

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF REGENTS

FEBRUARY 23, 2006

The Board of Regents met in session at 9:05 a.m., Thursday, February 23, 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 was:

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 that time. There were none.

**MINUTES APPROVED**

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 26, 2006

**On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of January 26, 2006.**

PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING BOARD MEMBER, REGGIE DUPRÉ

Chairman Toups recognized outgoing Board member, Mr. C. Reggie Dupré, Jr. Regent Toups said Mr. Dupré was appointed to the Board in 1994 by Governor Edwin Edwards. Commissioner of Higher Education Joseph Savoie and Chairman Toups presented a plaque to Mr. Dupré as a token of appreciation for all of his contributions to higher education as a member of the Board of Regents from 1994 to 2005.

Mr. Dupré thanked all the Board members and said that serving on the Board of Regents was a privilege and honor given to him by Governors Edwards, Foster and Blanco.

INTRODUCTION OF DR. BELLE WHEELAN, PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS (SACS) COMMISSION ON COLLEGES

Dr. Walter Bumphus, President of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System, introduced the new president of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) Commission on Colleges, Dr. Belle Wheelan. He said that Dr. Wheelan received her masters from LSU and A&M College and her Ph.D. from the University of Texas. She was also the Secretary of Education for the State of Virginia.

Dr. Wheelan emphasized the importance of everyone's work in higher education, particularly at this time. She also stated that the challenge of American higher education is to prepare students for global competition. She announced the next SACS meeting will be held in

December 2006 in Orlando.

Dr. Bumphus read a copy of a resolution from the Louisiana Senate congratulating Dr. Wheelan on her new position as President of SACS Commission on Colleges and her commitment to the higher education community.

PRESENTATION ON HEALTHCARE DELIVERY IN SOUTH LOUISIANA BY DR. LARRY HOLLIER, CHANCELLOR OF LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER IN NEW ORLEANS

Dr. William Jenkins, President of the Louisiana State University System, introduced Dr. Larry Hollier, Chancellor of the LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans, who gave a presentation on healthcare and Graduate Medical Education (GME) in South Louisiana. Dr. Hollier noted that the problems with the current system are: (1) inadequate funding; (2) poor access for patients; (3) decreasing case volume for graduate medical education; (4) inadequate investment in facilities; and (5) lack of latest technology for patient care and graduate education. Dr. Hollier also shared a number of ideas for restoring healthcare delivery services to south Louisiana.

**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Toups, Chair of the Executive Committee, Mr. Donald Vandal, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, presented motions from the Executive Committee Report of February 8, 2006.

PROPOSED ALLOCATION OF FEDERAL FUNDS AUTHORIZED BY P.L. 109-148, FOR HIGHER EDUCATION RELIEF

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

Regent Toups asked Mr. Vandal give an update on the distribution of the \$95 million.

Mr. Vandal informed the Board that the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget (JLCB) met on February 17, 2006. He said concerns were voiced about the methodology used to derive the individual amounts to be distributed to the institutions. Mr. Vandal noted that several components of the plan had been approved: (1) \$1 million stipend for graduate medical residents, and (2) allocations to Notre Dame Seminary, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Tulane University Health Sciences Center and LSU Health Sciences Center.

He also noted that the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Inspector General, requested to meet with the Regents' staff next week to conduct an audit. He said the objective of the audit is to determine if the Board of Regents has (1) adequate internal controls to ensure accurate accounting and reporting data; (2) adequate criteria and controls to make accurate allocations of funds; and (3) made expenditures that were allowed by the terms of the grant and applicable laws and regulations.

#### ADOPTION OF THE FEBRUARY 8, 2006

**On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Executive Committee Meeting Report of February 8, 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 February 22, 2006.

UPDATE ON THE 2006 POST-KATRINA/RITA RESEARCH AND EDUCATION FORUM

Dr. Davidson noted the Board of Regents' Post-Katrina/Rita Research and Education Forum entitled *Science Recovery and Discovery: The Role of Higher Education in Securing a Sustainable Future* to be held April 2-4, 2006, in New Orleans.

FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE RESEARCH ENHANCEMENT AWARDS (REA) PROGRAM COMPONENT OF THE JOINTLY SPONSORED (REGENTS/NASA) LaSPACE PROGRAM

**On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the LaSPACE consultants' report and funding recommendations in the amount of \$145,073 relative to the six top-ranked LaSPACE Research Enhancement Award (REA) projects recommended for funding, to be paid from Support Fund annual allocations to the LaSPACE Research Enhancement Awards program, and unexpended funds from previous competitions as necessary. Projects shall be funded in the order, amounts, and with any stipulations recommended in the consultants' report. If an award is declined, that award shall be offered to the alternate proposals in the order indicated in the report.**

REQUEST FROM TULANE UNIVERSITY TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF AN ENDOWED CHAIR PROPOSAL FOR FUNDING CONSIDERATION IN FY 2005-06

**On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve Tulane University's request to submit a proposal for an endowed chair after the January 23, 2006 deadline. Since out-of-state consultants are scheduled to review proposals in early March, the Board further stipulates that no additional proposals for endowed chairs from any institution shall be accepted for funding consideration in FY 2005-06.**

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF FEBRUARY 22, 2006

**On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Meeting Report of February 22, 2006. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

#### **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 February 22, 2006.

#### **PROPOSED ACADEMIC PROGRAMS**

##### **UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE AND SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA UNIVERSITY - Ed.D. IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP**

**On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Blake, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the proposed joint Ed.D. in Educational Leadership (CIP 13.0401) at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and Southeastern Louisiana University, effective Fall 2006. Beginning July 1, 2007, and on that date for the next two years, the two affected universities shall submit to the Commissioner of Higher Education a progress report detailing program implementation and development. Depending upon the contents of these reports, additional program requirements may be prescribed.**

##### **LOUISIANA TECHNICAL COLLEGE-SHREVEPORT/BOSSIER - A.A.S. IN DRAFTING AND DESIGN TECHNOLOGY**

**On motion by Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the Associate of Applied Science in Drafting and Design Technology (CIP Code 15.1301) at Louisiana Technical College Shreveport/Bossier campus, effective immediately. By August 1, 2007, the institution shall submit to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs a progress report addressing numbers of program enrollees, numbers of program graduates, and measures taken by the Drafting and Design Advisory Board to promote student enrollment and completion.**

#### **TEACHER EDUCATION INITIATIVES**

**REPORT OF THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE**

**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 appoint the following individuals to serve on the Blue Ribbon Commission for Educational Excellence:**

- 1. Dr. Jayne Fleener (Louisiana State University and A&M College) - Representative of Public Universities/Colleges Education Deans;**
- 2. Dr. Deborah Bordelon (Xavier University) - Representative of Private University/College Education Deans; and**
- 3. Mr. Jeraul Mackey (Recent graduate of the University of New Orleans) - Representative of Pre-Service Teachers.**

**EVALUATION OF REDESIGNED INITIAL TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAMS 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 of the following:**

- 1. The Non-Master's/Certification-Only Alternate Program in Grades PK-3 Education, Grades 1-5 Education, Grades K-12 Health and Physical Education, Grades 1-12 Mild/Moderate Special Education, and Grades 6-12 Education for Agriculture, Business, Biology, Environmental Science, Chemistry, English, Mathematics, Social Studies, French, and Spanish at McNeese State University; and**
- 2. The baccalaureate degree in K-12 Health and Physical Education (CIP Code: 13.1314) and Non-Mater's/Certification-Only Alternate Program in Grades K-12 Instrumental Music Education at Louisiana College.**

**REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER**

Mr. Killebrew said updates were given 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 FEBRUARY 22, 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 February 22, 2006. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Stokes, Chair of the Finance Committee, Mr. Vandal presented the Finance Committee Report of February 22, 2006.

CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS FOR INSTITUTIONS FOR FY 2005-06

**On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the proposed BA-7s to allow self-generated budget adjustments for the Paul M. Hebert Law Center, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, L. E. Fletcher Technical Community College, Bossier Parish Community College, South Louisiana Community College, and River Parishes Community College.**

REPORT FROM THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

Mr. Vandal stated that updates were given the following issues:

- A. BA-7s for the LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport and E.A. Conway Medical Center; and
- B. Status of the state revenue and budget outlook for FY 2006-07.

ADOPTION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF FEBRUARY 22,  
2006

**On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Finance Committee Meeting Report of February 22, 2006. (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 February 22, 2006.

ACT 959 PROJECT

**On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to re-approve renovations to portions of the third floor of Williams Hall at Louisiana State University and A&M College. The project, estimated to cost \$2,225,000 from grants and contracts overhead, will be performed under the provisions of Act 959 of 2003.**

AMENDMENT TO FY 2006-2007 CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET RECOMMENDATION

**A motion was made by Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Levy, that the Board accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to amend its FY 2006-2007 Capital Outlay Budget Recommendation to include a project to construct a baseball and softball complex at Louisiana State University at Alexandria. The project, estimated to cost \$1,725,000 from self-assessed student fees and funding from the institution, would be added to the end of the self-generated category.**

Regent Jividen indicated he wanted to offer a substitute motion requesting the LSU-Alexandria (LSUA) Student Government Association (SGA) provide a new student referendum on this construction project. He mentioned that in a referendum in September 2004, students at LSUA had voted to impose a self-assessed fee in order to construct the baseball and softball complex. Regent Jividen said that since the hurricanes, the students may not want to pay to construct the baseball and softball complex.

