

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

JANUARY 26, 2006

The Board of Regents met in session at 9:05 a.m., Thursday, January 26, 2006, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Roland Toups called the meeting to order. Executive Assistant to the Commissioner, Ms. Carolyn Blanchard, called the roll and a quorum was established.

Present for the meeting were:

Billy Blake
Scott Brame
Richard D'Aquin
Frances Henry, Vice Chair
Stanley Jacobs
Ingrid Labat
Robert Levy
W. Clinton Rasberry
Mary Ellen Roy
Clifford Smith
Harold Stokes
Pat Strong, Secretary
Artis Terrell
Roland Toups, Chair
Chris Jividen

Absent for the meeting were:

Virgil Robinson

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Toups noted that no written requests were received for public comments and inquired if the audience had any comments at this time. There were none.

MINUTES APPROVED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 5, 2006

On motion of Regent D'Aquin, seconded by Regent Blake, the Board voted

unanimously to approve the minutes of January 5, 2006.

RATIFICATION OF COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to ratify Committee Assignments as presented.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Brame, Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Mr. Gerard Killebrew, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, presented motions from the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of January 25, 2006.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS RELATIVE TO THE REVIEW OF UNACCREDITED PROGRAMS MANDATED TO BE ACCREDITED, AS REQUIRED BY ACADEMIC AFFAIRS POLICY 2.13 AND THE 2001 MASTER PLAN FOR POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION IN LOUISIANA

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to approve Staff Recommendations Relative to the Review of Unaccredited Academic Programs.

PROPOSED ACADEMIC RESEARCH UNITS

A. Louisiana State University and A&M College

Hearne Institute for Theoretical Physics

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the proposed Hearne Institute for Theoretical Physics at Louisiana State University and A&M College for a period of five years, effective immediately. By August 1, 2006, the University shall submit to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs a completed operational budget for FY budget for FY 2006-2007 and projected budgets for FY 2007-2011.

Center for Biomodular Microsystems

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the Center for Biomodular Microsystems at Louisiana State University and A&M College for a period of three years, effective immediately. By March 1, 2006, the University shall submit to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs an update which addresses financial concerns expressed in the staff summary.

B. University of Louisiana-Lafayette - Center for Child Development

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the Center for Child Development at the University of Louisiana-Lafayette for one year, effective immediately. As required by Board of Regents Academic Affairs Guidelines: Proposed New Centers, Institutes, and Other Academic/Research Units, ULL shall submit to the Commissioner of Higher Education a proposal for full approval of this center by February 1, 2007. If this proposal is not forthcoming by this date, the Board of Regents shall re-examine the need for this center.

PROPOSED LETTERS OF INTENT - LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AND A&M COLLEGE - B.A. IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the proposed Letter of Intent for a Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies at Louisiana State University and A&M College.

PROGRESS REPORTS ON CONDITIONALLY APPROVED PROGRAMS

A. Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center - New Orleans - Doctor of Physical Therapy

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the 2005 Progress Report from the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center - New Orleans Relative to Implementation of the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program. Accordingly, the LSUHSC-NO is authorized to implement this program beginning Summer 2006. The next progress report shall be due December 1, 2007.

Given continuing concerns regarding long-term funding needed to fully address external consultant recommendations, the Committee further recommends meetings as soon as possible between appropriate LSUHSC-NO, LSU System, and Regents staff to discuss proposed tuition increases or other possible funding

mechanisms.

- B. Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center - Shreveport - Doctor of Physical Therapy

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the 2005 Progress Report from the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center - Shreveport Relative to Implementation of the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program. Accordingly, the LSUHSC-S is authorized to implement this program beginning Summer 2006. The next progress report shall be due December 1, 2007.

Given continuing concerns regarding long-term funding needed to fully address external consultant recommendations, the Committee further recommends meetings as soon as possible between appropriate LSUHSC-S, LSU System, and Regents staff to discuss proposed tuition increases or other possible funding mechanisms.

