

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF REGENTS

Wednesday, March 24, 2010

The Board of Regents met in session as a Committee of the Whole at 2:12 p.m., Wednesday, March 24, 2010, at Nicholls State University in the Donald G. Bollinger Student Union, Cotillion Ballroom, 103 Leighton Drive, Thibodaux, Louisiana. Chair Artis Terrell called the meeting to order. Executive Assistant Carolyn Blanchard called the roll and a quorum was established.

#### Present for the meeting were:

Artis Terrell, Jr., Chair  
Mary Ellen Roy, Secretary  
Charlotte Bollinger  
Scott Brame  
Robert Bruno  
Richard D'Aquin  
Maurice Durbin  
Marc Guichard  
Donna Klein  
Ingrid Labat  
W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr.  
Mary Ellen Roy  
Victor Stelly  
Harold Stokes

#### Absent from the meeting were:

Robert Levy, Vice Chair  
Roland Toups

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Terrell 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 FEBRUARY 24 AND 25, 2010

**On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Stokes, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of February 24 and 25, 2010.**

## REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Brame, Chair of the Finance Committee, Mrs. Wendy Simoneaux, Associate Commissioner for Finance and Administration, presented motions from the Finance Committee Report of March 24, 2010. *(Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)*

### CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET ADJUSTMENT (BA-7) REQUEST

**On motion of Regent D'Aquin, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board of Regents as a Committee of the Whole voted unanimously to approve FY 2009-2010 LCTCS BA-7 Number 3 which increases self-generated budget authority for seven of the ten campuses of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System in the amount of \$7,509,000.**

### **FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Rasberry, Chair of the Facilities and Property Committee, Mr. Rich Griswold, Associate Commissioner for Facilities, presented motions from the Facilities and Property Committee Report of March 24, 2010. *(Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)*

### SMALL CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

**On motion of Regent Wiley, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board of Regents as a Committee of the Whole voted unanimously to accept the recommendations as follows:**

#### **Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development Funding**

Northgate Pedestrian Corridor - Louisiana State University and A&M College  
\$314,357 with \$298,600 from LDOTD and \$15,757 from LSU.

#### **Auxiliary Funds - Housing**

Pentagon Service Building Renovation - Louisiana State University and A&M College -  
\$370,000 from the Housing Auxiliary.

#### **Self-Generated - Restricted Funding**

Dental School Patient Parking Lot - LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans  
\$499,000 from self-generated restricted funds (clinics operating funds).

#### PROJECTS UTILIZING ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF FINANCING

**On motion of Regent D'Aquin, seconded by Regent Wiley, the Board of Regents as a Committee of the Whole voted unanimously to approve the project for modifications and improvements to the Softball Complex at the University of Louisiana in Lafayette utilizing alternative means of financing. The project, estimated to cost approximately \$2,350,000, is to be funded in part from the student self-assessed athletic fee in the amount of \$1,234,061, and in part using a donation from the ULL Athletic Foundation in the amount of \$901,511. The Rajun Cajun Facilities Inc, a 501(c)(3) corporation, will construct the improvements and upon completion, the lease will terminate and the improvements will be donated to ULL.**

#### LEASES

**On motion of Regent D'Aquin, seconded by Regent Roy, the Board of Regents as a Committee of the Whole voted unanimously to approve the request by the University of Louisiana System on behalf of McNeese State University to lease university owned property to the Southwest Louisiana Economic Development Alliance for the purpose of constructing the Southwest Louisiana Entrepreneurial and Economic Development (SEED) Center. The project will be 50,000 GSF and is estimated to cost approximately \$13,000,000. Upon completion of the work, the lease will terminate and the facilities will be donated to McNeese for its use and operation, which includes business incubation and tenant occupancy of the other entities involved.**

#### **ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Roy, Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Dr.

Karen Denby, Interim Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, presented motions from the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of March 24, 2010. *(Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)*

PROPOSED NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS – BOSSIER PARISH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

*A.S. in Nursing*

**On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board of Regents as a Committee of the Whole voted unanimously to grant conditional approval for the Associate of Science in Nursing (A.S.N. - CIP Code 51.1601) at Bossier Parish Community College, effective immediately for Fall 2010 implementation, with the following stipulations:**

