

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

SEPTEMBER 28, 2006

The Board of Regents met in session at 2:56 p.m., Thursday, September 28, 2006, in the Institute for Micromanufacturing at Louisiana Tech University in Ruston, 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
Clifford Smith
Harold Stokes
Pat Strong
Artis Terrell
Roland Toups, Chair

Absent for the meeting were:

Terry Landry
Mary Ellen Roy

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 AUGUST 24, 2006

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted

unanimously to approve the minutes of August 24, 2006.

WELCOME AND PRESENTATION BY DR. DAN RENEAU, PRESIDENT, LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY

Dr. Dan Reneau, President of Louisiana Tech University, said he appreciated the Regents being on the campus and taking a tour of the campus. He gave a Powerpoint presentation of some of Louisiana Tech's accomplishments, along with where the university is headed in the future.

President Reneau noted some of the highlights as follows:

- More than 600 evacuees were housed in Caruthers Hall after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005;
- The Tulane University football team was housed at Tech;
- Students attain bachelor's degrees in an average of 4.6 years – faster than any other university in Louisiana;
- Ranks third in the nation in Nanotechnology Education;
- Graduation and retention rates are the highest in the University of Louisiana System;
- Master's degree in Health Information Management is the first completely online degree at the university;
- Biomedical Engineering Building will open soon; will house cutting-edge research and innovation;
- The Foundation raised over \$12 million and increased endowment to \$60 million – most successful year in history; and
- Four new proposed Ph.D. programs.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Before consideration of the agenda, Chair Toups noted that the Board had effectively met earlier in the morning as a Committee of the Whole for each Committee meeting. Therefore, the Chair would entertain a motion to dispense with a reading of each Committee report but, rather, adopt the minutes and the reports and entertain the motions contained in each *in globo*.

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted

unanimously to dispense with a reading of each committee report and adopt the minutes and the report and approve the actions and motions contained in each in globo.

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to dispense with the reading of the reports and minutes and that the reports and minutes be accepted *in globo* and that the recommended actions and motions contained therein are approved *in globo*.

PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

LICENSURE

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

- 1. Alliant International University**
- 2. Remington College**
- 3. Vanderbilt University**

PROPRIETARY SCHOOLS

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve an initial operating license for Eternity Healthcare Learning Center, LLC, located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve an initial operating license for The Homeland Security Training Institute, located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve a change-of-ownership application for Career Technical College, with campuses located in Monroe and Shreveport, Louisiana.

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve an Associate in Occupational Studies Degree program in Medical Assisting at Blue Cliff College, with campuses located in Houma and Metairie, Louisiana.

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, 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):

**American School of Business (09/27/01)
Art Instruction School (09/21/74)
Baton Rouge School of Computers (08/28/97)
Camelot College (08/28/86)
Coastal College--Alexandria (08/28/97)
Crescent City Coders (08/28/03)
Medical Training College (08/22/96)
Mercy Educational Institute (08/25/94)
PeachTree School of Dental Assisting, Inc. (08/22/02)**

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to defer consideration of the license renewals for Crescent City School of Gaming & Bartending (09/14/83) and Cameron College (06/29/83) until its December meeting.

**ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE REPORT
OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2006**

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Report of September 28, 2006. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT

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

Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, reported that the **Primarily Research** and **Primarily Education** White Paper reviews, both led by teams from the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), had taken place during September 18-19 and 25-26, 2006. He said reports from both AAAS teams are due during October, 2006.

HIGHER EDUCATION REQUEST FOR CDBG ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDS

Dr. Davidson provided an update regarding the request for \$28.5 million in CDBG monies to be used for scientific research and education in relation to economic development.

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to recommend that the Commissioner of Higher Education, if circumstances are optimal, shall have the discretion to allocate up to \$500,000 from the BoRSF for the development of a strategic plan - not pertaining directly to CDBG matters - which relates Louisiana's higher education resources to the State's economic development.

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2006

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of September 28, 2006. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEEFY-2007-08 CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET RECOMMENDATION (PRELIMINARY)

Mr. Rich Griswold, Associate Commissioner for Facilities and Property, reported that 192

projects had been requested by the management boards to be funded from state sources, and the staff recommended 75 projects, not including 29 self-generated projects. He said that first year funding totals \$70,050,384 and total funding implication for the recommended projects totals \$1,453,438,714.

