

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

AUGUST 24, 2006

The Board of Regents met in session at 9:05 a.m. Thursday, August 24, 2006, in the Louisiana Purchase Room of the 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:

William Blake  
Scott Brame  
Richard D'Aquin  
Frances Henry, Vice Chair  
Stanley Jacobs  
Ingrid Labat  
Robert Levy  
W. Clinton Rasberry  
Mary Ellen Roy  
Harold Stokes  
Pat Strong  
Roland Toups, Chair  
Terry Landry

Absent for the meeting were:

Clifford Smith  
Artis Terrell

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Toups 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 JUNE 22, 2006

**On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of June 22, 2006.**

PRESENTATION ON VALUE-ADDED TEACHER PREPARATION ASSESSMENT MODEL, 2005-06 STUDY RESULTS BY DR. GEORGE NOELL, PROFESSOR, LSU AND A&M COLLEGE

Dr. Jeanne Burns, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs for Teacher Education, introduced Dr. George Noell, Department of Psychology, Louisiana State University and A&M College, who gave a report on the results of a new study funded by the Board of Regents that has used a Value-Added Teacher Preparation Assessment Model to examine the effectiveness of universities in preparing new teachers. He noted that preliminary results indicate that 45-50% of Louisiana's teacher preparation programs are preparing new teachers whose contribution to their student's achievement is comparable to the effectiveness of experienced teachers in mathematics, English/language arts, and/or science.

Dr. Noell said the study used student achievement data from the Department of Education from in excess of 200,000 students in grades 4-9 who were enrolled in 66 school districts in Louisiana and examined the effectiveness of 16 universities that prepared new teachers who taught the students. Dr. Noell acknowledged the work of Dr. Bobby Franklin, Mr. Michael Collier, Dr. Fen Chou, and Dr. Mary Helen McCoy whose pilot work allowed him to get started.

He said a technical report containing the results of the study will be available on the Board of Regents' website on Wednesday, August 30, 2006. A full discussion ensued.

Regent Henry requested that an updated report be obtained from Ms. Robin Jarvis,

Superintendent of the Recovery School District, regarding the progress of the Recovery School District in New Orleans.

**On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Blake, the Board unanimously voted to amend the agenda to allow Dr. Lisa Smith-Vosper, Associate Commissioner for Workforce Education and Training, to present an update on LAePortal.**

LAePortal PRESENTATION BY DR. LISA SMITH-VOSPER

Dr. Vosper gave a step-by-step demonstration of the navigation of the LAePortal System by means of the Internet. She said that the High School Redesign Commission has endorsed the ePortal and training will soon begin. The Regents are requesting that the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) mandate counselors/teachers require students to log in as a participant in the LAePortal. A discussion ensued.

**On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board unanimously voted to formally endorse the State's involvement in the LAePortal.**

**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Labat, Chairman of the Technology Committee, Mr. Gerard Killebrew, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, presented the Technology Committee Report of August 23, 2006.

INTRODUCTION OF THE LONI EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND LONI UPDATE

Mr. Killebrew stated that Mr. Charlie McMahan was introduced as the Louisiana Optical Network (LONI) Executive Director.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW NLR REPRESENTATIVE AND NLR UPDATE

Mr. Killebrew noted that Mr. Brian Voss was introduced as the new National LambdaRail (NLR) representative for the Louisiana Board of Regents.

REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER FOR INFORMATION AND LEARNING TECHNOLOGY

Mr. Killebrew noted that several updates were given:

1. Statewide E-Learning Support Center (SELSC);
2. Open Source Pilot (OSP);
3. SREB/Sharable Content Object Repositories for Education (SCORE);
4. A report given by Mr. Bill Thomas, Director of Educational Technology for SREB.
5. Recognition of Mr. David Cargill, Director for Instructional Technology and Distance Learning at Louisiana Tech University for his excellent coordination on the SELSC and LEARNET.

ADOPTION OF THE TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT OF AUGUST 23, 2006

**On motion of Regent Labat, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Technology Committee Report of August 23, 2006.**  
*(A copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)*

**LEARNING CENTERS COMMITTEE REPORT**

On behalf of Regent Brame, Vice Chair of the Learning Centers Committee, Dr. Larry Tremblay, Associate Commissioner for Planning, Research and Performance, presented the Learning Centers Committee Report.

