

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF REGENTS

**January 4, 2001**

The Board of Regents met in regular session at 10:12 a.m., Thursday, January 4, 2001, in the Board of Regents' Auditorium, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Mary Ella Sanders called the meeting to order. Coordinator of Board Services, Ms. Helen Johnson, called the roll and a quorum was established.

#### **Present for the meeting were:**

Mary Ella Sanders, Chair  
Scott Brame  
Richard D'Aquin, Vice Chair  
Michael Dees  
Reggie Dupré  
Frances Henry  
Ron Roberts, Secretary  
Virgil Robinson, Jr.  
Pat Strong  
Roland Toups  
Sherman Ruth, Student Member

#### **Absent:**

Herschel Abbott  
John Georges  
Melvin Rambin  
Norbert Simmons

## MINUTES APPROVED

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 7, 2000

**On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of December 7, 2000, as circulated.**

### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Rodney Braxton, Assistant Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor, administered the Oath of Office as follows:

(1) Officers for the year 2001:

Chair:	Richard D'Aquin
Vice Chairman:	William T. Roberts, Jr.
Secretary:	Roland Toups

(2) Executive Committee for the year 2001:

Regent Richard D'Aquin, Chairman	Regent Virgil Robinson, Jr.
Regent Wm. T. Roberts, Jr., Vice Chair	Regent Mary Ella Sanders
Regent Roland Toups, Secretary	Regent Pat Strong
Regent Frances T. Henry	

Regent Sanders turned the gavel over to Chairman D'Aquin who then commended Regent Sanders and thanked her for two years of excellent leadership as Chair.

RATIFICATION OF COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

**On motion of Regent Dees, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to ratify Committee appointments for 2001 as proposed by Chairman D'Aquin. (See Attachment A.)**

MASTER PLAN DISCUSSION

Dr. Jimmy Clarke, Deputy Commissioner for Planning, Research, and Performance, presented information on the Regents' Proposed Master Plan for Public Postsecondary Education. According to the proposed plan, all public four year universities must adopt admission standards for new entering freshmen by Fall, 2005. Proposed criteria will be based upon criteria that will include degree program offerings, student mix, developmental education, public service, and research activity. Final action on the Master Plan is scheduled for the March Board meeting.

**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER**

Commissioner E. Joseph Savoie congratulated the new officers. He stated that the discussion of the Master Plan is very important. The Commissioner continued by stating that

Louisiana needs to focus on education and we in higher education need to focus on what is best for our citizens as we develop the new Master Plan. He asked all institutions to think globally.

Commissioner Savoie then presented the Society of St. Ignatius medal and bronze shield to the Board. This was presented to the Board of Regents by Loyola University on November 16, 2000, for its contribution of \$1,000,000 through the Regents' Support Fund.

The Commissioner concluded by expressing sadness for the loss of Mr. Marion Burn of the University of Louisiana at Monroe and for Dr. Mervin Trail, Chancellor, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center.

Regent Sanders then read a resolution honoring the life and contributions of Dr. Mervin Lee Trail for his leadership and dedicated service to medical education, health care, the Louisiana State University System and the people of Louisiana.

**On motion of Regents Sanders, seconded by Regent Roberts, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.**

Regent Sanders then thanked the Board and its staff for the wonderful years she served as Chair.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair D'Aquin declared the meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.