- C. Southern University - Baton Rouge - Master of Engineering

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the AY 2004-2005 Progress Report from Southern University - Baton Rouge Relative to the Implementation of the Master of Engineering Program. The University shall submit to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs a subsequent progress report addressing continuing staff concerns by August 1, 2006.

- D. University of Louisiana - Lafayette - M.S. in Engineering-Petroleum Engineering

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the AY 2004-05 Progress Report Relative to Implementation of the Petroleum Engineering Option in the Master of Science in Engineering at the University of Louisiana - Lafayette. The next progress report shall be due September 1, 2006.

- E. Louisiana Delta Community College - A.S. in Early Childhood Education

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the AY 2004-05 Progress Report from Louisiana Delta Community College Relative to Implementation of the A.S. Program in Early Childhood Education. To ensure continuing program development, a progress report addressing staff concerns shall be submitted to the Associate

Commissioner for Academic Affairs by August 1, 2006.**TEACHER EDUCATION INITIATIVES - EVALUATION OF A REDESIGNED INITIAL TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM AND GRADUATE PROGRAMS FOR TEACHERS AND EDUCATION LEADERS**

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the Master of Education Degree in Curriculum and Instruction (CIP Code 13.0301) at Southeastern Louisiana University in Early Childhood Education (ECE-Grades PK-3), Elementary Education (Grades 1-5), Middle School Education (Grades 4-8), Literacy/Reading Specialist (Elementary/Secondary), English as a Second Language Education, Secondary English Education, Secondary Foreign Language Education, Secondary Mathematics Education, Secondary Science – Biology Education, Secondary Science – Chemistry/Physics Education, and Secondary Social Studies Education.

REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER

Mr. Killbrew updated the Board on the following items:

- A. Louisiana's Participation in the American Diploma Project;
- B. Statewide Review of Existing Licensed Practical Nursing Programs;
- C. Status of Reviews of Conditionally Approved Programs;
- D. Schedule of Reviews for Proposed Programs/Units; and
- E. Staff Approval of Routine Academic Requests.

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JANUARY 25, 2006

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Report of January 25, 2006. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Jacobs, Chair of the Facilities and Property Committee, Mr. Rich Griswold, Associate Commissioner for Facilities, presented motions from the Facilities and Property Committee Report of January 25, 2006.

SMALL CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the Small Capital Projects Report as listed below:

**Pleasant Hall Room B151 Renovations -Louisiana State University and A&M College
\$349,000 from Federal Funds**

**Law Center - Replace Atrium Roof - Louisiana State University Law Center
\$200,000 from State Funds**

**Sea Grant Shops Reroofing - Louisiana State University and A&M College
\$349,000 from Federal Funds**

**Herget Hall Replacement of Fire Alarm System - Louisiana State University and A&M College
\$200,000 from Auxiliary Funds**

**David Boyd Hall Second Floor Telecom Upgrade - Louisiana State University and A&M College
\$310,000 from State Funds**

**Talbot Hall Elevator Project - Nicholls State University
\$349,000 from Building Use Fees**

**Annie Boyd Hall Replacement of Elevator - Louisiana State University and A&M College
\$250,000 from Auxiliary Funds**

ACT 959 PROJECT

On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the construction of a student services facility in the T. H. Harris Hall Annex at Southern University and A&M College under the provisions of Act 959 of 2003. The project is estimated to cost approximately \$2,819,990 and will utilize federal funds.

HURRICANES KATRINA AND RITA FACILITIES STATUS REPORT

Mr. Griswold said he gave a progress report on the institutions impacted by the hurricanes.

He also noted that several institutions had or will reopen during January.

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JANUARY 25, 2006

On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent Blake, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Meeting Report of January 25, 2006. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Blake, Vice Chair of the Finance Committee, Mr. Donald Vandal, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, presented motions from the Finance Committee Report of January 25, 2006.

RECONSIDERATION OF STATE FUNDING FOR “PERFORMANCE INCENTIVES” AND FOR “CONTINUED GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES AND LEARNING CENTERS”

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the revised allocations for the LCTCS and two-year institutions and learning centers as reflected.