REPORT FROM THE DEAN

Dr. Tremblay noted that several items were reviewed: (1) the 2005-06 enrollment comparisons for the past three years; (2) enrollment comparisons, facility usage, and revenue for

2005-06; and (3) proposed renovation plans for the Center.

ADOPTION OF THE LEARNING CENTER COMMITTEE REPORT OF AUGUST 23, 2006

**On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Learning Centers Committee Report of August 23, 2006.** *(A copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)*

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

On behalf of Regent Stokes, Chair of the Finance Committee, Mr. Donald Vandal, Deputy Commission for Finance and Administration, presented the Finance Committee Report of August 23, 2006.

FORMULA FUNDING REVIEW

Mr. Vandal said he presented a power point presentation on the Louisiana Postsecondary Education Funding Formula.

REPORT FROM THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

Mr. Vandal said updates were given on the following items: (1) the funds flow project has been reinitiated, (2) the forming of an athletic policy advisory committee, and (3) the pursuit of the tuition policy in the upcoming legislative session.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Vandal said a special Finance Committee meeting would be held on October 20, 2006, to discuss the FY 2006-07 operating budgets.

ADOPTION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF AUGUST 23, 2006

**On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Finance Committee Report of August 23, 2006.** *(Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)*

## **FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Jacobs, Chair of the Facilities and Property Committee, Mr. Rich Griswold, Associate Commissioner for Facilities, presented motions from the Facilities and Property Committee Report of August 23, 2006.

### **SMALL CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT**

**On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent Blake, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the small capital projects as follows:**

**Upgrade Stadium Lighting in Aillet Stadium**

**Louisiana Tech University  
\$300,000 from Self-Generated sources.**

**Tornado Repairs**

**Louisiana State University Agricultural Center Hill Farm  
\$200,000 from Risk Management funds.**

**Departmental Storage Building**

**Louisiana State University Agricultural Center Ben Hur Farm  
\$160,000 from State Funds.**

**Herget Hall - Fire Alarm System Replacement**

**Louisiana State University and A&M College  
\$243,700 from Auxiliary Funds. Reapproval.**

**Evangeline Hall - Replace Fire Alarm System**

**Louisiana State University and A&M College  
\$275,000 from Auxiliary Funds.**

**Pentagon Barracks - Repair Clay Tile Roof and Replace Gutters**

**Louisiana State University and A&M College  
\$345,000 from Auxiliary Funds.**

### **PROJECTS UTILIZING ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF FINANCING**

**On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the project to construct an Intermodal Parking Facility**

**and make alterations to parking lots at the University of Louisiana at Monroe utilizing alternative means of financing. The project would cost approximately \$5,000,000, with funding from a federal grant, the sale of land, student parking fees, and income from the operation of the parking garage. Approval is contingent upon approval by the University of Louisiana System at its meeting on August 25, 2006.**

**On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the project to construct a 1,200 bed student housing complex, demolish ten existing sub-standard dormitories, renovate existing facilities for food service use, and acquire adjacent existing housing at Grambling State University utilizing alternative means of financing. The project will cost approximately \$65,000,000 and will utilize the lease/leaseback financing model. All financial projections are consistent with the Board of Regents' Facilities Policy, and include the retirement of minor existing bonds on housing units. Approval is contingent upon approval by the University of Louisiana System at its meeting on August 25, 2006.**

**On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the project to upgrade field lighting at Joe Aillet Stadium at Louisiana Tech University utilizing alternative means of financing. The project, costing approximately \$408,857, will utilize the lease/buyout model of 3<sup>rd</sup> party financing. Approval is contingent upon approval by the University of Louisiana System at its meeting on August 25, 2006.**

#### REQUEST TO SEEK INTERIM EMERGENCY BOARD FUNDING

**On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the request for LSU to seek funding from the Interim Emergency Board to cover the Corporation Canal immediately adjacent to the LSU Laboratory School. The project is estimated to cost \$2,859,750 with \$1,859,750 to come from the state if approved by the IEB, and \$1,000,000 to come from in-kind services from the Baton Rouge City/Parish.**

#### AMENDMENTS TO CAPITAL OUTLAY

**On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the requested funding increase for the construction of an addition to the Southern University A. A. Lenoir Law Center. The project,**

**previously approved at \$3,485,000, will be increased to \$4,155,347, utilizing federal funding.**

Discussion followed concerning the progress of projects that had been previously approved.

