**MINUTES**

BOARD OF REGENTS

June 23, 2011

The Board of Regents met in session at 1:15 p.m., Thursday, June 23, 2011, 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: Absent from the meeting were:

Robert Levy, Chairman W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr.

Mary Ellen Roy, Vice Chair Albert Sam II

Charlotte Bollinger, Secretary Joseph Wiley

Scott Ballard

Robert Bruno

Maurice Durbin

Joseph Farr

Chris Gorman

Donna Klein

Victor Stelly

Harold Stokes

John Mineo

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 MAY 26, 2011

**On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board of Regents voted unanimously to approve the minutes of May 26, 2011.**

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Dr. Jim Purcell, Commissioner of Higher Education, began his comments by listing Baton Rouge, New Orleans and Shreveport in the top 25 cities for college graduates according to *The Daily Beast* and published by *Newsweek*.

Dr. Purcell gave some brief history of the Center for Adult Learning in Louisiana (CALL) program which was created in 2008 and is helping to address Louisiana’s need for an educated workforce. Dr. Purcell shared a new initiative for the Regents to work with the institutions to get students who “stopped out” back into college. It is related to a project done in Arkansas which identifies the students who have some college but no degree. The Regents will engage a contractor to identify the last known contact information for students who dropped out from 2000-2010. The contractor will use the data to find both current addresses and other contact points and parameters to use in recruiting back former students and also to find lost alumni for the institutions. The data will then be sent back to the Regents for dissemination to the campuses.

Commissioner Purcell said regional conversations will begin on July 22 in the Thibodaux area and continue on July 26 in Alexandria. These will be open forums with regional leaders to discuss aspirations for their local communities. Dr. Purcell stated that the conversations with regional leaders will help establish a definition of a career-ready community.

Dr. Purcell stated several accomplishments this year at the Regents:

* Calmed the storm, regained trust, and built coalitions;
* Enhanced academic program review process – deleted/combined/revised programs;
* Set GRAD Act targets and reviewed and rewarded progress;
* Kept higher education from falling off the financial cliff;
* Increased state support by $100M and enabled additional opportunities for

self-generated funds;

* Developed the Northshore Technical Community College;
* Authorized restructuring of LCTCS colleges;
* Restructured institutional funding to be performance-based;
* Articulated a fully transferable associate’s degree;
* Established a leadership agenda; and
* Set an educational attainment goal.

Dr. Purcell said a yearly performance audit was conducted at the Board of Regents. Several recommendations direct the Regents to speak regularly to stakeholders and improve control over data collection. A copy of the Louisiana Legislative Performance Audit report was included in the Regents’ packet.

Commissioner Purcell said there were many things to do in the year ahead including the regional reviews, the Employment Outcomes Report, the *Master Plan*, the Financial Aid Report and the Remedial Education Study kickoff as items of focus in August and September.

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Bruno, Chair of the Facilities and Property Committee, Mr. Rich Griswold, Associate Commissioner for Facilities, moved to dispense with the reading of the Facilities and Property Committee Report of June 23, 2011, and approve the following motions “in globo.” *(Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)*

**On motion of Regent Bruno, seconded by Regent Stelly, the Board voted unanimously:**

SMALL CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

**To accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the small capital projects as noted below.**

*From Private Donations*

**LSU U-High Locker Room Building - Louisiana State University and A&M College**

**$443,750**

**LSU Laboratory School Synthetic Turf Play Field - Louisiana State University and A&M College**

**$480,000 from Cash, University High Foundation Funds**

*From Federal Funds*

**Amphitheater Design and Construction - Southern University and A&M College**

**$400,000**

*From Grants*

**Renovation to Comparative Biology - Building E (REAPPROVAL) - Pennington Biomedical Research Center**

**$222,000 from an NIH Grant**

*From Auxiliary Funds*

**LSU Union Art Gallery Renovation - Louisiana State University and A&M College**

**$250,000**

**LSU Union Stage Loft Panel Replacement - Louisiana State University and A&M College**

**$400,000**

**LSU Sports Recreation Complex Site Improvements - Louisiana State University and A&M College**

**$300,000**

*From Motor Vehicle Registration Fees*

**Western Avenue Parking Lot Improvements - Southeastern Louisiana University**

**$475,000**

*From Other Funds*

**Athletic Facility Enhancements - University of Louisiana at Monroe**

**$450,000 from ULM Facilities, Inc.**

**Hayden Hall Renovations - Southern University and A&M College**

**$450,000**

*From State Funds*

**Brown Hall - First Floor Renovations for Kinesiology - University of Louisiana at Monroe**

**$240,000**

ACT 959 PROJECT

**To approve the request from Southern University System for the construction of a Small Business Incubator at Southern University in New Orleans under the provisions of Act 959 of 2003.**

