

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

January 06, 2016

The Board of Regents met in session at 12:49 p.m., Wednesday, January 6, 2016, in the Thomas Jefferson Room 1-136, Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Roy Martin III called the meeting to order.

INSTALLATION FOR 2016

Board Officers (Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary)

It was noted that the newly appointed officers for 2016 would be sworn in by Dr. Uma Subramanian, Deputy Commissioner for Legal and External Affairs. She administered the oaths of office to Regent Richard Lipsey as Chair and Regent Edward Markle as Vice Chair. Regent Joseph Farr will be sworn in as Secretary at a later date.

Chair Lipsey offered his appreciation to outgoing Chair Roy Martin III for his leadership of the Board during the past year. He stated that it is a new day for Louisiana since we will have a new Governor and administration, new members of the legislative branches and strong leadership throughout higher education. Chair Lipsey mentioned that the Regents' work with K-12 will be enhanced so opportunities for students will be created.

Chair Lipsey stated that the Regents will remain focused on securing funding that is sustainable for higher education and continue speaking with one voice. Work done thus far through "Elevate Louisiana" has clearly articulated the future trajectory to Create a Strong Workforce and Improve Lives and to Innovate to Build Louisiana's Economy.

Members to Serve on the Executive Committee

Chair Lipsey requested that members of the Executive Committee be sworn in by Dr. Subramanian as follows: Regents Richard Lipsey, Edward Markle, Marty Chabert, Robert Levy, Roy Martin III and Collis Temple III. Regent Joseph Farr will be sworn in at a later date.

Members to Serve on the Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission

Chair Lipsey next requested that members of the Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission be sworn in by Dr. Subramanian as follows: Regent Collis Temple III and Dr. Larry Tremblay, Deputy Commissioner for Planning, Research and Academic Affairs.

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY OF NEWLY APPOINTED BOARD MEMBER(S)

Governor Bobby Jindal recently appointed Mr. Thomas G. Henning from Lake Charles to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Mark Abraham. Dr. Subramanian administered the oath of office to Mr. Henning.

Chair Lipsey officially welcomed Regent Henning to the Board.

ROLL CALL

Executive Assistant Carolyn Blanchard called the roll and a quorum was established.

Present for the meeting were:

Richard Lipsey, Chair
Edward Markle, Vice Chair
Claudia Adley
Raymond Brandt
Marty Chabert
Joel Dupré
William Fenstermaker
Thomas Henning
Robert Levy
Roy Martin III
William Gray Stream
Collis Temple III
Joseph Wiley

Absent for the meeting were:

Joseph Farr, Secretary
Chris Gorman
Patrick Harrington

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Lipsey noted that no written requests were received for public comments and asked whether the audience had any comments at the time. There were none.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 10, 2015

On motion of Regent Martin, seconded by Regent Temple, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of December 10, 2015.

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE AS PAST CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS, ROY O. MARTIN III

Chair Lipsey thanked Mr. Roy O. Martin III for his leadership as Chair of the Board of Regents during the past year. A standing ovation was in order. Chair Lipsey stated that under Regent Martin's leadership, higher education began speaking as one voice. A plaque was presented to Regent Martin.

RATIFICATION OF COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2016

On motion of Regent Chabert, seconded by Regent Temple, the Board voted unanimously to ratify the Committee assignments for 2016.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On motion of Regent Chabert, seconded by Regent Fenstermaker, the Board voted unanimously to approve all Committee recommendations from the January 6, 2016 Committee meetings.

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

THIRD PARTY PROJECT REQUESTS

- A. Louisiana State University and A&M College: Football Operations Center Renovation and Expansion

Approve the third party project submitted by the Louisiana State University Board of Supervisors, on behalf of Louisiana State University and A&M College and the Tiger Athletic Foundation, to renovate and expand the Football Operations Center.

- B. University of Louisiana-Monroe: New Sorority Housing Facility

Approve the third party project submitted by the University of Louisiana System, on behalf of the University of Louisiana-Monroe and ULM Facilities Inc., to construct new on-campus Sorority Housing.

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

- A. Program Proposals

Conditionally approve the AAS in Aviation Maintenance Technology (47.0607) at Baton Rouge Community College.

Approve the PBC in Project Management (52.0211), PBC in Quality Control (15.0702) and GC in Writing for Business, Industry & Technology (23.1101) at Northwestern State University.