- 1. As the program gets underway, one cohort of students per year may be admitted, in the Fall semester, into the nursing specific courses;**
- 2. Scheduling of nursing courses and clinical experience should be heavily concentrated at 4 p.m. or later, or on weekends;**
- 3. By August 1, 2010, a progress report is due addressing:**
  - a. collaboration with existing programs, such as sharing of faculty and facilities with other nursing programs;**
  - b. compliance with State Board of Nursing rules against infringement on existing programs; and**
  - c. the use of distance learning methods to expand coursework to additional students.**

**By May 1, 2011, and annually on that date until NLNAC accreditation has been achieved, a report is due addressing the following:**

- 1. Adequacy of personnel and resources for the program;**
- 2. Numbers of students enrolled in and graduating from the program and specific placement information on graduates;**
- 3. Progress toward NLNAC accreditation.**
- 4. Documentation of efforts toward collaboration with other publically supported nursing programs in the Shreveport area.**

*A.A.S. in Occupational Therapy Assistant*

**On motion of Regent Bollinger, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board of Regents as a Committee of the Whole voted unanimously to grant conditional approval for the A.A.S. in Occupational Therapy Assistant (CIP Code 51.0803) at Bossier Parish Community College, effective immediately.**

**By May 1, 2011, a report is due addressing the following:**

- 1. Adequacy of personnel and resources for the program;**
- 2. Numbers of students enrolled in and graduating from the program and specific placement information on graduates; and**
- 3. Progress toward ACOTE accreditation.**

**Depending upon the content of the initial report, additional reports may be required.**

PROGRESS REPORTS ON CONDITIONALLY APPROVED ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

**On motion of Regent D'Aquin, seconded by Regent Guichard, the Board of Regents as a Committee of the Whole voted unanimously to approve the following actions:**

*Northwestern State University -- M.S. – Radiologic Sciences*

**Receive the February 2010 progress report from Northwestern State University relative to implementation and development of the Master of Science (M.S.) degree program in Radiologic Sciences. A subsequent progress report (due September 1, 2010) is due which addresses faculty staffing concerns.**

*Northwestern State University -- B.S. – Unified Public Safety Administration (UPSA)*

**Receive the February 2010 progress report from Northwestern State University relative to implementation and development of the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree program in Unified Public Safety Administration (UPSA). As all previously stated stipulations associated with conditional approval have been met, the staff recommends full program approval at this time. As such, no further progress reports are deemed necessary.**

*Northwestern State University -- B.A. – Communication*

**Receive the February 2010 progress report from Northwestern State University relative to implementation and development of the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree program in Communication. A subsequent progress report (due September 1, 2010) is due which addresses faculty staffing concerns.**

*Bossier Parish Community College – A.A.S. Cyber Technology Programs*

**Receive the February 2010 progress report from Bossier Parish Community College relative to implementation and development of the various Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree programs in Cyber Information Technology. By December 1, 2011, a progress report is due updating the Board on the accreditation status of the various programs by ATMAE.**

*Baton Rouge Community College – A.S. in Criminal Justice*

**Receive the February 2010 progress report relative to the implementation and development of the A.S. in Criminal Justice at Baton Rouge Community College and authorizes implementation of the program for Fall 2010. As all previously stated stipulations associated with conditional approval have been met, the staff recommends full program approval at this time. As such, no further progress reports are deemed necessary.**

REAUTHORIZATION OF PREVIOUSLY APPROVED RESEARCH UNITS

**On motion of Regent D'Aquin, seconded by Regent Wiley, the Board of Regents as a Committee of the Whole voted unanimously to approve the following actions:**

*Louisiana State University and A&M College – Center for Biomodular Multi-Scale Systems*

**Grant continued approval for the Center for Biomodular Multi-Scale Systems at Louisiana State University and A&M College through December 31, 2014. No later than this date, a request for reauthorization of center status is due.**

*Southeastern Louisiana University – Center for Nursing Research and Education*

**Grant continued approval for the Center for Nursing Research in Education and Practice at Southeastern Louisiana University through June 30, 2014. Prior to the date of expiration, a request for reauthorization of center status (using Form C) is due. Annual progress reports (due on June 30 in years 2011, 2012, and 2013) are due addressing unit accomplishments and complete budgets noting external funding secured and related unit costs.**

