

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

AUGUST 25, 2005

The Board of Regents met in session at 9:07 a.m., Thursday, August 25, 2005, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Roland Toups called the meeting to order. Ms. Carolyn Blanchard, Executive Assistant to the Commissioner and Board Coordinator, called the roll and a quorum was established.

Present for the meeting were:

William Blake
Scott Brame
Richard D'Aquin
Stanley Jacobs
Ingrid Labat
Robert Levy
W. Clinton Rasberry
Virgil Robinson
Harold Stokes
Pat Strong, Secretary
Artis Terrell
Roland Toups, Chair
Chris Jividen, Student Member

Absent for the meeting were:

Reggie Dupré
Frances Henry, Vice Chair
Clifford Smith

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Toups noted that no written requests were received for public comments and inquired if the audience had any comments at this time. There were none.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JUNE 23, 2005

On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of June 23, 2005.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Brame, Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Mr. Gerard Killebrew, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, presented motions from the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of August 24, 2005.

PROPOSED ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Southeastern Louisiana University - B.S. in Health Studies

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the proposed Bachelor of Science in Health Studies (CIP 51.9999) at Southeastern Louisiana University, subject to the following stipulations:

- 1. The Health Education Concentration shall be implemented beginning Fall 2005, subject to appointment of an Interim Program Director;**
- 2. By February 1, 2006, the University shall report to the Commissioner of Higher Education the status of the University's search for a new Program Director and additional full-time faculty;**
- 3. Based on the contents of this report, and any other required subsequent reports, the staff shall sometime in the future recommend implementation of the Health Management Concentration.**

Nunez Community College – A.A.S. in Industrial Technology

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Blake, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to approve the following:

- a. The current Associate of Applied Science program in Industrial Technology Management (CIP Code 15.0612) at Nunez Community College and its affiliated Certificate of Applied Science programs in Carpentry & Building Construction (CIP Code 46.0201), Residential & Commercial Wiring (CIP Code 46.0302),**

Machine Tool Technology (CIP Code 48.0503), and Welding (CIP Code 48.0508) programs are hereby terminated, effective immediately. Students currently enrolled in these programs shall be allowed to complete their program of study within a reasonable time frame.

- b. Conditional approval is granted for the Associate of Applied Science in Industrial Technology (CIP Code 15.0612) and its constituent Certificates of Technical Studies in Construction Technology (CIP Code 46.0201, Electrical Construction (CIP Code 46.0302), Machine Tool Technology (CIP Code 48.0503) and Welding Technology (CIP Code 48.0508) at Nunez Community College, effective Fall 2005. The College shall submit a report to the Commissioner of Higher Education by September 1, 2008, documenting student enrollment, completers, and placement of graduates.**

Nunez Community College – A.A.S. in Food Service Production and Management

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent D’Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to approve the following:

- a. The current Associate of Applied Science in Culinary Arts and Occupations (CIP Code 12.0503) and its affiliated Certificate of Applied Science in Culinary Arts and Occupations (same CIP Code) programs at Nunez Community College are hereby terminated, effective immediately. Students currently enrolled in these curricula shall be allowed to complete their program of study within a reasonable time frame.**
- b. Conditional approval is granted for the Associate of Applied Science in Foodservice Production and Management (CIP Code 12.0503) and its constituent Certificate of Technical Studies program in Culinary Arts at Nunez Community College (same CIP Code), effective Fall 2005. The College shall submit a report to the Commissioner of Higher Education by September 1, 2008, documenting student enrollment, completers, and placement of graduates.**

PROPOSED LETTER OF INTENT – LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY IN ALEXANDRIA – B.S. IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Blake, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to approve the Letter of Intent for a B.S. program in Business Administration (CIP Code 52.0201) at Louisiana State University-Alexandria. Any forthcoming proposal submitted as result of this Letter of Intent shall specifically address immediate and long-term resource needs and costs. This proposal shall be reviewed by a team of appropriate out-of-state

consultants, consistent with the Regents' requirements of AACSB accreditation for the program and other nationally-recognized indices of quality and need.

PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES

Grambling State University - Request to Reorganize the Division of Academic Affairs

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to approve the request from Grambling State University to reorganize its Division of Academic Affairs, as indicated in University documentation. These changes shall be effective immediately.

