

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF REGENTS

**April 26, 2001**

The Board of Regents met in regular session at 9:15 a.m., Thursday, April 26, 2001, in the Board of Regents' Auditorium, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Richard D'Aquin called the meeting to order. Coordinator of Board Services, Ms. Helen Johnson, called the roll and a quorum was established.

#### **Present for the meeting were:**

Richard D'Aquin, Chair  
Billy Blake  
Scott Brame  
Reggie Dupré  
Frances Henry  
Ron Roberts, Vice Chair  
Virgil Robinson, Jr.  
Norbert Simmons  
Clifford Smith  
Roland Toups, Secretary  
Sherman Ruth, Student Member

#### **Absent:**

Herschel Abbott  
John Georges  
Melvin Rambin  
Pat Strong

## MINUTES APPROVED

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MARCH 22, 2001

**On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of March 22, 2001, as circulated.**

### LSU HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER PRESENTATION

Dr. Mary Ella Sanders led a distinguished team of doctors in a presentation to the Board on the Louisiana Gene Therapy Research Consortium. They provided an update on the progress

of the consortium and outlined the goals of the consortium. They summarized the consortium goals as follows:

- < Enhance and expand genetics and gene therapy research throughout Louisiana.
- < Provide career development, job training and lifelong learning opportunities in genetic research.
- < Evaluate the ethical, legal and social implications of genetics research and development.
- < Develop and grow a strong economy in Louisiana based on genetics research and its applications.

### **LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

#### LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF APRIL 25, 2001

On behalf of Regent Dupré, Vice Chair of the Legislation Committee, Ms. Kim Hunter-Reed, Deputy Commissioner for Public Affairs, presented motions from the Legislation Committee Report of April 25, 2001. The Board discussed legislative issues focused primarily on the TOPS-Tech Awards.

**On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Blake, the Board agreed that, in light of the many proposed changes to TOPS and the diverse opinions about how best to improve this program, the Commissioner continue on-going discussions regarding the TOPS program to insure that attempts to improve the program are done with a view towards the impact on the entire program and the entire postsecondary educational community.**

Regent Simmons voted no.

The Board then discussed legislation regarding the delivery of postsecondary educational services by LSU-A.

Regent Dupré offered a motion, seconded by Regent Toups, that the Commissioner reaffirm and represent to the Legislature and other concerned parties the Board's consistent position on the delivery of postsecondary educational services to central Louisiana. And that the Commissioner provide information regarding the impact of any legislation affecting the delivery of postsecondary educational services to central Louisiana and its relationship to the Master Plan and other higher education initiatives.

Regent Toups offered an amendment to the motion. Regent Brame noted that the Regents

had submitted a report to the Legislature outlining four viable options for the delivery of services in central Louisiana. Further discussion followed.

**On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Simmons, the Board voted to amend the original motion to add *“realizing that Option D, the authorization of LSU-A to offer baccalaureate degrees, is the least desirable of all four options.”***

Regent Brame voted no. The Board then voted on the motion as amended.

**On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted that the Commissioner reaffirm and represent to the Legislature and other concerned parties the Board’s consistent position on the delivery of postsecondary educational services to central Louisiana, realizing that Option D, the authorization of LSU-A to offer baccalaureate degrees, is the least desirable of all four options. And that the Commissioner provide information regarding the impact of any legislation affecting the delivery of postsecondary educational services to central Louisiana and its relationship to the Master Plan and other higher education initiatives.**

Regent Brame voted no.

#### LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF APRIL 25, 2001

**On motion of Regent Dupré , seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Legislation Committee Meeting Report of April 25, 2001, 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 25, 2001**

**On behalf of Regent Henry, 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 Meeting Report of April 25, 2001.**

#### **PROPOSED NEW ACADEMIC AFFAIRS POLICIES 2.15 - DEFINITIONS OF UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATES AND DEGREES AND 2.16 - STATEWIDE GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

**On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for proposed Academic Affairs Policies 2.15 - Definitions of Undergraduate Certificate and Degree Programs and 2.16 -**

**Statewide General Education Requirements.** (See Appendix II of the Committee Report.)

**PROPOSED LETTERS OF INTENT**

**A. Southern University-Baton Rouge - B.S. Program in Finance**

**On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Smith, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for Letter of Intent from Southern University-Baton Rouge for the projected B.S. in Finance program (CIP Code 52.0801).**

**B. Southeastern Louisiana University - B.S. Program in Health Education and Promotion**

**On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Blake, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the Letter of Intent for the projected B.S. program in Health Education and Promotion (CIP Code 51.2207) at Southeastern Louisiana University, with the following stipulations:**

