

# MINUTES

## BOARD OF REGENTS

September 27, 2017

*Earlier in the morning, Chair Lipsey announced that recently Regent Gray Stream from Lake Charles resigned from his position on the Board of Regents due to other obligations. Therefore, Chair Lipsey made some new Committee assignments. Regent Darren Mire is appointed to the Executive Committee and the Search Committee. Regent Marty Chabert will be the chair of the Finance Committee and Regent Blake David will serve as vice-chair. Regent Collis Temple, III, is assigned to the Finance Committee.*

*With Regent Stream's departure, Regent Thomas Henning resigned from his position as an at-large member of the board and will now fill the third district position of Regent Stream.*

*On Tuesday, September 26, 2017, Ms. Sonia Perez was sworn in as the newest member of the Board of Regents in the at-large position previously held by Regent Henning. Regent Perez is the President of AT&T Louisiana and serves on numerous boards.*

The Board of Regents met in session at 10:03 a.m. on Wednesday, September 27, 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.

The first item on the Board's agenda was a special presentation by Commissioner of Higher Education Joseph C. Rallo. He recognized the late Curt Eysink, former director of the Louisiana Workforce Commission. Commissioner Rallo said Mr. Eysink demonstrated immeasurable support for higher education and workforce preparation throughout his life's work. Dr. Rallo then read the proclamation which dedicates the BoRSF Endowed Two-Year Workforce Scholarship Subprogram in memory of Mr. Curt Eysink. (See Attachment I.)

Chair Richard Lipsey presented the signed proclamation to his wife, Mrs. Dianne Eysink, and their three children, Samantha, Maxwell and Adelaide.

Mrs. Eysink expressed deep appreciation for today's recognition of Curt on behalf of their children, Curt's parents, Ute and Billy Eysink, along with his brothers, Paul and Konrad.

She said Curt had lived in many places, but considered Louisiana his home and wanted his home to be a better place.

### 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  
Robert Levy  
Roy Martin III  
Charles McDonald  
Wilbert Pryor  
Jay Seale III  
Collis Temple III  
Adarian Williams  
Jacqueline Wyatt

Absent from the meeting were:

Darren Mire  
Sonia Perez

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

At today's board meeting, the Board of Regents, Mr. David Helveston, Chief External Affairs Officer of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System, Dr. Monty Sullivan, President of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System (by video), Mr. Stephen Waguespack, president and CEO of the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, Mr. Charles Moniotte, a member of the Workforce Investment Council, and Dr. Jim Henderson, president of the University of Louisiana System, remembered Mr. Curt Eysink for his support of higher education and workforce.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 23, 2017

**On motion of Regent Martin, seconded by Regent Henning, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of August 23, 2017.**

**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Chair Lipsey inquired if any member of the Board wanted to take up any of the committee reports separately before a motion was made to accept all reports.

**On motion of Regent McDonald, seconded by Regent Wyatt, the Board voted unanimously to approve all Committee recommendations from the September 27, 2017 Committee meetings.**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF FY 2017-2018 OPERATING BUDGETS

**Accept the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Operating Budgets.**

**ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

A. Letter of Intent

**Approve the Letter of Intent to develop a program proposal as follows:**

- **Master of Science in Industrial Chemistry at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette**

B. Academic Proposals

1. New Programs

**Conditionally approve the proposed new academic programs with progress reports due on December 1, 2019, as follows:**

- a. Bachelor of Science (CIP 43.0104) in Criminal Justice at Nicholls State University; and**
- b. Graduate Certificate in Supply Chain Management (CIP 52.0203) at Southern University and A&M College.**

2. Redesigned Programs

- a. **Approve the revised Associate of Science in Computer Science (CIP 11.0701) at Southern University in Shreveport with a progress report due by December 29, 2018.**
- b. **Conditionally approve the Bachelor of Science in Unmanned Aircraft Systems Management (CIP 49.0199) at the University of Louisiana at Monroe, and termination of the Bachelor of Science in Aviation (CIP 49.0102) with a progress report on the new program implementation due by June 1, 2019.**
- c. **Approve the Graduate Certificate in Therapeutic Recreation (CIP 51.2309) at Southern University and A&M College, and termination of the Master of Science in Therapeutic Recreation with a progress report due by December 29, 2018.**

3. Reconsideration of a Terminated Program

- a. **Approve reinstatement of the Bachelor of Science in Finance (CIP 52.0801) at Southern University and A&M College with a progress report due on September 15, 2018.**

CENTERS AND INSTITUTES

A. Culinary Workforce Center of Excellence at Delgado Community College

**Approve suspension of the designation of the Culinary Center for Workforce Excellence at Delgado Community College until the college applies for reauthorization with evidence of excellence in (1) enrollments, completers, and contribution to the workforce in all of its culinary programming, and (2) private sector support and investment of time and resources to rejuvenate the culinary program.**