Mr. Griswold informed the Board that representatives from LSU-Baton Rouge have been asked to make a presentation on the Co-Generation Plan at the next regularly scheduled Committee and Board meetings.

**On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent Blake, the Board voted unanimously to amend the Facilities and Property Committee Report to include the request for feedback on previously approved projects.**

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT OF AUGUST 23, 2006

**On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Report of August 23, 2006 as amended. (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. Killebrew presented motions from the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of August 23, 2006.

PROPOSED NEW PROGRAMS

*SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY NEW ORLEANS - B.S. IN HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS*

**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 conditional approval for the proposed B.S. program in Health Information Management Systems (CIP Code 52.1299) at Southern University-New Orleans. Prior to program implementation, the University must hire an appropriately qualified Program Director. Once this person has been hired, University administrators shall meet with Mr. Donnie Vandal,**



**Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, and Mr. Gerard Killebrew, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, to discuss immediate funding needs and sources of such funding for the first year of program operations. The primary foci of these discussions shall be resource issues directly related to required CAAHEP/AHIMA program accreditation and efforts by the University to afford such resources within existing state funding. Thereafter, beginning June 1, 2007 and on that same date until CAAHEP/AHIMA program accreditation has been achieved, an annual report addressing these concerns shall be sent to Mr. Vandal and Mr. Killebrew and necessary follow-up meetings scheduled to resolve any outstanding issues.**

*LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY ALEXANDRIA - B.S. IN MATHEMATICS*

**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 grant approval for the proposed B.S. in Mathematics (CIP 27.0101) at Louisiana State University-Alexandria, effective immediately.**

*SELECT CAMPUSES OF THE LOUISIANA TECHNICAL COLLEGE - REPLACEMENT A.A.S IN INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY AND RELATED DIPLOMAS/CERTIFICATES*

**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 terminate existing Computer Specialist Support, Network Specialist, Computer Network Administrator, and Computer Programmer programs (CIP Codes 11.0501, 11.0901, 111001 and 11.0202) and approve replacement of A.A.S., diploma, and certificate programs in Information and Communications Technology - Options in Computer Networking Support, Computer Network Specialist, and Computer Programmer (CIP Codes 11.1001, 11.0901 and 11.0201), at varied campuses of the Louisiana Technical College, as indicated in the staff summary, effective immediately.**

*LOUISIANA TECHNICAL COLLEGE - LAFAYETTE - A.A.S. IN AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY*

**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 for the Associate of Applied Science in Automotive Technology (CIP Code 47.0604) at Louisiana Technical College-Lafayette campus, effective immediately. Required general education courses shall be offered by South Louisiana Community College.**

*LOUISIANA TECHNICAL COLLEGE - NATCHITOCHES - A.A.S. IN COMPUTER SPECIALIST APPLICATIONS*

**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 for the proposed Associate of Applied Science in Computer Specialist Applications (CIP Code 11.0301) at Louisiana Technical College-Natchitoches Campus, effective immediately.**

CURRICULAR REVISION - LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AND A&M COLLEGE - REQUEST TO TERMINATE THE B.A. PROGRAM IN PSYCHOLOGY

**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 terminate the B.A. program in Psychology (CIP Code 42.0101) at Louisiana State University and A&M College, effective Fall 2007.**

PROGRESS REPORTS ON CONDITIONALLY APPROVED PROGRAMS

*LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY - MASTER OF HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT*

**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 receive the AY 2005-06 Progress Report Relative to the Implementation of the Master of Health Information Management at Louisiana Tech University. As previous conditions of approval have been addressed, no further progress reports are required. The program is hereby granted full approval.**

*SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY-SHREVEPORT - A.S. IN NURSING*

**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 receive the AY 2005-06 Progress Report Relative to Implementation of the A.S. in Nursing at Southern University- Shreveport. On August 1, 2007, the University shall submit to the Commissioner of Higher Education a progress report updating efforts of the University to attain NLNAC accreditation for the program.**

*SOWELA TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE - ASSOCIATE OF GENERAL STUDIES*

**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 receive the 2005-06 Progress Report Relative to the Associate of General Studies Program at Sowela Technical Community College. By December 1, 2006, the College shall inform the Commissioner of Higher Education of the status of its search for a third faculty position in the Physical Sciences and its application to SACS/CoC for institutional candidacy.**

*NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY - B.S. IN ADDICTION STUDIES*

