

# MINUTES

## BOARD OF REGENTS

May 22, 2013

The Board of Regents met in session at 2:25 p.m., on Wednesday, May 22, 2013, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street, 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  
Charlotte Bollinger, Secretary  
Mark Abraham  
Joel Dupré  
Pamela Egan  
Joseph Farr  
William Fenstermaker  
Matthew Jewell  
Robert Levy  
Edward Markle  
Roy Martin III  
Albert Sam II

Absent from the meeting were:

Raymond Brandt  
Chris Gorman  
Richard Lipsey  
Joseph Wiley, Vice Chair

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 APRIL 25, 2013

**On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Farr, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of April 25, 2013.**

PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING STUDENT BOARD MEMBER, MR. MATTHEW JEWELL

Chair Rasberry presented a plaque from the Board of Regents to outgoing student Board member, Mr. Matthew Jewell, from Nicholls State University. Regent Rasberry said Regent Jewell has been diligent and served with fidelity on the Board. He asked that Regent Jewell reflect on what he has seen and learned over the past year and let it be a determining factor in his life. Chair Rasberry said he appreciated Regent Jewell's contributions during his year as student member on the Board of Regents.

Mr. Jewell expressed his thanks to the Board for the opportunity he has experienced during the past year. He asked that the Board "keep up the good fight for higher education." Mr. Jewell said he could see that the members of the Board have "their hearts in the right place for higher education."

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Commissioner of Higher Education Jim Purcell announced the upcoming retirement of Ms. Melanie Amrhein, Executive Director of the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance. He thanked her for all the assistance she has given him over the last two years. He noted that Dr. Sujuan Boutté will serve as Interim Executive Director beginning June 1, 2013.

**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Levy, 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 May 22, 2013.

CONSENT AGENDA

**On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Martin, 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)*

- 1. Initial Licenses (Binghamton University; George Washington University; Georgetown University; LeTourneau University; Michigan State University; and Northcentral University)**
- 2. License Renewals (Capella University; Kaplan University; and Strayer University)**

*Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission*

- 1. Initial Licenses (D.D.C. School of Dental Assisting, LLC and Divine Touch Healthcare Training, LCC)**
- 2. Change of Ownership Application (Louisiana Institute of Massage Therapy)**
- 3. License Renewals**
  - **A & W Healthcare Educators, LLC (03/25/04)**
  - **Academy of Acadiana, Inc. (03/22/06)**
  - **At-Home Professions (04/22/99)**
  - **Blue Cliff College--Houma (03/24/05)**
  - **Blue Cliff College--Metairie (03/23/00)**
  - **Blue Cliff College--Metairie, Satellite Campus (03/23/11)**
  - **Blue Cliff College--Shreveport (03/23/00)**
  - **Coastal College--Lafayette (04/23/98)**
  - **Coastal College--Monroe (03/28/96)**
  - **Delta College of Arts & Technology--Lafayette Branch (03/24/05)**
  - **Delta School of Business and Technology (05/06/80)**
  - **Healthcare & More (03/21/12)**
  - **J W Training Center, LLC (03/25/10)**
  - **Lenora School of Phlebotomy (04/28/94)**
  - **Louisiana Culinary Institute (03/27/03)**
  - **Medical Careers College (04/23/98)**
  - **Pet Grooming Academy of Louisiana (03/21/12)**
  - **The Ruth Cook Computer and Medical Schools (04/27/95)**
  - **Sclafani's Cooking School (04/28/94)**
  - **Unitech Training Academy (04/24/97)**
  - **Unitech Training Academy--Houma (03/22/06)**
  - **Universal Technical Institute--Florida Branch (04/23/98)**
  - **Universal Technical Institute of Texas, Inc. (04/03/85)**
  - **WyoTech--Pennsylvania Campus (03/27/03)**

- **WyoTech--Wyoming Campus (03/27/03)**

#### GRAD ACT

Dr. Tremblay said staff had announced that the 2012-13 GRAD Act recommendations would be considered at the June meeting. No formal action was needed. Also, Dr. Jeanne Burns, Associate Commissioner for Teacher and Leadership Initiatives, had provided information on the performance of teacher education programs.

#### ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF MAY 22, 2013

**On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Martin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Report of May 22, 2013. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

#### **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 May 22, 2013.

#### PROPOSED LETTER OF INTENT

Dr. Denby presented the Committee's recommendation that the Board of Regents grant approval of the Letter of Intent from the University of New Orleans to develop a proposal for a Doctor of Philosophy in Advanced Materials and Nanoscience.

#### PROPOSED NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Dr. Denby listed the four program proposals that had been recommended for approval. Before a motion was made, Regent Jewell expressed concern about the recommendation to grant conditional approval for the Ed.D. in Leadership Studies at Louisiana State University at Shreveport (LSUS), stating that direct duplication could be a problem since Louisiana Tech University offers an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership. He felt it could also adversely affect the

budgets of other regional institutions and that it was not consistent with the mission of regional institutions to offer doctorates. Regent Dupré said he had similar concerns and asked if the Board could vote on the other agenda items separately and if consideration of the LSU Shreveport program be deferred or tabled until additional information is received.