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the revised allocations for the four-year systems as reflected.

LOUISIANA TECHNICAL COLLEGE BA-7 (BUDGET ADJUSTMENT) FOR “CARRY-OVER FUNDS”

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the proposed BA-7 to allow the Louisiana Technical College to budget \$1,836,757 in carry-over funds.

REPORT FROM THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

Mr. Vandal stated that an update was given on the following issues:

- A. Budget planning for FY 2006-07, and
- B. Funds Flow and Benchmarking Project involving the health sciences institutions.

ADOPTION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JANUARY 25, 2006

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Finance Committee Meeting Report of January 25, 2006. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

On behalf Regent Rasberry, Chair of the Sponsored Programs Committee, Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, presented motions from the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of January 25, 2006.

CONTINUATION OF BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT FOR THE LOUISIANA SYSTEMIC INITIATIVES PROGRAM (LaSIP) IN THE FY 2006-07 BoRSF PLAN AND BUDGET

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the continuation of funding from the Board of Regents Support Fund for the Louisiana Systemic Initiatives Program (LaSIP) at \$500,000 per year from FY 2006-07 through FY 2010-11. Funding is contingent upon the provision of a like sum from the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) and continued financial support from the Louisiana Legislature.

REQUEST FROM LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY-BATON ROUGE FOR MATCHING FUNDS FOR A NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTING SYSTEM ACQUISITION PROPOSAL

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to commit funds from previously unspent monies in the Board of Regents Support Fund for the High Performance Computing System Acquisition proposal being submitted by the LSU Center for Computation and Technology. The amount of matching funds provided for the proposal shall be \$180,000 per year for the four-year duration of the award, for a total of \$720,000. Matching funds are to be provided only if NSF funding is received.

CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE JOINTLY SPONSORED (REGENTS/NASA) LaSPACE GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAM COMPONENT

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the LaSPACE consultants' report and funding recommendation relative to the seven recommended new Graduate Fellows for academic year 2006-07. It is further recommended that the new fellowships be paid from \$60,000 of FY 2005-06 Support Fund money allocated to the LaSPACE Graduate Fellowships program, with the remainder (\$77,500) to come from LaSPACE funds provided by NASA.

BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT FUND (BoRSF) ADVISORY COMMITTEE, PLANNING

COMMITTEE, AND EPSCoR SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP NOMINATIONS

On motion of Regent Raspberry, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve nominations from the Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS) to: (1) replace Ms. Reba Poulson with Dr. Angel Royal as one of its representatives on the BoRSF Planning Committee and its sole representative on the BoRSF Advisory Committee; and (2) replace Dr. Jerry Pinsel with Dr. Toya Barnes-Teamer as its second representative on the BoRSF Planning Committee. The Sponsored Programs Committee further recommended approval of the nomination from Tulane University to replace Dr. Nicholas J. Altiero with Dr. Laura Levy as its representative on the BoRSF EPSCoR Subcommittee.

UPDATE RELATIVE TO THE K-16 PARTNERSHIPS FOR SCHOOL REFORM PROGRAM

Dr. Davidson noted that an update on the K-16 Partnerships for School Reform Program was given. He said that eleven campuses have submitted proposals requesting \$5.4 million and a Committee will review the submitted proposals on March 15-17, 2006.

ADOPTION OF A REVISED INVESTMENT POLICY FOR THE LOUISIANA BOARD OF REGENTS ENDOWED CHAIRS AND ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIPS PROGRAMS

Regent Brame asked that the work of the Advisory Committee, institutional representatives, and Regents' staff to develop the revised "Investment Policy for the Louisiana Board of Regents Endowed Chairs and Endowed Professorships" be recognized.

On motion of Regent Raspberry, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to adopt the revised "Louisiana Board of Regents Endowed Chair and Endowed Professorship Programs Statement of Investment Policy and Objectives." The work of the Advisory Committee, institutional representatives and Regents' staff is appreciated.

