

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

April 25, 2012

The Board of Regents met in session at 2:20 p.m., Wednesday, April 25, 2012, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chairman Robert Levy called the meeting to order. Executive Assistant Carolyn Blanchard called the roll and a quorum was established.

Present for the meeting were:

Robert Levy, Chairman
Charlotte Bollinger, Vice Chair
Joseph Wiley, Secretary
Robert Bruno
Maurice Durbin
Joseph Farr
William Fenstermaker
Chris Gorman
Donna Klein
Roy Martin III
John Mineo IV
W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr.
Albert Sam II
Harold Stokes

Absent from the meeting were:

Scott Ballard
Victor Stelly

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Levy 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 MARCH 21, 2012

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of March 21, 2012.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Commissioner of Higher Education Jim Purcell thanked the members of the Board of Regents and Governance Commission for attending the House Education Committee meeting on the morning of April 25, 2012.

He next reminded the Board of the recommendations submitted by the Governance Commission that the Regents have been addressing in during recent months, such as:

- GO Grant studies;
- Tuition and financial aid policies;
- Common course numbering;
- Fiscal watch for institutions in financial difficulties;
- Plans from campuses with new admission standards; and
- Revision of formula funding.

Dr. Purcell mentioned that the Revenue Estimating Conference met on Tuesday, April 24, 2012. A dire commentary was presented regarding Louisiana's fiscal future, which will increase the need for the Board to make additional thoughtful decisions on budget cuts.

Commissioner Purcell said an employee satisfaction survey was recently conducted with the staff of the Board of Regents. Twelve questions were asked of each employee, and the results showed an overall satisfaction with their jobs and work environment. Dr. Purcell hopes to do an annual staff survey to have a benchmark to show how improvements can be made at work.

Dr. Charles Schroeder, Senior Consultant, Noel-Levitz, will visit the staff of the Board of Regents on Monday, April 30, 2012, to assist the Regents in finding ways to provide training opportunities for campus mid-level employees. These suggestions will assist in building the higher education workforce leadership that Louisiana wants and needs.

The next Board meeting will be held on the Southern University campus in May 2012.

Dr. Purcell spoke briefly regarding the GRAD Act and the fact that some institutions have not done as well as others meeting their targets.

Commissioner Purcell also mentioned having good conversations with State Superintendent of Education John White regarding the Early Start/Dual Enrollment Program. The Board of Regents will be part of a pilot program through the State Department of Education's 8(g) Statewide Program. The pilot project will cost approximately \$800,000. Some of the special goals and objectives include increasing and ensuring academic rigor by providing opportunities for public high school students to earn college credit through post-secondary course offerings while simultaneously earning high school credit, and to accelerate high school graduation and/or earn advanced standing in college. He thanked Debbie Schum, Deputy Superintendent of the Office of College and Career Readiness, and Superintendent White for their efforts in this project.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Bollinger, Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Dr. Karen Denby, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, presented the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of April 25, 2012.

REQUESTS FOR REAUTHORIZATION OF PREVIOUSLY APPROVED RESEARCH UNITS

On motion of Regent Bollinger, seconded by Regent Martin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant full approval of the following previously approved research units for a period of five years, effective immediately:

- **Pontchartrain Institute for Environmental Sciences at the University of New Orleans;**

- **International Lincoln Center for American Studies at Louisiana State University in Shreveport; and**
- **Cecil J. Picard Center for Child Development and Lifelong Learning at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.**

LETTERS OF INTENT

On motion of Regent Bollinger, seconded by Regent Martin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval of the following Letters of Intent:

- **Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Science at Louisiana State University at Alexandria (CIP 51.1005);**
- **Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies at Southern University and A&M College;**
- **Master of Science in Systems Technology at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette;**
- **Master of Science in Accounting at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette; and**
- **Doctor of Education in Learning and Leadership at Louisiana State University at Shreveport.**

The subsequent proposals must address any issues and questions raised in the staff summary and analysis.