GOVERNOR'S MILITARY AND VETERAN FRIENDLY CAMPUS DESIGNATION FOR AY 2017-2018

**Approve the endorsement of the following 27 institutions as having met requirements to receive/maintain designation as a Governor's Military and Veteran Friendly Campus and to forward their names to the Governor:**

<b>Baton Rouge CC</b>	<b>S Central LA TC</b>	<b>McNeese</b>
<b>Bossier Parish CC</b>	<b>South LA CC</b>	<b>Nicholls</b>
<b>Central LA TCC</b>	<b>SOWELA TCC</b>	<b>Northwestern</b>
<b>Delgado CC</b>	<b>LSU and A&amp;M</b>	<b>Southeastern</b>
<b>Fletcher TCC</b>	<b>LSU at Alexandria</b>	<b>UL, Lafayette</b>
<b>LA Delta CC</b>	<b>LSU at Eunice</b>	<b>UL, Monroe</b>
<b>Northshore TCC</b>	<b>LSU at Shreveport</b>	<b>UNO</b>
<b>NW LA TC</b>	<b>Grambling</b>	<b>SUBR (reinstatement)</b>
<b>Nunez CC</b>	<b>LA Tech</b>	<b>SUNO (reinstatement)</b>

## CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. AA Policy 2.14 Revisions: *2017 Guidelines for Teacher Preparation***
- B. Routine Staff Reports**
  - **Staff Approvals**
  - **Progress Reports for Conditionally Approved Programs/Units**
  - **Letters of Intent/Proposals in the Queue**

## **STATEWIDE PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

### CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Publication of Rule – Adopt Rulemaking for Technical Corrections to the Scholarship and Grant Program Administrative Rules**
- B. Approval of Exceptions - Ratify Request for Exception to the TOPS Regulatory Provisions that Require Students to Remain Continuously Enrolled and to Earn the Annual Credit Hours Required During the Academic Year**

## **SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

### CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Waiver of Expendable Funds Cap for eight (8) Endowed Chairs and thirty (30) Endowed Professorships at LSU Health Sciences Center at New Orleans, as identified in the letter of request;**
- B. Division of the James A. Joseph/United Companies Financial Corporation Endowed Chair in Small and Minority Business Enterprise in the College of Business into three (3) Endowed Professorships at Southern University and A&M College; and**
- C. Appointment of Dr. Azmy Ackleh to the Ray P. Authement/BoRSF Eminent Scholar Chair in Computational Mathematics at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette without a national search.**

## PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

### CONSENT AGENDA

Approve the items on the Consent Agenda as listed below:

- A. R.S. 17:1808 (Licensure)**
  - 1. Initial License**
    - a. Bard College**
    - b. Research College of Nursing**
  - 2. License Renewals**
    - a. Saint Leo University**
    - b. Simmons College**
    - c. South University**
- B. Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission**
  - 1. Initial Licenses**
    - a. Compassionate Healthcare Training, LLC**
    - b. LA Comprehensive Medical Academy, LLC**
    - c. Louisiana Dental Center School of Dental Assisting**
    - d. Over Drive Truck Driving School of Louisiana**
    - e. Woodland Healthcare Training, LLC**
  - 2. License Renewals**
    - a. Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy (08/24/11)**
    - b. Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy (Lafayette) (08/26/15)**
    - c. Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy (Monroe) (08/26/15)**
    - d. Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy (New Orleans) (08/26/15)**
    - e. Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy (Slidell) (08/26/15)**
    - f. Advance Nursing Training, LLC (08/27/14)**
    - g. Ark-La-Tex Dental Assisting Academy (08/26/10)**
    - h. Aspire Medical Training Academy, Inc. (08/24/16)**
    - i. Baton Rouge School of Computers (08/28/97)**
    - j. Camelot College (08/28/86)**
    - k. Coastal College--Alexandria (08/28/97)**
    - l. Crescent City School of Gaming & Bartending (09/14/83)**
    - m. Digital Media Institute at InterTech (08/27/14)**
    - n. Falck Maritime Services (08/24/11)**
    - o. Falck Safety Services--Houma (08/24/11)**
    - p. Fortis College (08/26/10)**
    - q. Healthcare Training Institute (08/27/08)**
    - r. Julian Certified Nursing Assistant Training School (08/27/08)**
    - s. Life Care, LLC (08/21/13)**
    - t. Maritime Services Group of Louisiana, LLC (08/24/16)**
    - u. Medical Training College (08/22/96)**
    - v. New Horizons Computer Learning Center of New Orleans (08/21/13)**
    - w. N.O.D.C. School for Dental Assisting (08/24/11)**
    - x. River Cities School of Dental Assisting, Inc. (08/24/06)**
    - y. Rock Bridge Training Institute, LLC (08/26/15)**
    - z. Stick It Phlebotomy (08/26/15)**
    - aa. Unitech Training Academy--Lake Charles (08/27/09)**
    - bb. Universal Technical Institute of Northern Texas, LLC (08/24/16)**