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the preliminary FY 2007-2008 Capital Outlay Budget Recommendation as presented by the staff.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Griswold said the Louisiana System University System will report on the status of the Co-Generation project at LSU and A&M College at the October meeting in Baton Rouge.

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2006

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Report of September 28, 2006. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

PROPOSED LETTER OF INTENT - LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY-ALEXANDRIA - B.S. IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the proposed Letter of Intent for the projected B.S. program in Criminal Justice at Louisiana State University-Alexandria.

CURRICULAR REVISION - NICHOLLS STATE UNIVERSITY - REQUEST TO TERMINATE THE A.S. PROGRAM IN GENERAL BUSINESS

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student

Affairs Committee to terminate the A.S. program in General Business (CIP Code 52.0101) at Nicholls State University, effective immediately.

PROGRESS REPORTS ON CONDITIONALLY APPROVED PROGRAMS

Louisiana Tech University - B.S. in Nanosystems Engineering

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the AY 2005-06 report relative to the implementation of the Bachelor of Science in Nanosystems Engineering at Louisiana Tech University. The next progress report shall be due to the Commissioner of Higher Education when a decision regarding the program's accreditation status has been received from ABET.

Louisiana State University-Shreveport

Sports Science Institute

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the 2006 Progress Report from Louisiana State University at Shreveport Relative to Operations of the Sports Science Institute. By March 1, 2007, the University shall submit a financial update which evidences sufficient and continuing external support for multiple years of operations.

Master of Health Administration

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the AY 2006 Progress Report Relative to Implementation of the Master of Health Administration at Louisiana State University-Shreveport. The next progress report shall be due August 1, 2007.

Fletcher Technical Community College

Associate of General Studies

A.S. in Nursing

A.A.S. in Technical Studies

A.A.S. in Nautical Science

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted

unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the September 1, 2006 Progress Report Relative to SACS/CoC Candidacy and Implementation of the Associate of General Studies, Associate of Science in Nursing, Associate of Applied Science in Technical Studies and Associate of Applied Science in Nautical Science programs at Fletcher Technical Community College. A subsequent progress report updating the status of the College's application for SACS/CoC candidacy shall be submitted to the Commissioner for Higher Education by December 1, 2006.

University of New Orleans - B.S. in Entrepreneurship

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the Progress Report Relative to Implementation of the Bachelor of Science program in Entrepreneurship at the University of New Orleans. As all former conditions of approval have been fulfilled, no further progress reports are deemed necessary.

Southeastern Louisiana University - Bachelor of Science in Health Studies

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the AY 2005-06 report relative to the implementation of the Health Education concentration of the Bachelor of Science in Health Studies program at Southeastern Louisiana University. By June 1, 2007, the University shall report to the Commissioner of Higher Education the status of the University's search for a permanent Program Director and additional full-time faculty. The contents of this report, and any other required subsequent reports, shall determine whether and when staff will recommend implementation of the Health Management Concentration.

PROPOSED ACADEMIC PROGRAM - UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT MONROE - BACHELOR OF HEALTH STUDIES

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences at the University of Louisiana at Monroe (CIP Code 51.9999), subject to the following stipulations:

- 1. The implementation date for the program will be set upon successful receipt of a progress report to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs,**

documenting the hiring of one additional full-time faculty with appropriate expertise.

2. By August 31, 2007, the University shall submit a second progress report to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, updating efforts to engage the services of a second additional full-time faculty with appropriate expertise.
3. By August 31, 2009, the University shall submit a third progress report to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, updating efforts to engage the services of a third additional full-time faculty with appropriate expertise.

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2006

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of September 28, 2006. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

ANNUAL EVALUATION OF THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee to recommend that the Commissioner of Higher Education be commended for his service and superb job performance.

ADOPTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2006

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Executive Committee Report of September 28, 2006. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Savoie reported on the following items:

- He thanked Dr. Reneau and his faculty and staff for hosting the Board of Regents on the campus of Louisiana Tech University; and
- He noted that Dr. Sally Clausen, President of the University of Louisiana System, has been invited by the National Association of System Heads, to launch an inaugural pilot study on the role of system head leadership in addressing barriers to college student success.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Toups thanked Regent Levy for his all his work in preparation of the Regents having its Board meeting in north Louisiana. Mr. Levy expressed his appreciation to the Regents for their visit and tour of the campus.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Strong, there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.