

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

FEBRUARY 28, 2008

The Board of Regents met in session at 9:05 a.m. Thursday, February 28, 2008, in the Stokes Auditorium, Hardtner Hall, Room 105, at McNeese State University, Lake Charles, Louisiana. Chair Pat Strong 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:

Scott Brame
Richard D'Aquin
Donna Klein
Ingrid Labat
Robert Levy
Mary Ellen Roy
William Clifford Smith
Victor Stelly
Harold Stokes
Pat Strong
Artis Terrell, Jr.
Roland Toups
James Klock

Absent from the meeting were:

Robert Bruno
Maurice Durbin
W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Strong noted that no written requests were received for public comments and asked whether the audience had any comments at this time. There were none.

MINUTES APPROVED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 24, 2008

On motion of Regent Stelly, seconded by Regent Labat, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of January 24, 2008.

**WELCOME AND PRESENTATION BY DR. ROBERT HEBERT
PRESIDENT, MCNEESE STATE UNIVERSITY**

Regent Strong recognized Dr. Robert Hebert, President of McNeese State University and Dr. Andrea Miller, Chancellor of SOWELA Technical Community College. He acknowledged their hard work in hosting the Board of Regents this month.

Dr. Hebert presented a short video about the university and some of its many accomplishments. He said he is very proud of the students, faculty, staff, and alumni at McNeese State University.

Dr. Hebert continued by noting several new initiatives currently underway on the McNeese campus. Hurricane Rita in September 2005 had caused over \$30 million in damage to the central campus, but 2 ½ years later, 90% of the damage has been repaired. The campus was closed for one month due to the hurricane, and despite losing over 600 students after the hurricane, there were 735 students in the December 2005 graduating class. He reviewed the four core values of McNeese State University: (1) Commitment to Academics, (2) Student Success, (3) Fiscal Responsibility, and (4) University-Community Linkages.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

**SELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT
(February 21, 2008)**

On behalf of Regent Toups, Chair of the Selection Committee, Mr. Donald Vandal, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, presented a motion from the Selection Committee Report of February 21, 2008.

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Selection Committee to offer the position of Commissioner of Higher Education to Dr. Sally Clausen, subject to an interview by the full Board at a time and place selected by the Chair of the Board, before the full Board takes action on this recommendation.

ADOPTION OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT OF FEBRUARY 21, 2008

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Klock, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Selection Committee Report of February 21, 2008.
(Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT

On behalf of Regent Levy, Chair of the Sponsored Programs Committee, Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, presented motions from the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of February 27, 2008.

BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT FUND (BoRSF) EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM TO STIMULATE COMPETITIVE RESEARCH (EPSCoR) SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP NOMINATION

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the nomination from the Louisiana State University System to replace Dr. Douglas Braymer with Dr. Jeffrey Keller as Pennington Biomedical Research Center's representative on the BoRSF EPSCoR Subcommittee.

REQUEST FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF TWO ENDOWED CHAIRS FOR EMINENT SCHOLARS PROPOSALS FOR CONSIDERATION IN THE FY 2007-08 COMPETITIVE CYCLE

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to accept for consideration in the FY 2007-08 competitive cycle the Paula Chavers Rockhold Eminent Scholar Endowed Chair in Child Development, and the Herman A. "Dusty" Rhodes Eminent Scholar Chair in Engineering. Since out-of-state consultants are scheduled to review proposals in early March, no additional proposals from any institution will be accepted for funding consideration in FY 2007-08.

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT OF FEBRUARY 27, 2008

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of February 27, 2008. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

On behalf of Regent Stokes, Chair of the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee, Dr. Larry Tremblay, Acting Deputy Commissioner for Academic and Student Affairs, presented motions from the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee Report of February 27, 2008.

LICENSURE

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

- 1. Frontier School of Midwifery and Family Medicine**
- 2. Southwest University**
- 3. The University of South Alabama**

MASTER PLAN ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Klock, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee to adopt the Louisiana Core 4 academic core as the Regents' Core for entry into 4-year institutions, to become effective with the high school graduating class of 2012.

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF FEBRUARY 27, 2008

On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee Report of February 27, 2008. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT

On behalf of Regent Stelly, Vice Chair of the Facilities and Property Committee, Mr.

Rich Griswold, Associate Commissioner for Facilities, presented motions from the Facilities and Property Committee Report of February 27, 2008.