TEACHER EDUCATION INITIATIVES

*Post-Baccalaureate and Post-Masters Certificates for Teachers and Leaders*

**On motion of Regent Guichard, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board of Regents as a Committee of the Whole voted unanimously to grant approval of the creation for the following:**

- 1. Post-Baccalaureate Academic Certificates: Practitioner Teacher Program; Certification-Only Alternate Path Program; and Add-on Certification Program; and**
- 2. Post-Masters Academic Certificates: Alternate Educational Leadership Program and School Turnaround Specialist Program.**

STAFF APPROVAL OF ROUTINE ACADEMIC REQUESTS

**On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board of Regents as a Committee of the Whole voted unanimously to grant approval for revisions to the following Academic Affairs policies, effective immediately:**

- 1. Policy 2.15 – Definitions of Undergraduate/Graduate Certificates and Undergraduate Degrees; and**
- 2. Policy 2.17 – Staff Approval of Routine Academic Requests.**

## LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Stelly, Chair of the Legislation Committee, Ms. Connie Koury, General Counsel, presented the report along with a motion from the Legislation Committee Report of March 24, 2010. (*Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.*)

### LEGISLATION AND LEGISLATIVE ISSUES FOR 2010

Ms. Koury and Dr. Kim Reed, Chief of Staff, reviewed upcoming bills that would be tracked by the Board of Regents during the upcoming 2010 Regular Legislative Session. Listed below are some of the bills which will be tracked:

#### LA GRAD Act

- Senate Bill 570 by Senator Chaisson, et al
- House Bill 1012 by Representative Badon
- House Bill 1171 by Representative Tucker, et al

#### Constitutional Amendments

- House Bill 820 by Representative Abramson
- House Bills 1035 and 1040 by Representative Barros

#### Duties of Board of Regents

- Senate Bill 538 by Senator Nevers

#### Louisiana Education Quality Support Fund (8g)

- Senate Bill 462 by Senator Michot
- Senate Bill 463 by Senator Michot
- Senate Bill 637 by Senator Michot

#### Gun Bills

- Senate Bill 81 by Senator Martiny
- House Bill 556 by Representative Wooton

#### Governance

- House Bill 996 by Representative Tucker
- House bill 1224 by Representative Tucker

Dr. Kim Reed, Chief of Staff, reviewed the Governor's signature piece of legislation, the Louisiana Granting Resources and Autonomy for Diplomas Act (LA GRAD Act). She explained that colleges that sign six-year contracts with the Board of Regents will receive increased

autonomy in exchange for increased performance. After discussion, the Board of Regents voted unanimously to support the LA GRAD Act.

OTHER BUSINESS

**On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board of Regents as a Committee of the Whole voted unanimously to authorize the Commissioner of Higher Education to act on its behalf on legislative issues that may arise during the 2010 Regular Legislative Session.**

The Board of Regents meeting recessed at 4:05 p.m. and would reconvene the next morning.

Minutes

Board of Regents  
Thursday, March 25, 2010

The Board of Regents reconvened at 9:09 a.m., Thursday, March 25, 2010, at Nicholls State University in the Donald G. Bollinger Student Union, Cotillion Ballroom, 103 Leighton Drive, Thibodaux, Louisiana. Chair Artis Terrell called the meeting to order. Executive Assistant Carolyn Blanchard called the roll and a quorum was established.

Present for the meeting were:

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Robert Levy, Vice Chair  
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PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS**PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Stokes, 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 March 25, 2010.

*(Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)*

R.S. 17:1808 (LICENSURE)

**On motion of Regent Wiley, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board of Regents as a Committee of the Whole voted unanimously to:**

**Approve license renewals for Southwest University, located in Kenner, Louisiana and Walden University, located in Minneapolis, Minnesota.**

**Authorize the staff to initiate the Administrative Procedures Act process of amending the Rules and Regulations for the Administration of R.S. 17:1808 (licensure) to reflect (1) a clearer definition of "operating" and "clinical experience" and (2) expanded requirements for institutions wishing to offer Teacher Preparation and Educational Leadership Preparation programs in Louisiana.**