- 1. In its program proposal, SLU shall clearly delineate and justify differences between its proposed program and similar, existing programs at Louisiana Tech University and the University of New Orleans.**
- 2. SLU's program proposal and the program proposal for the B.S. program in Community Health and Exercise at Louisiana State University-Shreveport shall be assessed by the same team of out-of-state reviewers. This team shall assess the prospective quality of each proposed program and statewide needs for additional undergraduate programs in health promotion, given the existence of similar programs at LTU and UNO.**

**PROPOSED CURRICULAR/ADMINISTRATIVE REVISIONS**

**A. Louisiana Tech University - Request to Terminate National Collision Marketing Institute**

**On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the request from Louisiana Tech University to terminate the National Collision Marketing Institute, effective May 1, 2001.**

**B. University of Louisiana at Monroe**

- 1. Request to Combine Two Departments Within the College of Pure and Applied Sciences**

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the request from the University of Louisiana at Monroe to combine the Department of Mathematics and the Department of Physics into a single Department of Mathematics and Physics, effective immediately.

2. Request to Terminate B.A. Program in Legal Studies

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the request from the University of Louisiana at Monroe to terminate the B.A. program in Legal Studies (CIP Code 22.0102), effective June 1, 2001.

**SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY-BATON ROUGE- REQUEST TO OFFER JOINT (CONCURRENT) J.D./M.P.A. PROGRAM**

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the request from Southern University-Baton Rouge to offer the Joint (Concurrent) J.D./M.P.A. program, effective immediately.

**REQUEST TO OFFER EXISTING ACADEMIC PROGRAMS THROUGH DISTANCE LEARNING TECHNOLOGIES - MCNEESE STATE UNIVERSITY - M.Ed. PROGRAM IN ADMINISTRATION AND SUPERVISION**

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Blake, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the request from McNeese State University to seek authorization from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to offer the M.Ed. program in Administration and Supervision (CIP Code 13.0402) via distance learning technologies.

**UPDATES ON TEACHER EDUCATION INITIATIVES**

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Blake, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to extend Revised Standards for Admission Into Teacher Education Programs through December 31, 2001. (See Appendix III of the Committee Report.) On January 1, 2002, the Revised Standards shall automatically expire and previously approved Standards for Admission Into Teacher Preparation Programs (June, 1999) shall become immediately effective.

**ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF APRIL 25, 2001**

**On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Report of April 25, 2001, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

**FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

**FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF APRIL 25, 2001**

**On behalf of Regent Robinson, Chair of the Facilities and Property Committee, Mr. Marvin Roubique, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Facilities presented motions from the Facilities and Property Committee Report of April 25, 2001.**

**SMALL CAPITAL PROJECTS APPROVAL REPORT**

**Women's Softball Park Restrooms - LSU A&M College  
\$150,000 from Auxiliary Funds.**

**Acadian Hall Roof Repair - LSU A&M College  
\$145,000 from Auxiliary Funds.**

**On motion of Regent Robinson, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to accept the small capital projects report as presented.**

**RE-APPROVAL OF SMALL CAPITAL PROJECTS PROCEDURE**

**On motion of Regent Robinson, seconded by Regent Roberts, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to re-affirm the approval procedure which delegates to the staff the authority to approve small capital projects in accordance with Facilities Policy 3.04.01.**

**AMENDMENTS TO FY 2001-2002 CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET RECOMMENDATION**

**On motion of Regent Robinson, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to amend the FY 2001-2002 Capital Outlay Budget Recommendations to add in the Self-Generated Category, the Cancer treatment unit at the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine at an amount of \$647,000.**

**LEASES**

**On motion of Regent Robinson, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to authorize the Louisiana Community and Technical College System to enter into a three-year lease of approximately 22,236 square feet of space in Lafayette to serve as a temporary site for South Louisiana Community College. The annual cost of the lease shall not exceed \$290,000.**

**ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF APRIL 25, 2001**

**On motion of Regent Robinson, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Meeting Report of April 25, 2001, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT OF APRIL 25, 2001**

**On behalf of Regent D'Aquin, Chair of the Executive Committee, Mr. Donald Vandal, Deputy Commissioner for Administration, presented the Executive Committee Meeting Report of April 25, 2001.**

**UPDATE ON DESEGREGATION SETTLEMENT- Baton Rouge Community College**

**Mr. Vandal reported that Dr. Walter Bumphus, Chancellor, Baton Rouge Community College, gave a status report on the progress at Baton Rouge Community College.**

**ADOPTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF APRIL 25, 2001**

**On motion of Regent D'Aquin, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Executive Committee Meeting Report of April 25, 2001, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

**SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

**SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF APRIL 25, 2001**

**On behalf of Regent Roberts, Chair of the Sponsored Programs Committee, Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, presented motions from the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of April 25, 2001.**

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

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

**On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the LaSPACE Research Enhancement Award (REA) projects recommended for funding, of which \$140,000 will be paid from FY 2001-02 Support Funds, and the remainder from unexpended Support Fund money remaining from prior REA projects. (See Appendix B of the Committee Report.) 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.**

**On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Smith, 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 \$92,500 relative to the five new Graduate Fellows for academic year 2001-02. Of this amount, \$60,000 will be paid from FY 2001-02 Support Funds, and the remainder from NASA LaSPACE funds and unexpended Support Fund money resulting from early completion of prior fellowships. (See Appendix C of the Committee Report.)**

**APPROVAL OF MATCHING FUNDS REQUESTS**

- A. Louisiana State University - Baton Rouge/ Southern University - Baton Rouge Center for High Energy and Gravitational Astrophysics Proposal**
- B. Louisiana State University - Baton Rouge/Southern University - Baton Rouge/University of New Orleans Center for Gas Turbine Innovations and Energy Research**

**On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the commitments for matching funds contained in Commissioner Savoie's letters of March 27, 2001. (See Appendix D of the Committee Report.)**



**FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROPOSALS SUBMITTED UNDER THE BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT FUND PROGRAM, FY 2000-2001****Endowed Chairs Component**

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Smith, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve providing Support Fund matching money to complete the endowments for the two eligible restricted bequest applications and the three highest-ranked competitive proposals as indicated. (See Tab 2 of the binder disseminated to Board members, available in the BoR Sponsored Programs Office.)

**Research and Development Component**

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Smith, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve expenditure of the \$2,273,227 million estimated to be available in FY 2000-01 to fund the first year of new RCS and ITRS projects. These estimated funds shall be disbursed as follows: (1) Industrial Ties Research Subprogram - \$648,034; and (2) Research Competitiveness Subprogram - \$1,625,093. In both subprograms funds shall be awarded in the rank order and at funding levels recommended by consultants. (See Tab 3 of the binder disseminated to Board members, available in the BoR Sponsored Programs Office.)

**ENHANCEMENT OF THE QUALITY OF DEPARTMENTS OR UNITS COMPONENT****Endowed Professorships**

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Smith, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the request from Our Lady of the Lake College to extend the deadline, until April 17, 2001, for submission of all materials relative to the BoRSF Endowed Professorship applications for the FY 2000-01 review cycle.

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to defer action on disbursement of FY 2000-01 Endowed Professorships awards until its May, 2001 meeting.

**New Undergraduate and Traditional Enhancement Projects**

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve funding for Traditional Enhancement proposals. Funds shall be

awarded in the rank order and at funding levels recommended by consultants. (See Tab 5 of the binder disseminated to Board members, available in the BoR Sponsored Programs Office.)

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Smith, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve funding for Undergraduate Enhancement proposals. Funds shall be awarded in the rank order and at funding levels recommended by consultants. (See Tab 6 of the binder disseminated to Board members, available in the BoR Sponsored Programs Office.)

#### **GENERAL PRINCIPLES RELATIVE TO THE ALLOCATION OF SUPPORT FUND DOLLARS**

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Smith, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the following General Principles relative to the allocation of Support Fund dollars: Support Fund money shall be awarded to highly recommended proposals within each area in order of their ranking and at funding levels as recommended by consultants. While the cutoff level for funding proposals in these categories cannot be decided until the amount of money available in the Support Fund for FY 2000-01 has been finally determined, and all campus responses have been received, the following principles will be followed:

1. If the money in the budget for a particular category is insufficient to fully fund the last recommended proposal for the category, the remaining funds shall constitute the total award for that proposal.
2. Should an institution refuse or be denied an award, that money shall be offered to the next proposal within the same category which the consultants recommended for funding.

#### **CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR BUDGETARY SHORTFALL**

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the following Contingency Plan for a budgetary shortfall: should the final FY 2000-01 Support Fund budget not achieve the amount budgeted herein, any shortfall shall be accommodated through a proportionate reduction in the amounts allocated for proposals in the Traditional Enhancement Program.

#### **ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF APRIL 25, 2001**

**On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Blake, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Meeting Report of April 25, 2001, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER**

**Commissioner E. Joseph Savoie began by acknowledging the appointment of Dr. Sally Clausen as the new president of the University of Louisiana System. He reported that presentations to provide information on the Master Plan are being continued across the state and then discussed briefly the progress of the teacher quality efforts. He concluded his remarks by reminding board members of the EPSCOR conference being held.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair D'Aquin declared the meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.**