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**FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE
August 27, 2014**

The Facilities and Property Committee met on Wednesday, August 27, 2014, at 10:28 a.m. in the Louisiana Purchase Room of the Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Richard Lipsey called the meeting to order. The roll was called, and a quorum was established.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Richard Lipsey, Chair
Edward Markle, Vice Chair
Charlotte Bollinger
Maggie Brakeville
Joseph Wiley
Winfred Sibille, ULS Representative
Stevie Smith, LCTCS Representative
Leon Tarver, Southern Representative
Bobby Yarborough, LSU Representative

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Joel Dupré
Pamela Egan
Joseph Farr
William Fenstermaker
Robert W. Levy
Roy Martin
Edward Markle
W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Raymond Brandt
Chris Gorman
Albert Sam II

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Terrence Ginn
Barbara Goodson
Lori Parker

GUESTS PRESENT

Appendix A

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Terrence Ginn, Associate Commissioner for Finance and Administration, presented a consent agenda of the following small capital projects. He said that Regents may approve small capital projects internally ranging from \$175,000 to \$1,000,000 without seeking further approval of the Board or Facility Planning & Control (FP&C).

1. **Louisiana State University A&M – Business Education Complex Donor Signage – Baton Rouge, LA**
2. **Louisiana State University A&M – David Boyd Hall Exterior Stucco Repairs – Baton Rouge, LA**
3. **Louisiana State University A&M – J.C. Miller Classroom Upgrades – Baton Rouge, LA**
4. **Louisiana State University A&M – U-High Cub Complex – Baseball Synthetic Turf – Baton Rouge, LA**
5. **Louisiana State University – Eunice – Health & Physical Education Building Roof Replacement – Eunice, LA**
6. **Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center New Orleans – 1st Floor Lobby Renovation (School of Nursing/Allied Health Professions) – New Orleans, LA**

On a motion from Regent Markle, seconded by Supervisor Yarborough, the Facilities and Property Committee unanimously recommends that the Board of Regents approve the Small Capital Projects Report as presented in the Consent Agenda.

BoR FY 2015-2016 CAPITAL OUTLAY SITE VISIT UPDATE AND SCHEDULE

Mr. Ginn said that staff, along with Regents Lipsey and Abraham, visited McNeese State University and SOWELA Technical Community College on Friday, August 15, 2014. Later in the day, Regent Lipsey and Regents' staff visited the campus of the University of Louisiana-Lafayette. Then on Friday, August 22, 2014, Regent Lipsey and Regent Wiley, staff of the Board of Regents and the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, traveled to the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium (LUMCON) for a capital outlay site visit and tour of the facility. Campus staff presented their current capital needs, discussed ongoing projects, and talked about the direction of each institution moving forward.

Regarding LUMCON's site visit, it was noted by Mr. Ginn, that conversations centered around the need to replace the Pelican research vessel in the next year or two. Concerns were

expressed about the Port Fourchon laboratory bulkhead that was badly damaged in 2005 and 2008 by Hurricanes Katrina and Gustav. This has accelerated land erosion near the laboratory and makes it exceedingly dangerous for scientists to launch research vessels into the Gulf of Mexico. He said that it was reported that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has made minimal progress in approving the project so the damaged bulkhead can be repaired. Chair Lipsey thanked Mr. Winfred Sibille from the University of Louisiana System Board of Supervisor for attending the site visits at McNeese State University and the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. He invited the other system representatives to join in these visits.

He said that staff will be conducting additional site visits prior to the submission of the annual Board of Regents' Capital Outlay Recommendation to Facility Planning and Control (FP&C) by the November 1st deadline.

INTERIM EMERGENCY BOARD REQUEST UPDATE (SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY ROAD FAILURE)

Associate Commissioner Ginn noted that during the June meeting, the Board approved a request from the Southern University System (SUS), on behalf of the Southern University and A&M College (SUBR), to petition the Interim Emergency Board (IEB) to address a road failure on E.C. Harrison Drive. This road was the only safe and secure road that students could use to enter and leave the student housing and student life complex area of the campus.

Staff from the BoR, Facilities, Planning and Control, Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) and the Capital Area Legislative Delegation met with Southern University officials to develop a plan to remedy the bridge situation prior to the commencement of the fall 2014 semester. The original estimate for repairing the bridge was \$2.2 million, but DOTD was able to complete the task within two weeks for \$300,000.

Regent Lipsey extended commendation to DOTD for its job performance and accomplishing this difficult task in a short period of time at a fraction of the original cost estimates. He said the bridge is now open and fully accessible to students as they begin the fall semester.

Southern Board of Supervisor Leon Tarver thanked the Board and DOTD for its great service to the Baton Rouge campus of Southern University. He said he hopes the drainage issues will be addressed next.

