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Regents Respond to Clausen Resignation

BATON ROUGE, La. –This morning, on behalf of the Board of Regents, Chairman Artis Terrell acknowledged the resignation of Commissioner of Higher Education Sally Clausen effective July 1, 2010 and thanked her for her decades of service to the state. Chairman Terrell said despite a change in leadership, the important issues facing higher education will continue to be the top priority for Regents and its partners in postsecondary education.

“We will remain focused and dedicated to finding solutions to the many challenges facing our colleges and universities today, and for many years to come,” said Chairman Terrell. “While these are difficult times for our state and especially our colleges, we cannot lose focus of our core mission—providing high quality postsecondary education leading to more graduates ready to succeed in the workforce.”

Chairman Terrell says the Personnel Committee of the Board of Regents will meet within days to consider the creation of a Selection Committee tasked with filling the position of Commissioner of Higher Education. The board could also discuss other transition-related issues including the comprehensive review of personnel policies and procedures requested during their May meeting.

Dr. Sally Clausen became Louisiana’s sixth Commissioner of Higher Education in July, 2008. In addition to her service as Commissioner, Dr. Clausen held the positions of President of the University of Louisiana System and President of Southeastern Louisiana University during her more than 30 years of experience in the field of education.

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