SMALL CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

On motion of Regent Stelly, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the Small Capital Projects Report as follows:

**South Campus Reroofing Building 3000 -
Louisiana State University and A&M College.
\$300,000 from State Funds.**

**Vet Med Equine Stall Renovation - Phase II -
Louisiana State University and A&M College.
\$168,300 from State Funds.**

**Vet Med BSL Lab Renovation -
Louisiana State University and A&M College.
\$310,000 from State Funds.**

**4-H Mini-Farm Renovation and Addition -
Louisiana State University and A&M College.
\$340,000 from State Funds.**

Fireman's Training Administrative Building Renovation -
Louisiana State University and A&M College.
\$300,000 from State Funds.

Reception Center -
Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans.
\$250,000 from Other - Restricted Self-Generated Indirect Costs Funds.

Library Renovation -
Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans.
\$345,000 from Other - Restricted Self-Generated Indirect Costs Funds.

Dental School Perimeter Fence Replacement -
Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans.
\$349,000 from State General Funds Statutory Dedication
(Higher Education Initiatives Fund).

CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECTS

On a motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Klock, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the Southern University System request to construct Residential Housing for Southern University in New Orleans as outlined in the supporting financial analysis.

PROJECTS UTILIZING ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF FINANCING

On motion of Regent Stelly, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to send a letter of appreciation to the H. C. Drew Foundation for their donation to the Nursing and Allied Health Facility project at SOWELA and for their support of postsecondary education in southwest Louisiana.

On motion of Regent Stelly, seconded by Regent Labat, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the request to construct a Nursing and Allied Health Facility at SOWELA Technical Community College in Lake Charles utilizing alternative means of financing. The project total of \$9,224,000 includes a grant of \$2,750,000 from the H. C. Drew Foundation, with the balance to come from the sale of bonds to be repaid by the state under schedule 20, section 930 of Act 18 of 2007 and from state funds on hand.

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT OF

FEBRUARY 27, 2008

On motion of Regent Stelly, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Report of February 27, 2008. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

On behalf of Regent Brame, Chair of the Finance Committee, Mr. Vandal presented the motions from the Finance Committee Report of February 27, 2008.

REVIEW OF TUITION AND FEE POLICY ISSUES

Mr. Vandal said that in 2005 the Board had adopted a comprehensive Tuition and Fee Policy for consideration by the Legislature. The policy was approved by the House Education Committee but did not advance beyond the full House of Representatives. Mr. Vandal also noted that it had been over two years since the Board acted on the policy and it was appropriate to renew consideration of the policy.

CONSIDERATION OF REVISION TO REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR PAYMENT TO INDEPENDENT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR EDUCATING LOUISIANA RESIDENTS (R.S. 17:2053, ET.SEQ.)

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the revision to the Regulations and Procedures for Payment to Independent Institutions of Higher Education for Educating Louisiana Residents (R.S. 17:2053, et.seq.).

REPORT FROM DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

Mr. Vandal said the Governor's Executive Budget would be presented to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget on Friday, February 29, 2008.

ADOPTION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF FEBRUARY 27, 2008

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Roy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Finance Committee Report of February 27, 2008. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

On behalf of Regent Roy, 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.

PROPOSED ACADEMIC PROGRAMS - LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AT ALEXANDRIA - BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice (CIP Code 43.0104) at Louisiana State University at Alexandria, effective Fall 2008. By August 1, 2008, the University shall submit a progress report to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs which includes a full and complete budget and budget explanation for program operations which fully addresses consultants' resource concerns. Depending on the contents of this report, additional progress reports may be required.

PROPOSED RESEARCH UNIT - UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE - ERNEST J. GAINES CENTER

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Labat, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional, one-year approval for the Ernest J. Gaines Center at the University of Louisiana-Lafayette, 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 Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs a proposal for full approval of the Center by March 1, 2009. In particular, this proposal shall provide for future external funding of the Center.

PROGRESS REPORTS ON CONDITIONALLY APPROVED PROGRAMS

Baton Rouge Community College - A.S. in Nursing

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Klock, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the 2008 Progress Report from Baton Rouge Community College relative to attainment of NLNAC accreditation for its Associate of Science in Nursing program. The next progress report addressing this matter shall be due to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs by January 15, 2009.

