

# MINUTES

## BOARD OF REGENTS

February 25, 2013

The Board of Regents met in session at 2:35 p.m., on Monday, February 25, 2013, in Room CC 322 at the Pennington Biomedical Research Center, 6400 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr. called the meeting to order. Executive Assistant Carolyn Blanchard called the roll and a quorum was established.

Present for the meeting were:

W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr., Chair  
Joseph Wiley, Vice Chair  
Charlotte Bollinger, Secretary  
Mark Abraham  
Raymond Brandt  
Joel Dupré  
Joseph Farr  
William Fenstermaker  
Matthew Jewell  
Robert Levy  
Richard Lipsey  
Edward Markle  
Albert Sam II

Absent from the meeting were:

Robert Bruno  
Chris Gorman  
Roy Martin III

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Rasberry 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 JANUARY 23, 2013

**On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Markle, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of January 23, 2013.**

## REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Commissioner of Higher Education Jim Purcell gave brief comments regarding the Trusteeship Conference held earlier that day at the Pennington Biomedical Research Center. He said that much information was provided to members of all higher education boards regarding the changing business model in higher education and distance education.

### GRAD ACT (LCTCS)

- Renegotiated Targets Due to Mergers/Transfers
  - *Louisiana Delta Community College, South Louisiana Community College, SOWELA Technical Community College*

Dr. Larry Tremblay, Deputy Commissioner for Planning, Research and Academic Affairs, began the discussion by noting that at Sunday afternoon's Board Development a detailed background of the GRAD Act was provided for the new members. He said that normally targets for the GRAD Act are not renegotiated, but certain changes in circumstances such as merging community colleges with technical college campuses within the Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS) fall within the GRAD Act ground for renegotiations of targets for the institutions noted above. A discussion of certain specific targets followed.

**On motion of Regent Markle, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Senior Staff to approve the revised Targeted Measures (and the corresponding annual benchmarks and end-of-Agreement targets) for Attachment D of the GRAD Act Agreements for Louisiana Delta Community College, South Louisiana Community College and SOWELA Technical Community College.**

- GRAD Act New Targeted Measures

Dr. Tremblay said that performance objectives, elements, and measures that are targeted, tracked and descriptive are included in GRAD Act agreements. He noted that the Board of Regents is authorized to add additional measures. GRAD Act agreements require

that after Year-Two, tracked measures be examined and converted to targeted measures, where appropriate.

Dr. Tremblay said that Regents' staff met with System GRAD Act liaisons to identify a menu of targeted measures, with each institution required to choose at least one additional targeted measure for each performance objective: (1) student success, (2) articulation and transfer, (3) workforce and economic development, and (4) institutional efficiency and accountability. The Board had approved the additional GRAD Act Targeted Measures for the Louisiana State University System, Southern University System and University of Louisiana System at its meeting in January 2013.

**On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Fenstermaker, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Senior Staff to approve the additional Targeted Measures (and the corresponding annual benchmarks and end-of-Agreement targets) which will be added to Attachment D of the GRAD Act Agreements for the institutions in the Louisiana Community and Technical College System.**

RESPONSE TO SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 167 OF THE 2012 REGULAR SESSION OF THE LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE

Mr. Terrence Ginn, Associate Commissioner for Finance and Administration, said that Senate Resolution 167 of the 2012 Regular Legislative Session requested the Board of Regents study the feasibility, practicality and advisability of delegating tuition-setting authority to the state's public institutions that provide professional programs. In response to this resolution, the Regents explored national trends of tuition-setting authority, Louisiana's tuition ranking among Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) peers, and advantages and disadvantages of tuition deregulation.

Mr. Ginn said that, based on the October 2012 state survey by the Education Commission of the States, Louisiana is one of only three states whose tuition-setting authority rests with the

state legislature, and the only state that requires a two-thirds vote of each chamber to raise tuition.

He noted that tuition at Louisiana's postsecondary institutions is low among SREB peers for both professional and non-professional programs. He then reviewed tuition costs at different Louisiana public higher education institutions. Mr. Ginn said that it was important to note that, for purposes of this study, professional schools were ranked among SREB peers for comparison purposes only. The GRAD Act authorizes the use of other national sources in determining appropriate institutional peers and peer averages. The Paul M. Hebert Law Center currently uses other peer data to rank its tuition.

Mr. Ginn said the Regents recommended authorizing the state's postsecondary education management boards to set tuition for each of their institutions and for all programs in accordance with a legislatively-approved Board of Regents' Tuition Policy, not to exceed SREB average for peer institutions. In addition, management boards will be able to charge per-credit-hour and differential tuition at their institutions under the BoR Tuition Policy.