## STATE AUTHORIZATION RECIPROcity AGREEMENT

### **A. Xavier University of Louisiana**

**Approve the Application for Institutional Participation in SARA for Xavier University of Louisiana and authorize staff to submit the approved application to NC-SARA for final approval of SARA membership.**

## REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Commissioner of Higher Education Joseph C. Rallo had several updates.

### A. Update on Commissioner Search

Mr. Matthew LaBruyere, Associate Commissioner for Finance and Administration of the Board of Regents, provided an update on the search process for the next Commissioner of Higher Education. He said the Request for Proposals (RFP) were advertised and proposal applications should be received in our offices by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 6, 2017. After applications are scored and a search firm is selected, the Board of Regents can enter into a contract with the firm.

### B. Update on Federal Changes to the Guidelines on Title IX

Dr. Uma Subramanian, Deputy Commissioner for Legal and External Affairs of the Board of Regents, provided an update on the federal changes in the campus sexual assault guidelines. She first reviewed the state and federal laws followed by the recent changes to federal guidelines and legal implications of the United States Department of Education's action. Dr. Subramanian also mentioned there could be possible future changes to state laws and Board of Regents' policies, if federal regulations necessitate such changes.

### C. Update on the LaSTEM Advisory Council

Commissioner Rallo said the LaSTEM Advisory Council held its initial meeting on September 13, 2017. LaSTEM, under the auspices of the Board of Regents, is tasked

to coordinate and oversee the creation, delivery, and promotion of STEM education programs, to increase student interest and achievement in the fields of STEM, to ensure the alignment of education, economic development, industry, and workforce needs, and to increase the number of women who graduate from a postsecondary institution with a STEM degree or credential. The council will meet monthly for the first year. The next meeting is October 18<sup>th</sup>.

D. Employment of Internal Auditor

Commissioner Rallo reported that the Board of Regents recently hired a new Assistant Commissioner for Audit and Compliance, Elizabeth Bourgeois. She will serve as the chief audit review officer for the Board of Regents.

OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Revision of the Bylaws for the Internal Operation and the Transaction of Business for the Board of Regents for the State of Louisiana
1. Standing Committees (*Article 5.2* on page 6 of Bylaws)
    - (a) Add Audit Committee as a Standing Committee

The first item is the revision of the bylaws for the Internal Operation and the Transaction of Business for the Board of Regents for the State of Louisiana.

Act 314 of the 2015 Regular Session requires in House Bill One that any agency receiving more than \$30 million in the general appropriations bill have an internal audit function.

Act 314 further requires that the Board of Regents establish an office of the Chief Audit Executive who is responsible for ensuring that the internal audit function is up to standard and maintains independence in accordance with the standards.

In accordance with Act 314 and the Board of Regents staff's response to the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's 2017 audit findings, the Commissioner has established an office of the Chief Audit Executive by hiring an Assistant Commissioner of Audit and Compliance and recommends the Board create an Audit Committee of the Board of Regents.

The Commissioner further recommends that the Chief Audit Executive report to the Audit Committee on all matters other than day-to-day activities and to the Commissioner on day-to-day activities.



Therefore, Article 5.2 of the Bylaws should be amended as follows to add “Audit Committee” as a standing committee, whose membership shall be appointed by the chair.

**On motion of Regent Seale, seconded by Regent Markle, the Board voted unanimously to approve the revision of Article 5.2 of the Bylaws for the Internal Operation and the Transaction of Business for the Board of Regents for the State of Louisiana by adding an Audit Committee as a standing committee, whose membership shall be appointed by the chair.**

B. Membership of Audit Committee

Chair Lipsey said there will be at least five members of the Audit Committee, and he will name those members within the week.

C. Other Comments

The Chair expressed his condolences to the family of Dr. Sammie Wayne Cospers who served as the third Commissioner of Higher Education from 1990 through 1993. Dr. Cospers passed away on September 19<sup>th</sup>.

The next Board of Regents meeting will be held October 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> in Lake Charles at SOWELA Technical Community College.

The Chair wished Regent Jay Seale a happy birthday.

There will be a board orientation for Mr. Wilbert Pryor and Mr. Adarian Williams following the Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m.