

# MINUTES

## BOARD OF REGENTS

October 27, 2011

The Board of Regents met in session at 9:15 a.m., Thursday, October 27, 2011, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Chairman Robert Levy called the meeting to order. Executive Assistant Carolyn Blanchard called the roll and a quorum was established.

Present for the meeting were:

Robert Levy, Chairman  
Charlotte Bollinger, Secretary  
Scott Ballard  
Maurice Durbin  
William Fenstermaker  
Chris Gorman  
John Mineo IV  
W. Clinton Rasbeny, Jr.  
Victor Stelly  
Harold Stokes  
Joseph Wiley

Absent from the meeting were:

Robert Bruno  
Joseph Fan  
Donna Klein  
Mary Ellen Roy, Vice Chair  
Albert Sam II

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Levy 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 SEPTEMBER 22, 2011

**On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Stelly, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of September 22, 2011.**

APPROVAL OF THE 2012 SCHEDULE OF BOARD OF REGENTS' MEETINGS

**On motion of Regent Raspberry, seconded by Regent Durbin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2012 Schedule of Board of Regents' Meetings.**

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Dr. Jim Purcell, Commissioner of Higher Education, mentioned that he has recently been speaking with community and business leaders about building a successful future in Louisiana. To achieve success, accountability and organizational leadership are important. But change was necessary and began when higher education looked at its low graduation rates. For local business and industry, change began when companies started leaving the state.

Dr. Purcell said that for all to move in the same direction, Louisiana needs to focus on providing opportunities for individuals to receive a better education to gain the skills necessary to provide a living for their families. This requires that Louisiana has the appropriate support mechanisms to assist students in moving forward and meeting the challenges ahead. He said higher education must think about financial aid, enhanced tutoring, counseling and advising, and assurance of transferability for its students. Goals to work toward include a seamless curriculum across the state, ease of registration, and effective remediation for students, many of whom are nontraditional.

Commissioner Purcell said much work has been done by the Regents such as reducing low-performing programs, lifting the moratorium on new programs, shortening the time frame for academic program review, developing a funding method for rewarding performance, strengthening admission standards, and emphasizing long-term targets such as workforce, research and accountability in the Master Plan. The role, scope and mission of each institution,

funding and rewarding performance, maximizing available space on campuses for higher education, and the issues of financial aid will be targeted for discussion by the Regents over the next couple of months.

## **REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Rasberry, Chair of the Finance Committee, Mr. Todd Barré, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, presented the Finance Committee Report of October 26, 2011.

#### **PRELIMINARY FY 2012-13 FORMULA FUNDING REQUEST**

**On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Durbin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the Preliminary FY 2012-13 Formula Funding Request and authorize the Commissioner and Board Chair to make adjustments to the formula and report back to the Board.**

#### **CONSIDERATION OF BA-7 FOR UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM GRAD ACT CARRY-FORWARDS, BA-7 FOR CARRY FORWARD OF ACT 971 BALANCES UNDER GRAD ACT PROVISIONS, AND BA-7 FOR LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM LSU AND A&M ENROLLMENT INCREASE**

**On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Durbin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve three BA-7's for GRAD Act carry forwards and the BA-7 for LSU and A&M enrollment increase.**

#### **RESPONSE TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 161 OF THE 2011 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

**On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Durbin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the response to House Resolution 161 of the 2011 Regular Legislative Session.**

ADOPTION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF OCTOBER 26, 2011

**On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Durbin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Finance Committee Report of October 26, 2011.**  
*(Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)*

**FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Rasberry, Vice Chair of the Facilities and Property Committee, Mr. Rich Griswold, Associate Commissioner for Facilities, presented the Facilities and Property Committee Report of October 26, 2011.

CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET REQUEST FOR FY 2012-2013

**On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Durbin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the FY 2012-2013 Capital Outlay Budget Recommendations as presented by staff.**

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT OF OCTOBER 26, 2011

**On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Durbin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Report of October 26, 2011.** *(Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)*

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Stokes, Vice Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Dr. Karen Denby, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, presented the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of October 26, 2011.