Mr. Ginn mentioned that the Interim Emergency Board met last week and approved the request to repair the road. He said the funds will flow through the Board of Regents so DOTD can be paid for the repairs as soon as possible. Regents Rasberry and Lipsey commended the Regents' staff for quick action on this problem.

No action required on the Interim Emergency Board update on work progress to Southern University and A&M College's E.C. Harrison Drive.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Lipsey read a resolution in support for LUMCON to have the bulkhead repaired at the Port Fourchon laboratory located in Port Fourchon, Louisiana.

After further discussion,

On a motion from Supervisor Yarborough, seconded by Supervisor Smith, the Facilities and Property Committee unanimously recommends that the Board of Regents request that United States Senators Mary Landrieu and David Vitter urge the Federal Emergency Management Agency to approve funding for the repair of the bulkhead at the Port Fourchon laboratory located in Port Fourchon, Louisiana (Appendix B).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, upon a motion of Chair Lipsey, the Facilities and Property Committee adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Appendix A

Guest List for August 27, 2014 for Board of Regents' Committee meetings

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AFFILIATION</u>
James W. Robinson	ALFS/LSUE
Jane Cassidy	LSU A&M
Derrick Manns	LCTCS
Les Guice	LA Tech
Marty Fortner	SU System
Neil Matkin	LCTCS
Jeanne Daboval	McNeese
Lisa Abney	Northwestern State University
Eric Pani	ULM
Mary Ann Coleman	LAICU
Chantell W. Hines	LCTCS
Nicole Honoreé	LSU System
Ed Holton	LSU
Barbara Hatfield	LSU Alexandria
John Crain	Southeastern
Jacques Detiege	SUS
Monique Winfield	SUS
Charlotte Ashley	Southern University Shreveport
Kevin Appleton	SUS
Sujuan Boutte	LOSFA
Jan Waguespack	AT&T
Tammy Bourg	Southeastern
Gil Reeve	LSU A&M
Hampton Grunewald	LSU AgCenter
Steve John	UNO
John Williams	UNO
VerJanis A. Peoples	SUBR
Urban Wiggins	SUBR
Deanna Narveson	The Daily Reveille
Wanda Jackson	SUBR/GSU
Ms. Tamara White	Divine Touch Healing

APPENDIX B
LOUISIANA BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT RESOLUTION FOR
THE LOUISIANA UNIVERSITIES MARINE CONSORTIUM, AUGUST 2014

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium for Research and Education was authorized by the Louisiana Legislature in Act 557 of 1979 upon the recommendation of the Board of Regents to promote and conduct research and education in the marine sciences and marine technology, particularly where related to coastal resources and the impact of energy-related industries upon these coastal resources; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium scientists increase public and private research and development activity in the marine sciences and related fields by generating research dollars from sources including, but not limited to, the NOAA Center for Sponsored Coastal Ocean Research, Minerals Management Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, Louisiana Sea Grant College Program, U.S. Geological Survey, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and National Science Foundation, Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Louisiana Coastal Recovery Authority; and private industry, aquaculture ventures; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium strives to be a learning enterprise in which all Louisiana businesses, institutions and citizens are actively engaged in the pursuit of knowledge by increasing student achievement and the number of students completing courses in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium provides a unique research and education structure, in terms of people, resources and philosophy, that enhances the success of staff, collaborators, visitors and the public in a better understanding of Louisiana's important and valuable resources; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium Port Fourchon laboratory is located in Port Fourchon, Louisiana, 75 miles southeast of the W. J. DeFelice Marine Center in Cocodrie, Louisiana and provides field access to vast salt and brackish marshes, barrier islands and offshore environments of the northern Gulf of Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the Port Fourchon laboratory bulkhead was badly damaged in 2005 and 2008 by Hurricanes Katrina and Gustav, which has accelerated land erosion near the laboratory, making it exceedingly dangerous for scientists to launch research vessels into the Gulf of Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency has made minimal progress in approving the project funding to repair the damaged bulkhead, resulting in the endangerment of employees and visitors of the Port Fourchon laboratory.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Board of Regents do hereby request that United States Senators Mary Landrieu and David Vitter urge the Federal Emergency Management Agency to approve funding for the repair of the bulkhead at the Port Fourchon laboratory located in Port Fourchon, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be transmitted to the office of United States Senator Mary Landrieu at 703 Hart, Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510, and the office of United States Senator David Vitter at 516 Hart, Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510.

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I, W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr., Chairman of the Board of Regents of Louisiana, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the said Board of Regents at a Board meeting, duly called and held on August 27, 2014, at which meeting more than a quorum, was present and voted.

In witness thereof, I have signed my name and affixed the official seal of said Board of Regents at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, this 27th day of August 2014.



W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr. Chairman
Board of Regents