

MINUTES
BOARD OF REGENTS

April 23, 1998

The Board of Regents met in regular session at 9:05 a.m., Thursday, April 23, 1998, in the LSU System Board Room, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Coordinator of Board Services, Ms. Helen Johnson, called the roll and a quorum was established.

Present for the meeting were:

Harold Callais, Chairman Richard D'Aquin, Secretary E. Edwards Barham Michael Dees Reggie Dupre' John Georges Frances Henry George Luffey Norbert Simmons Roland Toups Michael Reese, Student Member

Absent:

John Keller Mary Ella Sanders Pat Strong Dr. E. Joseph Savoie, Commissioner of Higher Education, thanked Dr. Allen Copping and the LSU System for the hospitality extended to the Board and its staff.

MINUTES APPROVED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MARCH 19, 1998

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Luffey, the Board voted to approve the minutes of March 19, 1998, as circulated.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE
FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF APRIL 22, 1998

On behalf of Regent Roberts, Mr. Marvin Roubique, Associate Commissioner for Finance and Physical Facilities, presented motions from the Facilities and Property Committee Meeting Report of April 22, 1998.

CAPITAL PROJECTS COSTING LESS THAN \$300,000

McNeese State University

New Student Computer Center at Holbrook Student Union \$105,700 Restricted

LSU A & M

University Stores Building \$216,500 Auxiliary Funds On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the projects.

CATEGORIES AND CRITERIA FOR FY 1999-2000 CAPITAL OUTLAY REQUESTS

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Luffey, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the criteria with the inclusion of the suggestions from the LSU Agricultural Center to include a check-off of the criteria at the campus, Board, and Regents' level.

SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA UNIVERSITY HOUSING PROJECT

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to amend the agenda to include the proposal from Southeastern Louisiana University to construct Student Apartments on the campus. On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the proposal for Southeastern Louisiana University to construct Student Apartments on the campus to be built by a 501c(3) corporation.

CAPITAL PROJECTS COSTING LESS THAN \$300,000

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to amend the agenda to include the LSU A&M project for Desk Removal, Plastering and Painting. On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the small capital project for LSU A&M in the amount of \$299,990 for Desk Removal, Plastering and Painting, Pentagon Dorm.

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF APRIL 22, 1998

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Luffey, the Board voted to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Meeting Report of April 22, 1998, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF APRIL 22, 1998

On behalf of Regent Henry, Vice Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Dr. Carolyn Hargrave, Deputy Commissioner for Academic Affairs, presented motions from the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Report of April 22, 1998.

RECOMMENDATIONS RELATIVE TO INSTITUTIONAL PROGRESS REPORTS FOR LOW-COMPLETER PROGRAMS

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for Actions Relative to the Review of Conditionally Approved Low-Completer Programs.

PROPOSED NEW OR REORGANIZATION OF EXISTING ACADEMIC/RESEARCH CENTERS

A. Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center-Center for Commercial and Business Law

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the proposed Center for Commercial and Business Law (CCBL) at the Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center with the stipulation that the Law Center provide the Commissioner of Higher Education with the following: (1) a complete budget for the proposed CCBL which indicates sources and amounts of funding for both revenues and expenditures; and (2) evidence of an institutional assessment procedure to justify continued need for and quality of this center. This documentation shall be due by June 1, 1998.

B. University of Southwestern Louisiana - Center for Business and Economic Research

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the reorganized Center for Business and Economic Research (CBER) at the University of Southwestern Louisiana with the stipulation that USL provide the Commissioner of Higher Education with a complete revised budget for the reorganized CBER which indicates sources and amounts of funding for both revenues and expenditures. This documentation shall be due by June 1, 1998.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF CONSULTANTS RELATIVE TO PROPOSED INSTITUTE GRANTS THROUGH THE 1997-98 CENTER FOR INNOVATIVE TEACHING AND LEARNING (CITAL)

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the selection and funding of four Institute Grants, one Project Grant, and one Planning Grant through the FY 1997-98 Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning (CITAL), as recommended by external consultants and accepted by affected systems and campuses.

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING
REPORT OF APRIL 22, 1998

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Dupre', the Board voted unanimously to accept the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Report of April 22, 1998, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF APRIL 22, 1998

On behalf of Regent Henry, Chairman of the Legislation Committee, Ms. Carol Coltharp, Confidential Assistant to the Commissioner, presented the Legislation Committee Meeting Report of April 22, 1998.

UPDATE ON STATUS OF HIGHER EDUCATION LEGISLATION FOR 1998 SPECIAL
SESSION

Ms. Coltharp reviewed the pieces of legislation affecting higher education and reported that no formal actions were taken.

ADOPTION OF THE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF APRIL 22,
1998

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Legislation Committee Meeting Report of April 22, 1998, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF APRIL 22, 1998

On behalf of Regent Georges, Chairman of the Sponsored Programs Committee, Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, presented motions from the Sponsored Programs Committee Meeting Report of April 22, 1998.

THE BoRSF ENDOWED CHAIRS AND ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIPS PROGRAMS

On motion of Regent Georges, seconded by Regent Roberts, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the extension of the deadline for submission of Endowed Professorship applications at the request of the University of New Orleans and the University of Southwestern Louisiana.

FY 1997-98 FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS
PROGRAM COMPONENT OF THE JOINTLY SPONSORED (REGENTS/NASA) LaSPACE
PROGRAM

On motion of Regent Georges, seconded by Regent Luffey, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the Graduate Fellowship recipients and alternates as specified in the report from Dr. John Wefel.

RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING MEMBERSHIP ON THE EPSCoR SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE SUPPORT FUND PLANNING COMMITTEE

On motion of Regent Georges, seconded by Regent Luffey, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the policy relative to membership on the EPSCoR Subcommittee of the BoRSF Planning Committee.

UPDATE ON THE INVESTMENT POLICY FOR ENDOWED CHAIRS

On motion of Regent Georges, seconded by Regent Luffey, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the "Louisiana Board of Regents Eminent Scholars and Endowed Professorships Program Statement of Investment Policy and Objectives." Regent Georges asked that the issue regarding the Tulane Environmental Law Clinic and its role in economic development be revisited. Discussion followed. On motion of Regent Georges, seconded by Regent Luffey, the Board voted to send a letter to the incoming president of Tulane University requesting a meeting with representative members of the Board to discuss issues related to the Tulane Environmental Law Clinic.

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF APRIL 22, 1998

On motion of Regent Georges, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted to accept the Sponsored Programs Committee Meeting Report of April 22, 1998, as amended. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF APRIL 22, 1998

On behalf of Regent Toups, Chairman of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee, Dr. Wayne Brown, Deputy Commissioner for Planning, Research and Performance, presented motions from the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Meeting Report of April 22, 1998.

ACT 129 OF 1991 (LICENSURE)

A. American College of Prehospital Medicine

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Dupre', the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve an operating license for the American College of Prehospital Medicine.

B. Grantham College of Engineering

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Dupre', the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve an operating license for Grantham College of Engineering.

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION RE: USE OF "STATE UNIVERSITY" BY A NON-PUBLIC INSTITUTION

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Dupre', the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to request the Attorney General take whatever legal measures necessary against private institutions using the term "State University" in violation of Louisiana's trade name law.

BOARD OF REGENTS' 1997-98 STUDENT TRANSFER GUIDE AND GENERAL EDUCATION ARTICULATION MATRIX

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Dupre', the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to adopt the Board of Regents' 1997-98 Student Transfer Guide and General Education Articulation Matrix as a final draft. The Board authorizes the Commissioner of Higher Education and the Deputy Commissioner for Planning, Research and Performance to make whatever changes necessary based on editorial review and final input from the campuses. Following publication of the document, the Commissioner of Higher Education will forward copies of the document to all interested parties.

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF APRIL 22, 1998

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Dupre', the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Meeting Report of April 22, 1998, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF APRIL 22, 1998

On behalf of Regent Dupre', Chairman of the Personnel Committee, Mr. Donald Vandal, Deputy Commissioner for Administration, presented motions from the Personnel Committee Meeting Report of April 22, 1998.

PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

On motion of Regent Dupre', seconded by Regent Dees, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Personnel Committee to accept the recommended personnel actions

as noted in Appendix B. These actions include the employment of Mr. Russell L. Upshaw, who will fill a newly created position with the Distance Learning Initiative as an ATM Network Specialist in the Division of Academic and Student Affairs of the Board of Regents, and proposed reassignments and adjustments in responsibilities with salary increases for certain existing Board of Regents' staff.

ADOPTION OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF APRIL 22, 1998

On motion of Regent Dupre', seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Personnel Committee Meeting Report of April 22, 1998, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF APRIL 22, 1998

On behalf of Chairman Callais, Commissioner Savoie reported that no formal actions were taken during the Executive Committee Meeting of April 22, 1998.

ADOPTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF APRIL 22, 1998

On motion of Chairman Callais, seconded by Regent Dupre', the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Executive Committee Meeting Report of April 22, 1998, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Commissioner Savoie began his remarks by stating that the credibility of the Board is being recognized and thanked the staff for its hard work. He continued by focusing the Board's attention to the 1998 Accountability in Louisiana's Colleges and Universities report in their folders and stated that the reports were being mailed throughout the state. Dr. Savoie then introduced Mr. Lee Griffin, Chairman of the Regents' Foundation, and asked that he address the Board. Mr. Griffin reported that the Foundation has developed a mission statement and bylaws and officers have been selected. He continued by naming the members of the Foundation. He stated that part of the function of the Foundation will be to host breakfasts and lunches for the purpose of promoting higher education and for discussing issues and legislation regarding higher education.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Callais recognized Regent Barham who spoke on the issue of audit and management procedures and the respective roles of Dr. Dan Kyle, Legislative Auditor, the institutions and the management boards. On motion of Regent Barham, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to direct the Commissioner to request an Attorney General's opinion relative to the authority of the institutions, the management boards and the Legislative Auditor for audit and management procedures. Commissioner Savoie recognized his daughter, Blaire, and Dr. Jimmy Clarke's daughter, Michelle, who were participating in "Take Your Daughter to Work Day." Chairman Callais appointed Regent Henry to serve as the Board's representative on the River Parishes Community College Presidential Search Committee. Regent Toups requested that a letter be sent to Mr. Lee Griffin thanking him for his commitment to higher education. Regent Reese thanked Ms. Coltharp and Dr. Larry Tremblay for their participation at the Council of Student Body Government's Association meeting held at Delgado Community College in New Orleans. Regent Simmons requested that in addition to Tulane, the incoming presidents of Xavier University and Grambling State University also be contacted to discuss issues related to their universities.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Callais declared the meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.