due to the expectation that insufficient revenues would be realized in the BoRSF to match both recommended projects.**

## CONSENT AGENDA

**Approve the items on the Consent Agenda as listed below:**

### **Appointment of Endowed Chairholders without National Search**

**Appointment of Dr. William Stammerjohan to the Harold J. Smolinsky Eminent Scholar Chair for the College of Administration and Business at Louisiana Tech University; and**

**Appointment of Dr. Gerald H. Evans to the R. Jack and Mary Louise Cassingham, DDS, Chair in Periodontics at LSU Health Sciences Center at New Orleans.**

## REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Commissioner of Higher Education Joseph C. Rallo gave a few comments regarding two handouts prepared by the Communications Division of the Board of Regents. One was a pamphlet entitled “Elevating Higher Education” which covers the challenges, strategies, and success stories in higher education. Commissioner Rallo also distributed a brochure to the Board entitled “Louisiana Higher Education Fiscal Year 2018 Overview.” He said the talking points about higher education in both handouts will be useful when speaking to legislators. Dr. Rallo noted page 18 of the brochure, which shows Louisiana is ranked 49<sup>th</sup> in funding for higher education in the nation instead of 50<sup>th</sup>. The state of Illinois did not have a budget; therefore Illinois was ranked 50<sup>th</sup>.

Chair Lipsey mentioned that a recent article showed Louisiana last in spending per student in the region. He questioned if Louisiana is satisfied being #49 or #50 in funding for higher education.

## OTHER BUSINESS

- Chair Lipsey mentioned that today is Administrative Professionals Day. He thanked the Regents’ administrative professionals for their hard work and contributions to higher education. Chair Lipsey introduced the Regents’ administrative professionals -- Carolyn Blanchard, Carla Smith, Kathy Hoyt, Jill Holton, Michelle Brandon, and Tonnisha Ellis.

- Regent Lipsey said the next meeting will be Monday, May 22, 2017. On this day, he said, the members of the Board will have the opportunity to “Meet the Fleet” as the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium (LUMCON) will bring their marine research vessels – The *Pelican* and the *Acadiana* – to Baton Rouge. These two vessels will form the centerpiece of the event while LUMCON scientists and education staff lead hands-on activities and provide information about marine research at booths set up dockside.

Regent Chabert thanked the staff for the pamphlets handed today and also for those working long hours at the Capitol during the session.

Regent Stream questioned what the specific outcomes would be if all initiatives the Regents were championing in *Elevate Louisiana* were executed with proper resources. Commissioner Rallo emphasized the need to keep making our message plain, coherent and upfront.

Regent Markle said that every year higher education addresses the same issue of not being properly funded. Since education and healthcare are not protected by the Constitution, Regent Markle said it should be suggested to the Governor and the Legislature to hold a Constitutional Convention so these issues can be resolved. He said this would give the Legislature an opportunity to use money from other agencies to fill the deficit.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:18 p.m.