**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 receive the AY 2005-2006 Progress Report from Northwestern State University Relative to Implementation of the B.S. Program in Addiction Studies. A subsequent interim progress report, addressing specific concerns in the Staff Summary, shall be sent to the Commissioner of Higher Education by December 1, 2006.**

*SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY-BATON ROUGE - MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION*

**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 receive the second Progress Report Relative to Implementation of the Master of Business Administration Program at Southern University-Baton Rouge. In addition to other previously required reports, an interim report addressing the three concerns listed in the staff summary shall be due to the Commissioner of Higher Education by December 1, 2006.**

TEACHER EDUCATION INITIATIVES

*EVALUATION OF A 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:**

- 1. Approve the Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science Education Grades 6-12 (CIP Code: 13.1321) at Southeastern Louisiana University and the Master of Arts in Teaching degree in Mild/Moderate Special Education grades 1-12 (CIP Code: 13.1001) at Northwestern State University; and**
- 2. Terminate the Practitioner Teacher Program at the University of**

**Louisiana at Lafayette.***ALTERNATE ADMISSION STANDARD INTO TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAMS*

**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 approve the joint recommendation from the College of Education deans and the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to approve an alternate admission standard which allows prospective teachers in Louisiana to use an ACT composite score of 22 or a SAT combined verbal and math score of 1030, effective September 1, 2006, in place of the PRAXIS I PPST examinations. All other prospective teachers will continue to take the PRAXIS I PPST.**

RECONSIDERATION OF TERMINATION OF THE B.S. IN MANUFACTURING ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM AT NICHOLLS STATE UNIVERSITY

**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 suspend its action of January 2006 terminating the B.S. program in Manufacturing Engineering Technology at Nicholls State University, pending the report of a consultant from ABET-TAC and the University's response to that report. The University shall engage the services of the aforementioned consultant in time for a Fall 2006 visit to the campus. The consultant's report and accompanying University response shall be due to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs by December 15, 2006.**

Regent Toups commended Dr. Carroll Falcon, Provost and Vice-President for Academic Affairs from Nicholls State University, for the presentation made in favor of suspending the termination of the program and noted the assistance of local businesses. Regent Henry requested that Dr. Falcon relay the Board's thanks to the businesses for their donations, but encouraged them to make much larger donations so the program can remain.

REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER

Mr. Killebrew said that 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 Review of Conditionally Approved Programs;
- D. Status of Reviews for Proposed Programs/Units; and
- E. Staff Approval of Routine Academic Requests.

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT OF AUGUST 23, 2006

**On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of August 23, 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. Tremblay presented motions from the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee Report of August 23, 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 East Texas Baptist University, located in Marshall, Texas.**

PROPRIETARY SCHOOLS

**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 approve an initial operating license for River Cities School of Dental Assisting, Inc., located in Shreveport, Louisiana.**

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

- Baton Rouge College--Baton Rouge (06/26/86)**
- Baton Rouge College--Hammond (06/22/95)**
- Baton Rouge College--New Orleans (06/24/93)**
- Central Louisiana Medical Academy (06/24/99)**
- Delta College of Arts & Technology (06/25/92)**

**Diesel Driving Academy (06/25/87)**  
**Eastern College of Health Vocations--Shreveport (05/27/04 )**  
**High-Tech Institute--Atlanta (05/22/03)**  
**High-Tech Institute--Nashville (05/22/03)**  
**Lafayette General Medical Center (06/27/96)**  
**Louisiana Institute of Massage Therapy (06/25/92)**  
**Nashville Auto-Diesel College (05/22/03)**  
**New Horizons Computer Learning Center - New Orleans (05/25/00)**  
**New Horizons Computer Learning Center - Shreveport (05/25/00)**  
**Next Level Foundation, LLC (05/26/05)**  
**Ouachita Truck Driving Academy LLC (05/22/03)**  
**Southern Medical Corporation School of Ultrasound (06/26/97)**  
**Verbatim Academy of Court Reporting (04/27/89)**  
**Virginia College-Technical (05/27/04)**

**On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee unanimously to renew the license of MedVance Institute - New Orleans (05/25/00). However, the school, prior to resuming classes, must have completed the following tasks:**

- a. submit for staff approval a plan detailing steps to be taken to reopen;**
- b. submit to staff copies of the necessary permits/clearances from appropriate local/state officials; and**

**A site visit from the Board of Regents' Proprietary School Section Staff will be undertaken within 30 days of school's reopening.**