PROPOSED NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

On motion of Regent Bollinger, seconded by Regent Martin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant:

- **Conditional approval of the Bachelor of Arts in Music (CIP Code 50.0901) at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. By June 1, 2013, the campus will update the Board on program implementation, to include relevant enrollment and completer/progression data; and**
- **Approval of the Graduate Certificate in Historic Preservation (CIP Code 30.1201) at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.**

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Regent Bollinger, seconded by Regent Martin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as listed below:

- **Proposed Administrative/Curricular Revision: Request from Southern University (BR) for a Joint (concurrent) JD/MBA;**
- **Staff Approval of Routine Academic Requests;**
- **Progress Reports for Conditionally Approved Programs/Units;**
- **Past Due Reports for Academic Programs/Research Units; and**
- **Letters of Intent/Proposals in the Queue.**

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT OF APRIL 25, 2012

On motion of Regent Bollinger, seconded by Regent Martin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of April 25, 2012. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Rasberry, Chair of the Finance Committee, Mr. Todd Barré, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, presented the Finance Committee Report of April 25, 2012.

REVISION OF THE TUITION AND FINANCIAL AID POLICY

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Bollinger, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the revision of the Board of Regents' Tuition and Financial Aid Policy.

CLASSIFICATION OF STUDENT SELF-ASSESSED ATHLETIC FEES IN REGARD TO THE POLICY FOR STATE FUND USAGE IN ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Bollinger, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the reporting of the student self-assessed athletic fees on the BoR-3 form separately and transfer those fees separately to support the university's intercollegiate athletics program in addition to the maximum

transfer allowed by the Board of Regents Policy for State Fund Usage in Athletic Programs.

ADOPTION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF APRIL 25, 2012

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Bollinger, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Finance Committee Report of April 25, 2012.
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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Rasberry, Chair of the Legislative Committee, Dr. Uma

Subramanian, General Counsel, presented the Legislative Committee Report of April 25, 2012.

There were no motions during the meeting of the Committee.

2012 LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATES

1. Update on Board of Regents' Bills
2. Update on Bills Impacting Higher Education
3. Bills Being Monitored

ADOPTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT OF APRIL 25, 2012

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Legislative Committee Report of April 25, 2012.
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FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Bruno, Chair of the Facilities and Property Committee, Mr. Rich

Griswold, Associate Commissioner for Facilities, presented the Facilities and Property

Committee Report of April 25, 2012.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Regent Bruno, seconded by Regent Gorman, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as listed below:

Small Capital Projects Report (Other Funds)

- **Intramural Sports Complex Bleacher Canopies at the University of Louisiana at Monroe (\$300,000)**
- **NSU Shreveport Campus Parking Lot Addition at Northwestern State University (\$470,000)**

Small Capital Projects Report (State Funds)

- **St. Denis Hall – HVAC Replacement and Boiler Addition at Northwestern State University (\$327,000)**
- **James A. Noe ROTC Armory HVAC Replacement at Northwestern State University (\$385,000)**
- **Veterinary Medicine – Exotics and Wildlife Clinic Renovations at Louisiana State University and A&M College (\$330,000)**
- **Veterinary Medicine – Anatomy Lab Renovation at Louisiana State University and A&M College (\$175,000)**
- **Veterinary Medicine – Replace Air Handling Unit 17 at Louisiana State University and A&M College (\$220,000)**

FY 2012-2013 CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET RECOMMENDATION STATUS REPORT

House Bill 2, the capital outlay bill, has been reviewed by staff. At this time, the bill is waiting to be heard before its first committee, House Ways and Means. No action was required on this report.