Southern University- Baton Rouge – B.S. in Electronic Business

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Klock, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the January 2007 Report from Southern University and A&M College relative to implementation of the Bachelor of Science in E-Business program. By May 1, 2008, the University shall submit to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs either: (a) a plan to significantly increase student enrollment/graduation in this program over the next two years; or (b) plans for program phase-out and the use of E-Business concentration areas in other existing Business curricula to address current student needs.

Northwestern State University – B.A. in Heritage Resources

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Klock, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the 2007 Progress Report from Northwestern State University relative to implementation of the Bachelor of Arts program in Heritage Resources. A subsequent progress report addressing program enrollment and completion shall be submitted to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs by January 15, 2009.

Louisiana State University - Alexandria - B.S. in Psychology

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Klock, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the 2007 Progress Report from Louisiana State University-Alexandria relative to implementation of the B.S. in Psychology. As all previous conditions of approval have been met, the program is hereby granted full approval. No further reporting is deemed necessary at this time.

Louisiana State University-Shreveport - Master of Health Administration

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Klock, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the 2007 Progress Report from Louisiana State University-Shreveport relative to the implementation of the Master of Health Administration program. The next report addressing progress toward specialized accreditation through AACSB shall be due to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs by January 15, 2009.

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT OF FEBRUARY 27, 2008

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of February 27, 2008. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

SELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT

On behalf of Regent Toups, Chair of the Selection Committee, Mr. Vandal presented a motion from the Selection Committee Report of February 27, 2008.

INTERVIEW OF DR. SALLY CLAUSEN, PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM, FOR THE POSITION OF COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Mr. Vandal noted that Dr. Sally Clausen, President of the University of Louisiana System was introduced. He said there was a summary in the beginning of the minutes from the Selection Committee meeting of February 21, 2008.

ADOPTION OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT OF FEBRUARY 27, 2008

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Selection Committee Report of February 27, 2008.
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At this time, Regent D'Aquin stated it was an honor and pleasure to nominate Dr. Sally Clausen, President of the University of Louisiana System, for the position of Louisiana Commissioner of Higher Education.

On motion of Regent D'Aquin, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the appointment of Dr. Sally Clausen, President of the University of Louisiana System, for the position of Louisiana Commissioner of Higher Education.

Dr. Clausen thanked the Board for their vote of confidence. Regent Strong also thanked Regent Toups, Regent Levy and the other members of the Selection Committee for an outstanding job during this process. Regent Strong also noted that the staff could handle any transitional issues that would arise.

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Roy, the Board voted unanimously to authorize Regent Strong, Chair and Regent Toups, Chair of the Selection Committee, to handle contractual issues with Dr. Sally Clausen that may arise prior to the next Board of Regents' meeting in March.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER

Dr. Savoie requested Ms. Connie Koury, General Counsel, to review the latest legislation on the special session on Ethics. Ms. Koury reviewed House Bill 1 and explained how it would affect the Board and briefly reviewed several other bills (Senate Bills 1, 3, 11, 37 and House Bill 6). Ms. Koury stated that further clarification would be forthcoming at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Regents in March.

Commissioner Savoie reported on the following items:

- The Adult Education and Workforce Development Master Plan workgroups will meet in Baton Rouge on February 29
- March 3 and 4 -- The Conference of Louisiana Colleges and University will be held in Natchitoches.
- March 26 and 27 -- Next Committee and Board meetings in Baton Rouge.

Regent Strong again congratulated Dr. Clausen on her appointment as the next Commissioner of Higher Education. He also thanked former Regent Billy Blake for his years of service to the Regents and his continued support of higher education. Chair Strong also offered the Board's appreciation to Drs. Hebert and Miller for hosting the Regents and their collaborative efforts in education. Regent Strong extended a special note of thanks to each McNeese State University student who had assisted the Board and its staff during their stay on campus.

OTHER BUSINESS

Regent Strong next announced a special presentation by Mr. Joshua Brown, Assistant Director of the Governors Program for Gifted Children. Mr. Brown said the Governors Program for Gifted Children would soon be celebrating its 50th session. He said the program was a unique 7 week summer program, and it offered both academic and artistic enrichment. Mr. Brown said that funding is a concern for the program. After a question and answer session, he noted that Regent Mary Ellen Roy is a graduate of the "Gifted Program" and thanked her for her active participation in the program.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Toups, there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.