

# MINUTES

## BOARD OF REGENTS

November 2, 2016

The Board of Regents met in session at 11:35 a.m., Wednesday, November 2, 2016, at the Squire Creek Club Room in Choudrant, Louisiana. Chair Richard Lipsey called the meeting to order.

### Roll Call

Dr. Karen Denby, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, called the roll, and a quorum was established.

#### Present for the meeting were:

Richard Lipsey, Chair  
Joseph Farr, Secretary  
Claudia Adley  
William Fenstermaker  
Thomas Henning  
Benson Kinney  
Robert Levy  
Roy Martin III  
William Gray Stream  
Collis Temple III  
Joseph Wiley

#### Absent from the meeting were:

Raymond Brandt  
Marty Chabert  
Chris Gorman  
Edward Markle, Vice Chair

### Public Comments

There were no public comments during the Board meeting.

### Approval of the Minutes of September 22, 2016

**On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Farr, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of September 22, 2016.**

### Approval of 2017 Calendar of Board of Regents' Meetings

**On motion of Regent Stream, seconded by Regent Martin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2017 calendar of meetings.**

## REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

**On motion of Regent Martin, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to approve all Committee recommendations from the November 2, 2016 Committee meetings.**

### ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

#### Academic Programs

- A. Letters of Intent
  - 1. BSPH in Public Health at LSUHSC NO
  - 2. BS in Chemistry at ULM

**Approve the Letters of Intent to develop program proposals for the BSPH in Public Health at the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans and the BS in Chemistry at the University of Louisiana at Monroe.**

- B. Proposed New Programs
  - 1. AAS in Technical Studies at BRCC
  - 2. PDC in Medical Physics at LSU and A&M College

**Conditionally approve the proposed AAS in Technical Studies (CIP 47.9999) at Baton Rouge Community College, with a progress report due in February 2018.**

**Approve the proposed PDC in Medical Physics (CIP 51.2205) at Louisiana State University and A&M College.**

- C. Program Reconfiguration: MS & PhD in Human Ecology to MS & PhD in Textiles, Apparel & Merchandising at LSU and A&M College

**Approve the proposed changes to the CRIN for LSU and A&M College:**

- ▶ **Add MS & PhD in Textiles, Apparel and Merchandising (CIP 19.0901);**
- ▶ **Change BS/TAM to CIP 19.0901 from 52.1902;**
- ▶ **Terminate the MS and PhD in Human Ecology (CIP 19.0101).**

Consent Agenda

**Approve the items on the Consent Agenda as listed below:**

**A. Routine Staff Reports**

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

**FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

Consent Agenda: Small Capital Projects Report

**Approve the Consent Agenda for the items below in the Small Capital Projects Report.**

- 1. LSU A&M: Environmental Abatement of the East Stadium Dormitory**
- 2. LSU A&M: Environmental Abatement of the South Stadium Dormitory**
- 3. LSU A&M: Student Health Center**
- 4. LSU HSC-NO: Medical Education Building 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conversion of AHU's 3D & 3C to Variable Air**
- 5. LSU-S: Student Success Center**
- 6. NSU: McGale Recital Hall & A.A. Fredericks Auditorium Ceiling Replacements**
- 7. ULM: Athletic Softball Field Turf Project**

Act 959 Project: LSU Tiger Park Indoor Batting Facility and Related Improvements

**Approve the project submitted by the Louisiana State University Board of Supervisors, on behalf of Louisiana State University and A&M College, to construct a new indoor practice facility and related improvements adjacent to Tiger Park for Women's Softball under the provisions of Act 959 of 2003.**

IEB Request: Nicholls State University (Ellender Library)

**Approve the request submitted by the University of Louisiana System, on behalf of Nicholls State University, to petition the Interim Emergency Board for funding to correct deficiencies on the exterior facade of Ellender Library.**

Board of Regents FY 2017-2018 Capital Outlay Budget Recommendation

**Approve the Board of Regents FY 2017-2018 Capital Outlay Budget Recommendation as presented.**

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

### Approval of Preliminary Formula Funding and Budget Request for FY 2017-2018

**Approve the State General Fund operating budget requests for all Higher Education systems, boards and agencies for FY 2017-2018.**

## PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

### Consent Agenda

**Approve the items on the Consent Agenda as listed below:**

**A. R.S. 17:1808 (Licensure)**

**1. Initial Licenses**

- a. Labouré College**
- b. The New School**

**2. License Renewal**

- a. University of Southern California**

### Board of Regents' 2016 TOPS Report as Required by R.S. 17:3048.3

**Approve the “TOPS Report: Analysis of the TOPS Program from 2006-2015” and authorize the Deputy Commissioner for Planning, Research and Academic Affairs to submit the response to the appropriate legislative committees on behalf of the Board of Regents.**

