

FINANCE COMMITTEE
Wednesday, August 27, 2003

The Finance Committee met on Wednesday, August 27, 2003, at 1:00 p.m. in the Louisiana Purchase Room of the Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Pat Strong called the meeting to order. The roll was called, and a quorum was established.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Pat Strong, Chair
Virgil Robinson, Jr., Vice Chair
Billy Blake
Scott Brame
Richard D'Aquin
Roland Toups
William Rucks
Winfred Sibille
John Delaney
Richard Caiton

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Frances Henry
William Oliver
Robert Levy
W. Clinton Rasberry
Clifford Smith
Stanley Jacobs
Adonis Ducre

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

E. Joseph Savoie
Marvin Roubique
Mike Galloway
Louise Moore

GUESTS PRESENT

Appendix A

FIRST DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES AND ACADEMIC CENTERS POOL FUND

Mr. Roubique, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Facilities, informed the Committee that the Legislature appropriated \$5,000,000 for the continued development of the Community and Technical Colleges and the two Academic Centers. He provided a chart reflecting the proposed distribution of the funds. The institutions participating in the distribution of these funds are: Baton Rouge Community College, Bossier Parish Community College, Delgado Community College, Fletcher Technical Community College, Nunez Community College, South Louisiana Community College, Louisiana Delta Community College, LSU Eunice, and Southern University in Shreveport. Further an amount of \$400,000 is allocated to the System Office and \$702,407 remains to be distributed based on spring enrollment increases and for operations of the Academic Centers.

After discussion, the Committee took the following action:

On motion of Regent D'Aquin, seconded by Regent Blake, the Finance Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the Board of Regents approve the distribution of the FY 2003-04 Community and Technical Colleges and Academic Centers Pool Fund as presented. (See Appendix B.)

DISTRIBUTION OF EQUIPMENT POOL FUND - CAPITAL OUTLAY

Next, Mr. Roubique reviewed a proposed distribution of funding for the Library, Academic, Scientific and Instructional Equipment Pool. The Legislature appropriated \$15,000,000 in the capital outlay bill for the purchase of Library, Instructional and Scientific equipment during FY 2003-2004. General Fund cash amounts to \$11.5 million with the remaining in Bond Priority 2 (\$1.1 million) and

Bond Priority 5 (\$2.4 million). The distribution plan is based on the \$11.5 million in cash. As in previous years, the distribution of these funds was based on: (1) restoring equipment allocation, and (2) pro-rata share at full formula funding, up to 100% implementation level. Once an institution's implementation level reaches 100% that institution does not receive any additional funds and the remaining fund are re-distributed to the other institutions.

After discussion, the Committee took the following action:

On motion of Regent Robinson, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Finance Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the Board of Regents approve the distribution of the FY 2003-04 Library, Academic, Scientific and Instructional Equipment Pool Funds as presented. (See Appendix C.) Further that the staff be given authority to allocate any bond funds based on the same pro-rata distribution model, when the funds become available.

DISTRIBUTION OF PERFORMANCE AND QUALITY POOL FUND

The FY 2003-04 Appropriations Bill includes \$5,250,000 in the Performance and Quality Improvement Pool. Of this amount \$2,800,000 will be distributed to the four management boards for allocation to their respective institutions. The remaining \$2,450,000 will be expended as follows: \$500,000 for the Governor's Energy Initiative and \$1,950,000 for Master Plan Implementation. The programs targeted are EPAS, Enrollment Management, Flagship Initiative and a High School data base with campus access. Commissioner Savoie gave a detailed explanation for each item.

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Brame, the Finance Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the Board of Regents approve the distribution of the FY 2003-04

**Performance and Quality Development Pool Fund as presented.
(See Appendix D.)**

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Donnie Vandal, Deputy Commissioner for Administration, gave a status report on the Health Care Development Appropriation. He said that a \$2,700,000 appropriation was made to the Board of Regents for the following: (1) \$1,600,000 to Delgado Community College for nurse and allied health workforce training, (2) \$300,000 to Southeastern Louisiana University for nursing and allied health programs, (3) \$100,000 for two (2) positions and associated expenses of the Louisiana Health Works Commission, and (4) \$700,000 to be allocated specifically for allied health and nursing education programs among the post secondary educational institutions. Since the funding allocations for Delgado Community College and Southeastern Louisiana University were specified in the General Appropriations Act, the transfer of funding will be accomplished through Interagency Agreements. An amount of \$600,000 will be used for developing additional nursing education faculty and the balance of the funds will be allocated for the ULM Pharmacy Program to assist in increasing the production of Pharmacists.

After discussion, the Committee took the following action:

On motion of Regent Touns, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Finance Committee unanimously recommended that the Board of Regents approve the distribution of the Health Care Development Appropriation as presented. (See Appendix E).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 1:45 p.m.