PROPRIETARY SCHOOLS

**On motion of Regent Bruno, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board of Regents as a Committee of the Whole voted unanimously to:**

**Approve an initial operating license for J W Training Center, LLC, located in Donaldsonville, Louisiana.**

**Approve an initial operating license for Southland School of Taxidermy located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.**

**On motion of Regent Bruno, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board of Regents as a Committee of the Whole voted unanimously to renew the**

**licenses of the following proprietary schools (initial license date in parentheses):**

**Baton Rouge School of Court Reporting (01/26/06)**  
**Blue Cliff College--Lafayette (01/27/00)**  
**Central Louisiana School for Dental Assistants (01/26/06)**  
**Coastal College--Hammond (02/23/89)**  
**Court Reporting Institute of Louisiana (01/27/00)**  
**Creative Floral Design School, LLC 02/27/86)**  
**Dryades YMCA School of Commerce (02/27/97)**  
**ITI Technical College (01/27/00)**  
**Kaplan, Inc.,--Baton Rouge (02/06/85)**  
**Kaplan, Inc.,--New Orleans (02/06/85)**  
**Louisiana Dental Assistant School, LLC (01/27/05)**  
**Multi-Cultural Educational Community Center of Achievement, Inc. (01/22/09)**  
**Remington College--Baton Rouge Campus (01/27/00)**  
**Remington College--Lafayette Campus (01/25/01)**  
**Remington College--Shreveport Campus (01/25/07)**

STAFF UPDATE ON PROPOSED ADMISSION STANDARDS

Mrs. Theresa Hay, Assistant Commissioner for Strategic Initiatives, reviewed the Proposed Minimum Admission Standards to four-year universities effective 2012. During her presentation, she pointed out that the proposed changes include: setting a minimum high school grade point average for admission to all universities; requiring students not need any developmental coursework by 2014; requiring the minimum high school GPA be calculated on the core; removing rank as a consideration; and lowering the percentage of allowable exceptions. Mrs. Hay also presented the proposed standards for adults and transfer students. A discussion followed regarding details and impact of the standards. Dr. Clarke said that the proposed standards were being presented for information and would likely be brought for approval at next month's meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

- *Dr. Stephen Hulbert, President, Nicholls State University and Mr. Travis Lavigne, Chancellor, L. E. Fletcher Technical Community College*

Dr. Clausen thanked the staff of the Board of Regents and Nicholls State University for all the hard work in making this meeting possible on the campus. She emphasized the need for greater collaboration between our universities, our community colleges and local K-12 school systems. She first introduced Dr. Stephen Hulbert, President, Nicholls State University, along with Mr. Travis Lavigne, Chancellor, L.E. Fletcher Technical Community College, who jointly presented a Power Point to the Board entitled *"Working Together to Build the South Central Louisiana Community."*

Dr. Hulbert welcomed everyone to Nicholls State University and the South Central region of the state. He began by saying that higher education in the region has a strong working relationship with the K-12 school systems and various business leaders. He continued by discussing Nicholls' Early Start (formerly Dual) Enrollment agreements that have given many high school students, that meet the requirements, college credit at the same time they are earning high school units. Nicholls has let students take a second course under Early Start at no cost to the student or the school system, although Nicholls was only reimbursed for a single course per student per semester at \$300 with the remainder of the cost covered by "scholarship" monies of the university. L.E. Fletcher Technical Community College (Fletcher) also allows a second course for the student at no additional cost.

Chancellor Lavigne said that Fletcher is in the development phase of expanding its dual enrollment opportunities within the high schools. He said Fletcher's goal is to allow every student in the parish the opportunity to earn at least 3 postsecondary education credits before graduating high school.

Dr. Hulbert mentioned that Nicholls is only one of 2 universities in its system that is not connected to the Louisiana Optical Network Initiative (LONI) due to its geographical location. He said that Fletcher and Nicholls have managed through grants and institutional funding to get a wireless connection to LONI by connecting to Tulane University's link.

Chancellor Lavigne spoke of Fletcher and Nicholls being jointly involved in advertising that has been sponsored by British Petroleum. He said it advertises the B.S. program in Petroleum Services and Safety as well as the A.A.S. in Integrated Production Technology which will produce a better technologically trained workforce for deep water exploration and production.