LEASES

**To approve the lease between the LSU Board of Supervisors and the Tiger Athletic Foundation for the purpose of constructing additional suites at the Alex Box Baseball Complex at Louisiana State University and A&M College at an estimated project cost of $3 million.**

**To approve the lease between the LSU Board of Supervisors and the Ricoh Americas Corporation for the purpose of privatizing the postal and copy services at Louisiana State University and A&M College.**

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT OF JUNE 23, 2011

**To adopt the Facilities and Property Committee report of June 23, 2011.**

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Stelly, Vice Chair of the Legislative Committee, Dr. Kim Hunter- Reed, Chief of Staff, presented the Legislative Committee Report of June 23, 2011. *(Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)*

LEGISLATION AND LEGISLATIVE ISSUES FOR 2011

Dr. Hunter-Reed informed the Board that the staff had tracked 133 bills with 43 bills being enrolled. She noted that there were 31 resolutions of which 24 were study resolutions. See attached list. Dr. Reed also recognized the incredible work of the Regents, the system and campus legislative teams this session.

UPDATE ON THE FY 2011-12 POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION OPERATING BUDGET

Dr. Hunter-Reed noted that Mr. Todd Barré, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, updated the Board on the postsecondary education operating budget.

ADOPTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT OF JUNE 23, 2011

**On motion of Regent Stelly, seconded by Regent Durbin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Legislative Committee report of June 23, 2011.**

**ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Roy, Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Dr. Karen Denby, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, moved to dispense with the reading of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of June 23, 2011, and approve the following motions “in globo.” *(Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)*

**On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board voted unanimously:**

PROPOSED NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

**To grant conditional approval of the following three programs, effective immediately:**

* **Certificate of Applied Science in Medical Coding Specialist (CIP Code 51.0707) at Southern University at Shreveport;**
* **Associate of Applied Science in Industrial Technology (CIP Code 15.0612) at Bossier Parish Community College; and**
* **Associate of Applied Science in Journeyman Industrial with degree subject options in Electrician and Pipetrades (CIP Code 46.0000) at South Central Louisiana Technical College.**

**By July 1, 2012, the institutions will update the Board on enrollment and completion rates, as well as on progress toward accreditation.**

REAUTHORIZATION OF PREVIOUSLY APPROVED RESEARCH CENTER – LSU AND A&M COLLEGE – HEARNE INSTITUTE FOR THEORETICAL PHYSICS

**To approve the reauthorization of the Hearne Institute for Theoretical Physics at LSU and A&M College for an additional five years, effective immediately.**

REPORTS OF THE STAFF

Dr. Denby said updates were given on the following items:

A. Staff Approval of Routine Academic Requests

B. Progress Reports for Conditionally Approved Academic Programs and Research Units

C. LT Degree – Update and Summary Report

D. Proposed New Programs/Units

E. Past-Due Reports for Approved Academic Programs and Research Units

**To accept the report in V-C, and approve staff recommendations relevant to each progress report in Item V-B.**

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT OF JUNE 23, 2011

**To adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee report of June 23, 2011.** *(Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)*

**PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Stelly, Chair of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee, Dr. Larry Tremblay, Interim Deputy Commissioner for Academic and Student Affairs, moved to dispense with the reading of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Report of June 23, 2011, and approve the following motions “in globo.” *(Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)*

**On motion of Regent Stelly, seconded by Regent Roy, the Board voted unanimously:**

LICENSURE

**To approve an initial operating license to Georgetown University, located in Washington, D.C.;**

**To approve a license renewal for the University of Alabama – Birmingham, located in Birmingham, Alabama; and**

**To approve a license renewal for the University of Southern Mississippi, located in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.**

BOARD OF REGENTS’ FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN, 2011-12 THROUGH 2015-16, AS PRESCRIBED BY ACT 1465 OF 1997