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JANUARY 25, 2006

On motion of Regent Raspberry, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Meeting Report of January 25, 2006. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Smith, Vice Chair of the Technology Committee, Mr. Killebrew presented the Technology Committee Report of January 25, 2006.

REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER FOR INFORMATION AND LEARNING TECHNOLOGY

Mr. Killebrew noted there were updates on the Statewide E-Learning Support Center (SELSC) plan, the LEARNET Loop Wireless Project, along with updates on the Louisiana Optical Network (LONI).

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION RESPONSE TO HURRICANES KATRINA AND RITA

Mr. Killebrew stated that several issues were discussed: (1) post-secondary education responses to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita; (2) a special mention of the SLOAN Semester, an online education program conceived and implemented by Dr. Bruce Chaloux of the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB); and (3) a series of Webinars to be produced in February and March as training sessions for post-secondary personnel relative to disaster preparedness/response/recovery.

ADOPTION OF THE TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JANUARY 25, 2006

On motion of Regent Smith, seconded by Regent Terrell, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Technology Committee Meeting Report of January 25, 2006. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Levy, Chair of the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee, Dr. Larry Tremblay, Associate Commissioner for Planning and Research, presented motions from the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee Report of January 25, 2006.

PROPRIETARY SCHOOLS

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee to approve an initial operating license for Baton Rouge

School of Court Reporting, LLC, located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee to approve an initial operating license for Central Louisiana School for Dental Assisting, located in Alexandria, Louisiana.

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee to approve an initial operating license for SEC Training Centers, Louisiana Branch, located in Bastrop, Louisiana.

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee to approve an Associate in Occupational Studies Degree program in Office Administration at Gretna Career College, located in Gretna, Louisiana.

Dr. Tremblay stated that the first motion regarding license renewals would include schools not impacted by the hurricanes.

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee to renew the licenses of the following proprietary schools (initial license date in parentheses):

**American Commercial College (12/05/02)
Becker Professional Review--Lake Charles (12/09/04)
Diesel Driving Academy--Lafayette Branch (01/27/05)
Herzing College – Kenner (12/11/03)
High-Tech Institute--Orlando (12/05/02)
IAMN Computer Training Center (12/11/03)
Infinity Hypnosis Institute, Inc. (12/05/02)
LaFourche Merchant Marine Training Services, Inc. (12/14/89)
Legally Speaking (12/06/01)
Louisiana School of Bartending, LLC (01/22/04)
Martin International, Inc. (12/16/82)
NASCAR Technical Institute (12/05/02)
National Driving Academy, Inc. (12/05/96)
New Orleans Academy of Culinary Arts (12/09/04)
Southland School of Taxidermy (01/27/94)
Southwest Paralegal College (12/07/00)**

Dr. Tremblay stated that the second motion included those proprietary schools which had complete and compliant applications, but remained closed due to the impact of the hurricanes.

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee to renew the licenses of the following proprietary schools (initial license date in parentheses). However, any proprietary school listed below, prior to resuming classes must have completed the following tasks:

- a. submitted for staff approval a plan detailing steps to be taken to reopen; and**
- b. submitted to staff copies of the necessary permits/clearances from appropriate local/state officials.**

A site visit from Board of Regents' Proprietary School Section Staff will be undertaken within 30 days of school's reopening.

**TNT Training Center (12/11/03)
Kenner Health Careers Institute (12/11/03)
TranportSafe Training Center, Inc. (12/07/95)**

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to not renew the license of Academy of Casino Dealing, located in Kenner, Louisiana.

Dr. Tremblay stated that inquiries had been made concerning Cameron College located in New Orleans, and Blue Cliff College located in Baton Rouge. He noted that Cameron College had sustained severe damage and was not open at this time. He also stated that Blue Cliff College was open.