Chancellor Lavigne noted that a collaborative plan had been submitted in May 2009 to establish transfer agreements, designate specific transfer/cross enrollment to a B.S. degree and designate shared facilities, resources and services. Dr. Hulbert said a template for various transfer/cross-enrollment between the two institutions has been created.

Chancellor Lavigne said that for several years, Fletcher has taught some of the developmental classes for Nicholls students on the Nicholls campus. He said beginning this fall, Fletcher will teach all developmental courses for students that have otherwise met the admission standards of Nicholls.

Dr. Hulbert said that Nicholls is transitioning to a more selective admission status, but it could be a slow process due to the lack of infrastructure to accommodate the students that will not meet these new standards in the region. He said the current standards have improved retention and graduation rates. Nicholls has been granted permission by the University of Louisiana System (ULS) to implement the recommended new standards of ULS a year early.

Chancellor Lavigne said Fletcher has acquired 32.2 acres of land near British Petroleum on Highway 311 for the development of the new Fletcher campus. The State is committing \$2.7

million in Community and Development Block Grants to allow the college to purchase 38.6 additional acres. He said, pending the sale of the bonds, he anticipated the completion of this complex to be complete in 2012.

President Hulbert and Chancellor Lavigne both concluded that the Nicholls-Fletcher relationship is and should be the model for the state.

Commissioner Clausen requested that President Hulbert and Chancellor Lavigne attend, if possible, the Senate Education Committee on Wednesday, March 31, to be a part of the discussion of articulation and transfer issues. Commissioner Clausen thanked Regent Charlotte Bollinger for her encouragement for the Regents to meet in the Thibodaux area.

#### PRESENTATIONS *(continued)*

➤ *Mr. Aubrey “Bubba” Orgeron, Jr., Principal, South Lafourche High School (SLHS)*

Dr. Clausen next introduced Mr. Orgeron to speak regarding the dual enrollment program at South Lafourche High School as well as efforts to build an offshore technology high school in the area.

Mr. Orgeron said he was a graduate of South Lafourche High School and Nicholls State University. He mentioned that after graduation, he first became a teacher at the high school, then became an Assistant Principal, and eventually became Principal of the high school.

Mr. Orgeron focused on the marine operations program at South Lafourche High School. The school has a good working relationship with Edison Chouset Offshore. Many of the students in the training program are at-risk students. The program cost \$2,500 but is given free to approximately 15 students per year. When a student graduates from the program, they receive a career and technical endorsement on their diploma. Mr. Orgeron said the program has a survival training component as well as CPR training. He said the program assists the students to go directly into the workforce.

Mr. Orgeron presented a short video which explained more features of the marine operations program. Principal Orgeron said about thirty SLHS students participate in dual enrollment programs, mainly psychology courses, taught by instructors from Fletcher.

A question and answer period followed.

Dr. Clausen noted that the meeting today was held in the Donald G. Bollinger Student Union, a building named after Regent Bollinger's father. Commissioner Clausen thanked all of the speakers today and to British Petroleum for the tour they provided on Wednesday to Board and staff.

### **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

Dr. Clausen updated the Board on the following items:

- SREB Advisory Panel on College Completion, March 4 and 5
- Senate Finance Hearing was held on March 8
- Delivery work with Sir Michael Barber on March 9
- Formula Task Force meeting on March 9
- House Appropriations met on Tuesday, March 23
- Taping on LPB Public Square, Taped Tuesday, Aired Wednesday, March 24 on higher education governance
- Spoke at LIDEA – (Louisiana Industrial Developments Executives Association) on Thursday, March 18
- Announced membership in Complete College Alliance, March 18th (Louisiana joined 17 states working to increase degree completion, technical assistance and possible funding available)
- Meetings with system heads, legislators and governor's staff on the budget
- Recognition of Harold Boutte, Assistant Commissioner for Administration

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

**On motion of Chair Terrell, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board of Regents meeting as a Committee of the Whole voted unanimously to accept the recommendation that, in light of the recent requests from the Division of Administration and the House Appropriations Committee, because of declining state revenues, the Board directs the Commissioner and staff to immediately expedite budget reduction plans with system heads and to keep**

**the Board informed of the progress that is made regarding these immediate actions.**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at noon.