**To approve the revised *Board of Regents’ Five-Year Strategic Plan* *(2011-2015)* as required by Act 1465 of 1997.**

LA GRAD ACT ANNUAL REVIEW

**To approve the GRAD Act 2010-11 institutional annual designations for 2011-12 status, thereby allowing the institutions, as appropriate to their designations, to implement the tuition authority and pursue the operational autonomies outlined in the GRAD Act legislation, and**

**To authorize the Commissioner of Higher Education to report to the Governor and Legislature by the July 15th deadline.**

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF JUNE 23, 2011

**To adopt the Planning, Research and Performance Committee report of June 23, 2011.** *(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, moved to dispense with the reading of the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of June 23, 2011 and approve the following motions “in globo.” *(Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)*

**On motion of Regent Stelly, seconded by Regent Roy, the Board voted unanimously:**

BOARD RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LOUISIANA CONSORTIA PROPOSALS SUBMITTED TO THE BP-SPONSORED GULF OF MEXICO RESEARCH INITIATIVE

**To approve the following resolution:**

**WHEREAS,** the Gulf of Mexico Research Initiative (GRI), sponsored by BP, has announced its intention to provide funding to research consortia to study effects of the Deepwater Horizon disaster on the Gulf of Mexico;

**WHEREAS,** two prospective consortia comprised of the Louisiana Universities Gulf Research Collaborative (LUGRC, including Louisiana State University and A&M College, the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium, Tulane University, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, and the University of New Orleans) are each preparing three-year proposals, requesting $7.5 million per year, to be submitted by the July 2011 GRI competition deadline, along with other consortia proposals from Louisiana more limited in scope; and

**WHEREAS,** GRI-funded consortia would benefit from State-level assistance in providing capacity-building research infrastructure not supported by the GRI;

**THEREFORE,** be it resolved that the Board of Regents will aggressively assist GRI-funded Louisiana consortia in seeking to meet capacity-building research infrastructure needs.

REQUEST FROM MCNEESE STATE UNIVERSITY TO DIVIDE THE JULIET HARDTNER WOMEN IN SCIENCE AND WOMEN IN ARTS AND HUMANITIES ENDOWED CHAIRS

**To approve division of the Juliet Hardtner Women in Science Endowed Chair into ten (10) $100,000 endowed professorships and the Juliet Hardtner Women in Arts and Humanities Endowed Chair into ten (10) $100,000 endowed professorships in the following names:**

**● Juliet Hardtner Women in Science Professorship 1-10**

**● Juliet Hardtner Women in Arts and Humanities Professorship 1-10**

SUPPLEMENTARY FY 2010-11 BoRSF FUNDING TO PERMIT MATCHING FOR THE CHARLES J. HATFIELD ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIP AT THE SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER

**To approve the allocation of $40,000 from the Support Fund Reserve Fund to establish the Charles J. Hatfield Endowed Professorship at the Southern University Law Center during fiscal year 2010-11.**

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT OF JUNE 23, 2011

**To adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee report of June 23, 2011.** *(Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)*

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Chairman Levy said he appreciated Commissioner Purcell’s enumeration in his opening statements of the long list of successes during this legislative session. He continued by thanking the team of dedicated staff who worked tirelessly during the session. Chairman Levy listed the many accomplishments of the Board and staff since January. He also noted that Regents must respond to approximately 25 study resolutions -- almost twice as many as last year.

Chairman Levy next recognized several staff who will be leaving the Board of Regents.

* Dr. Sharon Southall, P-20 Officer, has more than 35 years of experience as a teacher, an adjunct professor, a librarian, and a policy leader. She recently submitted a million dollar grant application to Complete College America on behalf of Louisiana.

* Ms. Dawn Wilson worked with the Regents during the Postsecondary Education Review Commission, assisted in the search for the new Commissioner, and drafted new Board policies. She also played a critical role during this Legislative session by tracking higher education bills.

Commissioner Purcell and Chairman Levy presented Dr. Southall and Ms. Wilson with a token of their appreciation for their work at the Board.

* Ms. Loretta Braud, Administrative Assistant, is retiring after working 28 years at the Board of Regents working with Dr. Kerry Davidson in the Sponsored Programs division. Dr. Davidson presented Ms. Braud with a plaque in recognition of her dedication.

Regent Levy again thanked all the staff for their time and talent to make the Regents a success.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:43 p.m.