LEASE

On motion of Regent Bruno, seconded by Regent Gorman, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the lease by Louisiana State University and A&M College relating to minor facility improvements to the LSU Laboratory School band and choir areas. The work includes upgrades to finishes, including floors, painting, ceilings, and modifications to the mechanical and electrical systems. Area affected is approximately 1,240 SF. The lease is a traditional lease in which the premises needed for the work will be leased to the LSU Property Foundation, which will design the work in coordination with the university. Improvements will be paid for with private donations. The project is estimated to cost a total of \$400,000 with \$333,330 of that for construction. A maintenance reserve account (MRA) will be provided in the amount of 10% of the cost of construction being set aside up front. Upon completion of the work, the improvements will be donated to the university by LSU Property Foundation, and the lease will terminate.

PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Wiley, Vice Chair of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee, Dr. Larry Tremblay, Deputy Commissioner for Planning, Research and Academic Affairs, presented the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Report of April 25, 2012.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Regent Wiley, seconded by Regent Mineo, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve the items listed under the Consent Agenda:

- **R.S. 17:1808 (Licensure)**
 - **Initial Licensure (Stony Brook University)**
 - **License Renewals (Central Texas College, Upper Iowa University and Walden University)**

REVISIONS TO MASTER PLAN FOR PUBLIC POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION IN LOUISIANA: 2011-2025 (FUNDING FORMULA)

On motion of Regent Wiley, seconded by Regent Mineo, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve the revision to the Master Plan for Postsecondary Education in Louisiana: 2011-2025 reflecting the Board's action at its March meeting regarding the funding formula for Louisiana's public institutions of postsecondary education.

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF APRIL 25, 2012

On motion of Regent Wiley, seconded by Regent Mineo, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Report of April 25, 2012. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Stokes, Chair of the Sponsored Programs Committee, Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, presented the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of April 25, 2012.

FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROPOSALS SUBMITTED UNDER THE BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT FUND COMPETITIVE AND MATCHING GRANTS PROGRAMS, FY 2011-12

Endowed Chairs

On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Mineo, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve providing Support Fund money at levels recommended to complete the endowments for proposals ranked 1, 2, 3, and 4 in the Consultants' Report (i.e., proposals 007EC, 010EC, 015EC, and 006EC). The Board further approves providing Support Fund money at the level recommended to complete the endowment for Restricted Bequest proposal 016EC.

Research and Development

On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Mineo, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve disbursement of \$2,288,911 available in FY 2011-12 to fund the first year of new RCS, ITRS, and ATLAS projects as follows:

- 1. Research Competitiveness Subprogram: \$1,243,939**
- 2. Industrial Ties Research Subprogram: \$559,500**
- 3. Awards to Louisiana Artists and Scholars Subprogram: \$485,472**

Approved R&D proposals shall be funded at the levels and with the stipulations recommended by consultants. Support Fund money shall be awarded to fund at recommended levels the top thirty (30) RCS proposals, eight (8) ITRS proposals, and eleven (11) ATLAS proposals. In addition, the following principles shall apply: (1) should an institution refuse or be denied an award, or should FY 2011-12 money be returned from previously funded Research & Development contracts, that money shall be offered to the next ranked proposal which the consultants recommended for Priority I funding within the respective subprogram, subject to availability of funds; (2) if the remaining money in the budget for a particular component is insufficient to fully fund the next-ranked recommended proposal for that component, the remaining funds shall constitute the total award for that proposal; and (3) if there are no remaining Priority I proposals in a particular subprogram the money shall be awarded in descending rank order to Priority I proposal(s) in another R&D subprogram. Should the amount of money ultimately available to fund first-year activities in all R&D projects be less than the \$2,288,911 disbursed herein, adherence to the following principles shall be uniformly enforced: R&D proposals

shall be funded in rank order at the levels and the durations and with the stipulations recommended by consultants until the funds designated for each component have been exhausted.

Endowed Professorships

On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Mineo, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the provision of \$1,520,000 from the Support Fund as matching funds for up to two professorships for each four-year institution and one professorship per two-year institution, as submissions warrant.