**On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee unanimously to revoke the authority for the Culinary Institute of New Orleans (CINO) to offer the Associate in Occupational Studies degree in Culinary Arts, effective immediately.**

Dr. Tremblay informed the Board that CINO had officially closed on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### 2006-07 HEALTH WORKS PROGRAM AND BUDGET

**On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee unanimously to adopt the 2006-07 Health Workforce Development Budget.**

**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 unanimously to adopt the State Scholars core as the curriculum requirement for the Regents Scholar Program, effective with the 2008-09 graduating class.**

#### BOARD OF REGENTS' DUAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAM

Dr. Tremblay noted that an update was given by Ms. Heather Devall on the status of the Dual Enrollment Pilot program. He mentioned that 24 proposals were received, and preliminary awards will amount to \$1,777,200.

#### REPORT FROM THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER

Dr. Tremblay said updates were given on several matters:

1. the Academic Competitiveness Grants established by the U.S. Department of education;
2. the Smart Grants program will award of up to \$4,000 a year to college juniors and seniors who major in engineering, mathematics, science, or certain foreign languages and maintain a 3.0 gpa in college; and
3. the results of a pilot study which links Louisiana's baccalaureate graduates to the workforce.

#### ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF AUGUST 23, 2006

**On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee Report of August 23, 2006. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

#### **SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT**

On behalf of 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 August 23, 2006.

UPDATES*THE POST-KATRINA SUPPORT FUND INITIATIVE (P-KSFI)*

Dr. Davidson provided updates regarding the following topics: (1) formation and development of the Initiative; (2) major components of P-KSFI; and (3) the P-KSFI review processes.

*HIGHER EDUCATION REQUEST FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDS*

Dr. Davidson said an update was given regarding the pending higher education request for \$28.5 million in CDBG monies for scientific research and education in relation to economic development. He provided the Board with the most recent draft of the Higher Education CDBG Action Plan to be disseminated to the Louisiana Recovery Authority.

**On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the addition of the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium to the list of institutions eligible to receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Enhancement for Severely Impacted Programs (ESIP) money under the P-KSFI program.**

**On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the Board, consistent with its overall coordinating and funding responsibilities, playing a major leadership role in Community Development Block Grant funding as it relates to higher education.**

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT OF AUGUST 23, 2006

**On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of August 23, 2006. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

On behalf of Regent Toups, Chair of the Executive Committee, Mr. Vandal presented



motions from the Executive Committee Report of August 23, 2006.

BOARD OF REGENTS' INTERNAL POLICY AND OPERATIONAL ISSUES, FY 06-07

Mr. Vandal said updates were given on the following items: (1) various projects and activities planned for the staff and Board for FY 2006-07 such as the financial issues of the formula funding, tuition policy, financial aid policy, retention efforts, E-portal deployment, dual enrollment, adult education, the P-KSFI, and CDBG funding for Research Capacity restoration; (2) submittal of a proposal to the Lumina Foundation for a grant to provide resources to the Regents to enhance the agency's ability to fulfill the leadership role expected of it; (3) a positive response from the Office of the Inspector General for the National Science Foundation regarding financial accounting and responsibility demonstrated by the Board of Regents; (4) the introduction of Mr. Christopher Dalton, a newly appointed Audit Director for the agency; and (5) a breakdown of the agency's budget for the new fiscal year.

**On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee to approve a staff cost-of-living/merit pay plan averaging 3%, but ranging from 2% to 5%.**

ADOPTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT OF AUGUST 23, 2006

**On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Executive Committee Report of August 23, 2006.**  
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Regent Toups informed the Board that a letter of resignation had been received from Regent Virgil Robinson effective immediately. Regent Robinson noted the demands of time and new post-Katrina commitments would prevent him from being a participating member of the Board. Regent Toups requested that a letter of appreciation be prepared and presented to Regent Robinson.

Ms. Blanchard gave a brief update on the next regularly scheduled Committee and Board

meetings. She continued by stating that Louisiana Tech University would be hosting the meeting in Ruston on September 28, 2006.

### **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER**

Commissioner Savoie reported on the following items:

- Capital Outlay visits and Endowed Chair check presentations are underway.
- August 29<sup>th</sup> will mark the one year anniversary of Hurricane Katrina.
- The recent passing of Dr. Robert Gex, former Chancellor of Southern University at New Orleans.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Levy, there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.**