Dr. Robert Cavanaugh, Chancellor of LSUA, said the students are excited about the project and felt if there were any delay in having the FY 2006-2007 Capital Outlay Budget Recommendation amended, it would be a disservice to the students. He said he did not feel it had to go before the LSU Board of Supervisors for approval again if the student vote were

favorable. He said the student vote could be completed in a couple of weeks.

Regent Levy expressed his concern as to whether it was appropriate to build a sports complex due to the recent hurricanes. He said this was a project that was favored two years ago, but perhaps not now.

Regent Jividen said he was not against the project, but was concerned as well whether the undertaking of this project should move forward due to costs at this challenging time.

Following a lengthy discussion, a substitute motion was offered.

**On motion of Regent Jividen, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted to amend the FY 2006-2007 Capital Outlay Budget Recommendation to include a project to construct a baseball and softball complex at Louisiana State University at Alexandria, if students reaffirm their continued support of the project through a new referendum. The project, estimated to cost \$1,725,000 from self-assessed student fees and funding from the institution, would be added to the end of the self-generated category.**

Regent Toups requested a roll call vote:

yea - (Blake, Brame, D'Aquin, Henry, Jacobs, Jividen, Levy, Rasberry, Roy, Smith,  
Stokes, Strong, Stokes, Terrell, Toups)  
nay - (none)

Motion passes.

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF  
FEBRUARY 22, 2006

**On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Meeting Report of February 22, 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 February 22, 2006.

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING MACARTHUR GRANT SELECTION

Mr. Vandal noted that the state of Louisiana had been working with the MacArthur Foundation, a private independent grantmaking institution. He said the Board of Regents had been selected as lead agency for the administration of a five-year, \$7.5 million juvenile justice reform initiative grant. He also mentioned that Dr. Debra DePrato of the LSU Health Sciences Center had been chosen as the project director for the grant.

UPDATE ON DESEGREGATION SETTLEMENT

**On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee to recommend the Board empower the officers of the Board of Regents (i.e., the Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary) collectively to act on issues that may arise in the Desegregation Settlement Agreement.**

ADOPTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF FEBRUARY 22, 2006

**On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Executive Committee Meeting Report of February 22, 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 February 22, 2006.

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 license of the Frontier School of Midwifery and Family Nursing, located in Hyden, Kentucky.**

MASTER PLAN ISSUES DOCUMENT REVISIONS

**On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Blake, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to adopt the revision to its Master Plan Issues document as noted below.**

- 1. Aligning the Regents' Core Curriculum with the TOPS Core Curriculum, effective with the 2008 high school graduating class;**
- 2. Revising the percentage of the entering class and transfer students allowed to be admitted as exceptions;**
- 3. Clarifying language regarding transfer students;**
- 4. Waiving the high school rank requirement for Louisiana 2006 high school graduates displaced to other states by the 2005 hurricanes; and**
- 5. Adding appropriate internet-based scores for TOEFL.**

RESPONSES TO 2005 HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

**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 adopt the Response to House Resolution No. 14 of the First Extraordinary Session, 2005.**

**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 adopt the Response to House Resolution No. 16 of the First Extraordinary Session, 2005.**

**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 adopt the Response to House Resolution No. 106.**

NOEL-LEVITZ/BOARD OF REGENTS' ENROLLMENT RECOVERY WORKSHOP

Dr. Tremblay noted that an enrollment recovery workshop hosted by Noel-Levitz and the Board of Regents was held in Baton Rouge on January 31 and February 1, 2006.

REPORT FROM THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER

Dr. Tremblay said updates were given on the following:

- A The new partnership at the Learning Center with Upper Iowa University (UIU).

- B. The ongoing challenges brought on by Hurricane Katrina as they relate to data systems and reporting.

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF FEBRUARY 22, 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 February 22, 2006. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER**

Commissioner Savoie report on the following item:

- Meeting to continue discussions on the recovery and rebuilding efforts to be held this afternoon at 1:30 p.m. with all Board members, system heads and campus heads;
- Regular session begins on March 27<sup>th</sup>;
- Next Committee and Board meetings on March 22 and 23, 2006.

Regent Jacobs recently spoke at a ribbon cutting ceremony at Southern University at New Orleans. He said he was pleased to see the campus open and has about 2,000 students enrolled.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Regent Toups declared the meeting adjourned at 11:50 p.m.