Regent Wiley asked if the Board could add the wording indicating that the professional schools can use a different benchmark than SREB. Several Board members said they did not want the resolution to limit graduate/ professional schools from using "other peer groups."

After further discussion, it was noted that the phrase "*not to exceed SREB average for peer institutions minus the differential in the median household income for SREB states. In addition, management boards will be able to charge per credit hour and differential tuition at their institutions under the BoR Tuition Policy*" would be struck from the language in the response to Senate Resolution 167 of 2012 before submittal to the Legislature.

**On motion of Regent Wiley, seconded by Regent Jewell, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Senior Staff to approve**

**the response to Senate Resolution 167 of the 2012 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature as amended and authorize the Commissioner of Higher Education to make any non-substantive changes necessary prior to its transmittal to the appropriate House and Senate Committees.**

CONSENT AGENDA (LEASES)

Mr. Chris Herring, Budget Analyst for Facilities and Planning, presented the Consent Agenda items.

**On motion of Regent Farr, seconded by Regent Lipsey, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Senior Staff to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as listed below:**

- 1. Construction of Renovations to Tiger Stadium's East and West Windows (Louisiana State University and A&M College)**
- 2. Construction of Additional Parking at Alex Box Stadium and Tiger Park (Louisiana State University and A&M College)**

Chair Rasberry said that several individuals from the Tiger Athletic Foundation complimented the Regents' staff for considering these Consent Agenda items in an expeditious manner.

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY-EUNICE INTERIM EMERGENCY BOARD (IEB) SCOPE CHANGE REQUEST

Mr. Chris Herring next presented Louisiana State University-Eunice's IEB requests. Since the IEB does not meet after the session begins, these requests would need to be on IEB's March agenda.

- Replacement of Science Building Laboratory Fume Hoods and Roof Replacement for the Health and Physical Education Building Including the Gymnasium

**On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent Farr, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Senior Staff to approve Louisiana State University-Eunice's requests to petition the Interim Emergency Board for scope changes to the Classroom Community Education Building Project and Hundley Hall Chiller to provide for replacement of obsolete fume hoods in the Science Building and replacement of the roof and decking on the Health and Physical Education Building. The Board of**

**Regents' recommendation is contingent upon approval from the Louisiana State University System's Board during their March 2013 meeting.**

NORTHSHORE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE-SULLIVAN CAMPUS  
(BOGALUSA) INTERIM EMERGENCY BOARD FUNDING REQUEST

Mr. Herring spoke regarding the IEB request from Northshore Technical Community College (Sullivan campus in Bogalusa, Louisiana). He said there is deteriorated roofing on the Administration and Shop buildings. He further said that roofs have been patched over the years, but the roofs continue to leak. The estimated cost to replace roofs on both buildings is \$500,000.

A brief discussion ensued regarding monies received by the IEB. Barbara Goodson, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, said that each year, under the Constitution, IEB receives one tenth of one percent of available general funds to be used for emergencies. She mentioned that the monies for the project at Northshore Technical Community College would come from IEB. Ms. Goodson also said that if the money appropriated to IEB is not used, it goes back into the general fund appropriations.

- Roof Replacement for Administration and Shop Buildings

**On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Senior Staff to approve the request from Northshore Technical Community College-Sullivan Campus (Bogalusa) to petition the Interim Emergency Board to replace the roofs on the Administration and Shop Buildings. The BoR recommendation is contingent upon approval from the LCTCS Board during their March 2013 meeting.**

OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Rasberry mentioned that the presentations from today's Trusteeship Conference would be posted on the Regents' website later this week.

Commissioner Purcell introduced two new employees: (1) Donald Boeckman, Senior Policy Analyst, and (2) Matthew Adams, Auditor.

Regent Wiley requested that details regarding the e-Learning Workshop that is being held on March 5, 2013, be sent to Board members. He also requested a copy of the recommendations made by the e-Learning Task Force. Regent Wiley made an inquiry about how e-Learning saves or generates money. Regent Dupré said that e-Learning does not necessarily cost less in personnel but is designed to educate more students.

Chair Rasberry said a meeting has been scheduled with Senator Conrad Appel on March 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in the Senate Conference Room to discuss the bill he has filed. Regent Rasberry is inviting other Board members to attend with him. He also stated that he will try to arrange a follow-up meeting that same morning with Ms. Kristy Nichols, Commissioner of Administration, and/or the Governor's Office.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:26 p.m.