Traditional, Undergraduate and Two-Year Institutions Enhancement

On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Mineo, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the following:

1. **Traditional Enhancement:** The \$2,414,363 recommended for expenditure shall be awarded in the rank order, at the funding levels, and with the funding stipulations recommended by consultants, and shall be divided among the five eligible disciplines and multidisciplinary projects as follows:

Biological Sciences	\$433,850
Computer & Information Sciences	\$319,842
Engineering B	\$596,616
Humanities	\$182,435
Social Sciences	\$396,385
Multidisciplinary	\$485,235
 Subtotal Traditional Enhancement	 \$2,414,363

2. **Undergraduate Enhancement:** The \$1,602,216 recommended for expenditure for FY 2011-12 Undergraduate Enhancement proposals shall be awarded in the rank order, at the funding levels, and with the funding stipulations recommended by consultants.
3. **Enhancement Program for Two-Year Institutions:** The \$1,071,445 recommended for expenditure for FY 2011-12 Enhancement Program for Two-Year Institutions proposals shall be awarded in the rank order, at the funding levels, and with funding stipulations recommended by consultants.

4. **Should the amount of money ultimately available to fund first-year activities in Traditional, Undergraduate, and Enhancement Program for Two-Year Institutions projects be less than the \$5,088,024 disbursed herein, the following principles shall apply: (1) All Support Fund money shall be awarded in rank order, at funding levels and with stipulations recommended by consultants; (2) if the remaining money in the budget for a particular component or discipline is insufficient to fully fund the next recommended proposal for that component or discipline, the remaining funds shall constitute the total award for that proposal; and (3) should an institution refuse or be denied an award, that money shall be awarded to the next highest ranked proposal within that component or discipline.**

First-Generation Endowed Undergraduate Scholarships

On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Mineo, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve funding for the twenty-one (21) FY 2011-12 applications submitted under the First-Generation Endowed Undergraduate Scholarships Program.

Graduate Fellows

On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Mineo, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve funding of the twenty (20) top-ranked proposals submitted in the FY 2011-12 cycle for the Recruitment of Superior Graduate Students Traditional component for the durations and at the levels recommended by consultants.

BoR/Southern Regional Education Board Fellowships to Promote Diversity Program

On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Mineo, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve funding of the five (5) top-ranked proposals submitted in the FY 2011-12 cycle for the BoR/SREB Graduate Fellowships to Promote Diversity Program for the durations and at the levels recommended by consultants.

Contingency Plan

On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Mineo, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the following contingency plan: should the final FY 2011-12 Support Fund budget not achieve the amount cited herein, any shortfall shall be accommodated through a proportionate reduction in the amounts allocated for proposals in the various Enhancement and Research and Development program components.

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT OF APRIL 25, 2012

On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Mineo, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of April 25, 2012. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Levy updated the Board on several items as listed below:

- Complete College America invited team participants from Louisiana to a one-day institute on April 19, 2012, entitled “*Institute on Gateway Course Success—Transforming Remediation.*” The purpose of the Institute was to provide states with an intensive forum on transformative remediation strategies, best practices, policies and research that can help the state bring completion to scale. He and Dr. Karen Denby, along with other higher education team participants, attended the Institute.
- He attended the Association of Governing Board’s National Conference on Trusteeship in Washington, D.C. on April 20-24, 2012. He mentioned that one of the highlights from the conference was a presentation by Clayton Christensen, professor of business administration at Harvard University. A few of the sessions covered topics such as: (1) Recruiting and Retaining Today’s and Tomorrow’s Students; (2) Developing a Solid Focus on an Unpredictable Future; (3) Governance Challenges; (4) Improving College Access, Degree Completion and Quality; and (5) Using Metrics and Dashboard Indicators for Board Decision Making.
- Today is Administrative Assistants Day and recognition was given to the Board of Regents’ Administrative Assistants (Michelle Brandon, Lynda Coleman, Vera Dear, Ann Evans, Jill Holton, Kathy Hoyt, Linda Marino, and Carla Smith).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at
2:45 p.m.