LETTER OF INTENT MASTER OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY (MOT) UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT MONROE

**On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to approve the University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for a Letter of Intent for a Master of Occupational Therapy.**

PROPOSED NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAM (BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CYBER ENGINEERING) LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY

**On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the B.S. in Cyber Engineering (CIP Code 14.9999) at Louisiana Tech University. By November 1, 2012, the institution will update the Board on enrollment and completion rates.**

LOUISIANA TRANSFER DEGREE NEW STATEWIDE CONCENTRATIONS

**On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to endorse the new statewide concentrations in Business and Mass Communication for the Associate of Arts Louisiana Transfer degree.**

REPORTS OF THE STAFF

**On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the reports and approve the recommendations of the staff included in Agenda Item VI, particularly:**

- VI-A Appointment of new members to the Blue Ribbon Commission;**
- VI-B Staff approval of routine academic requests; and**
- VI-C Staff recommendations for conditionally approved programs and units.**

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT OF OCTOBER 26, 2011

**On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of October 26, 2011. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

**PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Stelly, Chair of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee, Dr. Larry Tremblay, Interim Deputy Commissioner for Academic and Student Affairs, presented the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Report of October 26, 2011.

LICENSURE

**On motion of Regent Stelly, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to issue initial operating licenses to Liberty University, University of Northern Colorado and the University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences. If any of these institutions either currently offers or plans to offer Teacher Education or Education Leadership programs to Louisiana residents, it must follow additional Board of Regents' regulations regarding approval to operate these programs.**

**On motion of Regent Stelly, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve the request for license renewal for Panola College, located in Carthage, Texas.**

GRAD ACT

**On motion of Regent Stelly, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve the Performance Requirements for GRAD Act Intermediate Level Autonomies.**

OTHER BUSINESS

**On motion of Regent Stelly, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to allow universities to admit 2012 high school graduates who are lacking the Arts category of the Core 4 curriculum, but otherwise meet the minimum admission standards.**

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF OCTOBER 26, 2011

**On motion of Regent Stelly, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Report of October 26, 2011. *(Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)***

OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Levy had several items to consider under Other Business.

*A. Approval of the Nominating Committee*

According to the Regents' bylaws, the Board of Regents' officers are installed at the first meeting in January annually. A Nominating Committee needs to convene and offer nominations

during the December 7, 2011, meeting for the Board's consideration. He offered the following Regents for consideration:

Maurice Durbin as Chair; Joseph Farr; Victor Stelly; Harold Stokes; and Joseph Wiley

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Mineo, the Board voted unanimously to approve the members of the Nominating Committee as listed: Maurice Durbin as Chair; Joseph Farr; Victor Stelly; Harold Stokes; Joseph Wiley.

### *B. Proposed Adoption of Consent Agenda Procedures*

A recommendation had been made by Mr. Tom Layzell, former advisor to the Board of Regents, concerning certain suggested practices to strengthen the effectiveness and efficiency of the Board of Regents' meetings. It was recommended that the Regents utilize a consent agenda procedure for routine matters to allow more time for discussion and deliberations on significant policy matters. The staff has prepared for consideration a proposed consent agenda procedure. The Regents' bylaws require that that each member be given a thirty-day notice of any proposed amendment to policies and procedures before a final vote. The procedures will be considered for adoption at the December 2011 meeting.

### *C. Miscellaneous*

For many years, the Board has sponsored the publication of NEXT magazine which goes to every 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grader in Louisiana—both public and private school students—to assist them in planning for college and their careers. Commissioner Purcell is featured with the Governor on page 6 and many of our state's colleges and universities have advertisements in the magazine, as does our Louisiana Transfer Degree Campaign on the last page.

The State of Ohio contacted Ms. Meg Casper, Associate Commissioner for Public Affairs, Board of Regents, seeking a copy of the Regents' communications plan for the Transfer Degree. With the assistance of Regents' staff, Ohio reports that it was able to save a year's worth of work and secure \$150,000 for its own communication effort modeled after Louisiana's. Thank you to Meg Casper, Karen Denby, and members of the Statewide Articulation and Transfer Committee as well as the General Education Committee for their work in creating a model communications campaign for one of our most important initiatives.

Dr. Frank Pogue, President of Grambling University, was recently named one of the top African American University and College Presidents in the country. The Atlanta Post announced their top ten list several weeks ago, listing Dr. Pogue at number nine. Congratulations for the accomplishments of Dr. Pogue personally and professionally

### ADJOURNMENT

**On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Durbin, the meeting adjourned at 9:36 a.m. with no further business to come before the Board.**