**On motion of Regent Markle, seconded by Regent Martin, the Board voted to conditionally approve (1) the Bachelor of Science in Forensic Science at Southern University at New Orleans and (2) the Graduate Certificate in Materials Science and Engineering at Louisiana State University and A&M College.**

Chair Raspberry requested a definition of “conditional approval.” Dr. Denby said that conditional approval of a program means that the program will be on the curriculum inventory and may be further developed and offered to students, but with periodic progress reports submitted to the Board of Regents. With conditional approval, the program can be terminated at any time if the program fails to progress. The Ed.D. program would have conditional approval, but that would be contingent upon SACSCOC approval of LSUS’ request for a level change for the regional institution to offer a doctorate degree. The degree cannot be offered until SACS has reviewed the campus and approved the level change. Regent Dupré voiced his concern of program duplication at a time of limited resources.

**On motion of Regent Markle, seconded by Regent Sam, the Board unanimously voted to table any further discussion of the Ed.D. in Leadership Studies at Louisiana State University at Shreveport until additional information is received about the possibility of the program being duplicative.**

Regent Fenstermaker suggested that the program be re-considered at the June meeting, and Regent Martin inquired about the number of Ph.D. candidates applying for this program, but Dr. Denby noted that no one may apply until the program is authorized. Mr. Scott Ballard,

representing the Board of Supervisors for the Louisiana State University System, said that at least 285 people had expressed interest in the program.

After further discussion,

**On motion of Regent Markle, seconded by Regent Fenstermaker, the Board unanimously voted to reconsider the Ed.D. in Leadership Studies at Louisiana State University at Shreveport.**

Regent Levy reminded the Board that representatives from Louisiana Tech University were in the audience earlier and could have spoken on any concerns about the duplicative nature of the program. With respect to anyone who may have been present during the Committee meeting, but was unavailable to testify at the Board meeting, Dr. Uma Subramanian, General Counsel for the Board of Regents, noted the difference between a Committee vote and Board action. The favorable Committee action on the Ed.D. program at LSUS, as with any Committee action, is subject to the Board's consideration. The Board may raise issues not raised by the Committee. Any persons wishing to address the Board could do so if they were present for the Board meeting. She said that nothing in the recent actions had been inappropriate for the Board.

Chair Rasberry invited testimony from the Shreveport academic and business leaders in attendance at the meeting.

Testimony was heard from Dr. John Vassar, Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at LSUS; Dr. Ruth Jackson, Chair, Department of Education, LSUS; Dr. Johnette Magner, Executive Director of the Shreveport Bossier Business Alliance (SBBA) for Higher Education; Mr. Mike Woods, CEO of Woods Operating and former chair of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System; Dr. Carolyn Hargrave, Vice President for Academic Affairs, LSU System, and Commissioner of Higher Education Jim Purcell.

After further discussion,

**On motion of Regent Farr, seconded by Regent Martin, the Board voted unanimously to conditionally approve the Ed.D. in Leadership Studies at Louisiana State University at Shreveport, contingent upon SACSCOC approval of LSUS' request for a level change.**

Regarding SU and A&M's proposed Bachelor of Music, Regent Markle expressed concern that SU and A&M may have had difficulty getting the program to work. Dr. Denby said that during a low completer review, if programs are going to be consolidated or terminated, the new curriculum framework is normally developed within a couple of months, but SU and A&M had missed the deadline and had to go through the proposal process. Regent Sam noted that the Southern System has been dealing with exigency, closures and other issues that were more pressing than consolidating three separate programs. Dr. Denby said the faculty thought they would consolidate five terminated degrees into one, but the curricula were too varied to work as one. In addition, issues with the accrediting agency complicated the consolidation. Music Education and Music Performance had enough in common that when Fine Arts and Theatre were removed from the proposed consolidation, the program worked. The three together do have a common core and meet the requirements for teacher certification and performance so can be accredited as a music degree. Dr. Denby said the curriculum will not cost additional funds; no additional faculty would be hired unless the program grows.

**On motion of Regent Abraham, seconded by Regent Martin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the Bachelor of Music at Southern University and A&M College.**

#### LETTER OF INTENT

**On motion of Regent Bollinger, seconded by Regent Markle, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to approve the Letter of Intent to develop a proposal for a**

**Ph.D. in Advanced Materials and Nanoscience at the University of New Orleans.**

CONSENT AGENDA

**On motion of Regent Bollinger, seconded by Regent Markle, 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:**

**A. Routine Staff Reports**

- 1. Staff Approval of Routine Academic Requests**
- 2. Past Due Reports for Academic Programs/Research Units**
- 3. Letters of Intent/Proposals in the Queue**

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT OF MAY 22, 2013

**On motion of Regent Bollinger, seconded by Regent Abraham, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of May 22, 2013. (Copy on file in the office of the Board.)**

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Chair Rasberry, Dr. Uma Subramanian presented the Legislative Committee Report of May 22, 2013. Dr. Subramanian said updates were given on Board of Regents' bills and the bills impacting higher education.

ADOPTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT OF MAY 22, 2013

**On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Martin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Legislative Committee Report of May 22, 2013. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Rasberry said the joint meeting of the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Board of Regents will be held June 19, 2013, with regular meetings on June 26, 2013.



ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.