### Other Business

- A. Elevate Louisiana: The New Reality for Higher Education

**This item was for informational purposes only.**

## SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

### Faculty Endowment Policy Revisions

**Approve the faculty endowment policy changes as presented. Policy changes shall be effective immediately.**

### Board of Regents Support Fund Restructuring

**Approve the Board of Regents Support Fund (BoRSF) restructuring plan as presented. Staff shall use the structure as approved to develop the BoRSF Plan and Budget for FY 2017-18, to be considered by the Board at its December 2016 or January 2017 meeting and forwarded to the Legislature**

**and the Governor no fewer than 60 days before the start of the 2017 Regular Legislative Session, as required in Article VII §10.1.(C) of the Louisiana Constitution.**

Endowed Professorship Transfer and Conversion: South Louisiana Community College to Louisiana Delta Community College

**Approve the transfer of all funds associated with the Ina May Gaskin Endowed Professorship for Midwifery Studies at South Louisiana Community College to Louisiana Delta Community College for the establishment of an Endowed Two-Year Workforce Scholarship to be named the Edwards Barham Endowed Scholarship.**

Consent Agenda

**Approve the items on the Consent Agenda as noted below.**

**A. Refocusing of Endowed Chairs**

- 1. LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans**
- 2. Centenary College of Louisiana**
- 3. Tulane University Health Sciences Center**

**B. Appointments of Endowed Chairholders without National Search**

- 1. LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans**
- 2. LSU Health Sciences Center – Shreveport**
- 3. Louisiana Tech University**
- 4. Centenary College of Louisiana**

**STATEWIDE PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

Consent Agenda

**Approve the items on the Consent Decree as noted below.**

- TOPS Rulemaking: Final Rule Adding AP Computer Science A as an equivalent of Mathematics to the TOPS Core Curriculum for students graduating from high school in 2014 and later.**
- TOPS Exceptional Circumstances: Ratify Requests for Exception to the TOPS regulatory provisions that require students to enroll full-time, to remain continuously enrolled, and to earn at least 24 credit hours during the academic year.**

## Other Business

Commissioner Joseph C. Rallo spoke during the Committee meeting regarding the continued administration of the FFELP loan portfolio (see Statewide Programs Committee minutes for more details).

## REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Commissioner Joseph Rallo said he began his higher education forum and information exchange tour in north Louisiana this week. He said the tours will continue into November and December, covering the rest of the state.

Dr. Rallo reminded the Board that Proposition 2 is on the November 8<sup>th</sup> ballot. If ratified by the voters, this constitutional amendment will vest tuition authority with management boards, including the authority to set differential tuition and per-credit tuition. Tuition autonomy is the national norm, and it was the norm even in Louisiana until 1995.

Dr. Rallo noted that the Board of Regents has consistently advocated for tuition autonomy. The Board's 2012 tuition policy and the various pieces of legislation it introduced every year since 2012 reflect its support and advocacy in this area. All policy and industry groups, including PAR, CABL, LABI, BRAC and GNO Inc., have similarly recommended tuition autonomy. Special commissions convened by the Legislature to study higher education have also made the same recommendation, including the PERC Commission, Governance Commission and Tuition Task Force. So, Proposition 2 is entirely consistent with the Board's long-standing position on tuition autonomy and is actually a culmination of the Board's efforts over the years.

## OTHER BUSINESS

Other business introduced by Regent Lipsey included:

- Mr. John Warner Smith, CEO of Education's Next Horizon, issued a copy of its latest publication entitled "TOP 10 Education Issues in Louisiana." The report examines the progress and challenges of education issues through various lenses. Regent Levy is a member of the Board of Directors for Next Horizon. Dr. Jeanne Burns, Regents' staff, authored a topic in the publication, as did Mr. Barry Erwin, president of CABL.
- The next Board meeting will be December 7<sup>th</sup> when the Board of Regents hosts the joint Board of Regents and BESE meeting.
- A Nominating Committee was named and will meet on December 7. The Committee will nominate a slate of officers for Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and four other non-officer members to serve on the Executive Committee.

For this Committee, Regent Lipsey will serve as Chair, Regent Ed Markle as Vice Chair, with Regents Marty Chabert, Gray Stream and Collis Temple as the remaining members.

- Thank you to the staff of Squire Creek Country Club and especially to Mr. James Davison.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.