- B. Program Revisions

Approve the new MSN in Nursing (51.3801) and corresponding termination of the MN/Nursing Administration (51.3802) and MSN/Nurse Educator (51.3817) at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve the items on the Consent Agenda as listed below:

A. Routine Staff Reports

- 1. Staff Approval of Routine Academic Requests**
- 2. Progress Reports for Conditionally Approved Programs/Units**
- 3. Letters of Intent/Proposals in the Queue**

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

VACANCY RATE POLICY

- A. Endowed Chairs

Approve waivers for the following five (5) campuses, previously deemed ineligible, to be eligible to submit proposals in the FY 2015-16 Endowed Chairs competition: Louisiana State University and A&M College, LSU Law Center, LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans, Southern University and A&M College, and the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Four (4)

additional campuses previously deemed ineligible – LSU Health Sciences Center – Shreveport, Louisiana Tech University, Southeastern Louisiana University, and Southern University at New Orleans – have met all requirements and are eligible to submit proposals during FY 2015-16. The University of New Orleans and Dillard University did not request waivers and remain ineligible.

B. Endowed Professorships

Approve no waivers of the vacancy rate policy for the six (6) campuses deemed ineligible: Dillard University, Grambling State University, Louisiana Delta Community College, Southern University and A&M College, Southern University at New Orleans, and Southern University in Shreveport.

C. Strengthened Application of the Endowed Chairs/Professorships Vacancy Policy for FY 2016-17 and Beyond

Tabled pending further discussion.

REVISIONS OF BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT FUND FY 2016-2017 PLAN AND BUDGET

Approve the revised FY 2016-17 BoRSF Plan and Budget as presented.

XAVIER UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA NOMINATIONS TO THE EPSCoR AND MASTER PLAN RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Approve the appointment of Dr. Deborah Marshall, Associate Vice President for Research Administration and Sponsored Programs, as Xavier’s representative on the EPSCoR and Master Plan Research Advisory Committees.

PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

RESPONSE TO LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTIONS

A. House Resolution No. 178 of the 2015 Louisiana Legislature

Adopt the Response to House Resolution 178 of the 2015 Legislature and authorize the Deputy Commissioner for Planning, Research and Academic Affairs to submit the report on behalf of the Board of Regents to the House Committee on Education.

B. Senate Resolution No. 132 of the 2015 Louisiana Legislature

Adopt the response to Senate Resolution 132 of the 2015 Legislature and authorize the Deputy Commissioner for Planning, Research and Academic Affairs to submit the response on behalf of the BoR to the President of the

Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Senate Committee on Education and the House Committee on Education.

TOPS TECH PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND APPROVED PROGRAMS

- 1) Approve the TOPS Tech Program Evaluation Process and Criteria for Currently Ineligible Program;**
- 2) Approve programs recommended for inclusion by the Council based on this process and criteria; and**
- 3) Authorize Dr. Lisa Vosper, Associate Commissioner for Workforce Education and Training, to transmit the BoR-approved Criteria and Program List to the Workforce Investment Council (WIC) and Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) in accordance with the law.**

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION POSITION

Approve the appointment of Mr. Terrence Ginn as Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration effective January 11, 2016.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Commissioner of Higher Education Joseph C. Rallo spoke about two upcoming conferences being organized by the Board of Regents. He indicated that an eTextbook conference is being planned to discuss trends, issues and obstacles around moving away from hardcopy textbooks and toward Open Education Resources (OERS) and eTextbooks.

Dr. Rallo also stated that on February 22, 2016, the Regents will host its 6th annual Trusteeship Conference. Dr. Uma Subramanian, Deputy Commissioner for Legal and External Affairs, said three speakers have been confirmed for the conference.

1. Tom Ross on improving outcomes and educational attainment levels;
2. Peter Stokes on Employability; and
3. Rick Legon on Board Effectiveness and Governance.

OTHER BUSINESS

A. Authorization for 2016 Special Legislative Session

On motion of Regent Markle, seconded by Regent Brandt, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the Chair of the Board and Commissioner of Higher Education to act on behalf of the Board during the 2016 Special Legislative Session.

Chair Lipsey recognized Mrs. Barbara Goodson, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration at the Board of Regents. He said that Mrs. Goodson has accepted the position of Deputy Commissioner for Administration in the office of incoming Commissioner of Administration Jay Dardenne. He praised her for her unwavering service to the Board of Regents and higher education. Chair Lipsey, Regent Martin and Commissioner Rallo presented Mrs. Goodson with a token of appreciation from the Board.

Mrs. Goodson assured the Board that she would continue to be a voice for higher education in her new position.

Chair Lipsey indicated that an orientation session would be held immediately following the Board meeting for the Finance Committee and Planning, Research and Performance Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:18 p.m.