LICENSURE

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to renew the licenses of the following institutions:

- 1. Southwest University**
- 2. University of South Alabama**

NATIONAL GUARD POLICY

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to revise its policy Reservist and National Guard Mobilization/Activation for Louisiana Public Higher Education Institutions,

Section I.A. allowing for a 100% refund of all tuition and fees for guardsmen/reservists mobilized/activated during the first fourteen class days of a regular semester (seven days for summer sessions).

DUAL ENROLLMENT POLICY

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to endorse the recommendations approved by the High School Redesign Commission for the Dual Enrollment Program.

ACT 506 OF 2005 (HB505)

Dr. Tremblay noted that an update was given on Act 506 of 2005 (House Bill 505). He explained that Act 506 of 2005 required the Commissioner of Higher Education to develop a plan for the organization of the technical college division of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS). Dr. Tremblay stated that the plan has been submitted to the LCTCS Board of Supervisors for action.

REPORT FROM THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER

Dr. Tremblay reported on two matters:

- A Preliminary enrollment figures for Spring 2006 at the Learning Center for Rapides Parish; and
- B. An Enrollment Recovery Workshop to be held in Baton Rouge on January 31 and February 1, 2006 hosted by Noel-Levitz and the Board of Regents.

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JANUARY 25, 2006

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Meeting Report of January 25, 2006. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Toups, Mr. Vandal presented motions from the Executive Committee

Report of January 25, 2006.

FEDERAL RELIEF FUNDS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Mr. Vandal stated a briefing on the federal relief funds for higher education was given. He said the discussion included: (1) the allocations of \$10 million in federal assistance to higher education due to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, The funds had been approved by Congress and allocated to the U.S. Department of Education for distribution to institutions that enrolled hurricane-displaced students in Fall 2005; (2) A distribution of \$27 million in federal student aid based on reallocation of unexpended campus-based funds from the 2004-05 award year with Louisiana institutions to receive approximately \$17 million of the \$27 million; and (3) a recent decision allowing the USDoE the authority to waive the repayment of Title IV funds from students who withdrew from impacted institutions.

Mr. Vandal noted that Commissioner Savoie discussed the supplemental appropriation of \$95 million authorized by P.L. 109-148, the Department of Defense, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations to Address Hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico, and Pandemic Influenza Act 2006. He continued by informing the Board that an agreement has been signed between the USDoE and the Board of Regents for the administration of the \$95 million appropriation.

Chair Toups commended the presidents and chancellors of the impacted institutions for their cooperative endeavors in formulating recommendations on the distribution of the \$95 million.

After further discussion,

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee to authorize the Executive Committee to approve the distribution of the \$95 million in federal funds appropriated by Congress for assistance to students and institutions affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

UPDATE ON DESEGREGATION SETTLEMENT

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted

unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee to authorize the Chairman of the Board and the Commissioner of Higher Education to act as the Board's representatives on issues that may arise prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Regents that involved desegregation settlement agreement issues.

Regent Strong asked if a consensus could be reached prior to the next Board meeting regarding land grant issues in the desegregation settlement agreement. Ms. Koury was not sure if an agreement would be reached, therefore, Regent Strong ask that the motion be amended by removal of the words "*the next regularly*" in the motion. This would allow the Chairman of the Board and the Commissioner of Higher Education to act as the Board's representatives at any time.

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee to authorize the Chairman of the Board and the Commissioner of Higher Education to act as the Board's representatives on issues that may arise prior to scheduled meetings of the Board of Regents that involved desegregation settlement agreement issues.

ADOPTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 7, 2005

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Executive Committee Report on January 25, 2006.
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REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Savoie reported on the following items:

- High School Redesign Public Forum in the Louisiana Purchase Room at 4:00 p.m. today;
- Speak at a strategy session of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System;
- January 31/Feb 1, 2006, Louisiana Post-secondary Enrollment Recovery Workshop hosted by Noel-Levitz and the Board of Regents;
- Speak to the Board of Supervisors for the Louisiana Community and Technical College System about House Bill 505;
- Special Session from February 6-17, 2006;

- The High School to College and Careers Forum on February 13, 2006.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Regent Toups declared the meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.