University of Louisiana-Monroe - Request to Reorganize/Rename Select Academic Units

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to approve the request from the University of Louisiana-Monroe for administrative and organizational changes, as indicated in University documentation. These changes shall be effective immediately.

PROGRESS REPORTS ON CONDITIONALLY APPROVED PROGRAMS/CENTERS

Northwestern State University - M.A. in Adult Education

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the July 2005 Progress Report from Northwestern State University Relative to Adequacy of Faculty Resources to Support the M.A. Program in Adult Education. As the stipulation of conditional approval has been fulfilled, the program is hereby granted full approval. No further progress reports are required.

Louisiana State University-Shreveport - B.S. in Community Health

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the June 2005 Progress Report from Louisiana State University-Shreveport Relative to Implementation of the B.S. Program in Community Health. As all stipulations of conditional approval have been fulfilled, the program is hereby granted full approval. No further progress reports are required.

Louisiana Tech University - Master of Health Information Management

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the July 2005 Progress Report from Louisiana Tech University Relative to Implementation of the Master of Health Information Management Program. The next progress report shall be due July 15, 2006.

Louisiana State University and A&M College - Center for Internal Auditing

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the June 2005 Progress Report Relative to the Center for Internal Auditing at Louisiana State University and A & M College. No further progress reports are required during the current period of Regents approval.

Sowela Technical Community College - A.S. in Nursing

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the June 2005 Progress Report from Sowela Technical Community College Relative to SACS Institutional Candidacy and State Board of Nursing Approval of its A.S. in Nursing Program. The next progress report shall be due February 1, 2006.

Fletcher Technical Community College – A.S. in Nursing

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the June 2005 Progress Report from L. E. Fletcher Technical Community College Relative to SACS Institutional Candidacy and State Board of Nursing Approval of its A.S. in Nursing Program. The next progress report shall be due February 1, 2006.

Fletcher Technical Community College – Associate of General Studies

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the May 2005 Progress Report from Fletcher Technical Community College Relative to SACS/CoC Candidacy and the Associate of General Studies Program. A subsequent progress report addressing SACS candidacy issues only shall be due in the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education by February 1, 2006. The Regents further

authorize immediate implementation of the Associate of General Studies program at L. E. Fletcher Technical Community College.

Louisiana State University-Alexandria - Bachelor of Liberal Studies: Options in English, Mathematics, History, Speech, and Theatre

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the July 2005 Progress Report from Louisiana State University-Alexandria Relative to Implementation of Multiple Options in the Bachelor of Liberal Studies Program. As all previous staff concerns have been addressed, the full approval is hereby granted for these options (English, Mathematics, History, Speech, and Theatre). No further progress reports are required.

TEACHER EDUCATION INITIATIVES

Report on the Blue Ribbon Commission on Educational Excellence and Other Updates

Associate Commissioner Killebrew stated that the Blue Ribbon Commission is focusing its 2005-2006 efforts on improving the formula for the Teacher Preparation Accountability System, creating an Educational Leadership Preparation Accountability System, and establishing an accountability system for new A.S. programs in Teaching.

He also noted the participation at several professional conferences during this past summer of Commission members Frances Henry and Glenn Lee Buquet, Dr. Jeanne Burns, and others in positions of state teacher education.

Evaluation of a Redesigned Initial Teacher Preparation Program and Graduate Programs for Teachers and Education Leaders

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the following redesigned teacher education programs:

- 1. Southeastern Louisiana University: Master of Arts in Teaching Degree in Elementary Education – Grades 1-5 (CIP Code: 13.1202); Master of Arts in Teaching Degree in Mild/Moderate Special Education (Grades K-12) (CIP Code: 13.1001).**

2. **McNeese State University: Bachelor of Science Degree in Health and Physical Education – Grades K-12 (CIP Code: 13.1314).**
3. **Xavier University: Master of Education Degree in Educational Leadership (CIP Code: 13.0401) plus Teacher Leader Endorsement.**
4. **Our Lady of Holy Cross College: Master of Education Degree in Educational Leadership (CIP Code: 13.0401).**
5. **Southern University at New Orleans: Bachelor of Science Degree in Grades PK-3 (CIP Code: 13.1210).**

Update on Louisiana’s Value-Added Teacher Preparation Program Assessment Model

Mr. Killebrew said that results were presented from the past two years of the Value-Added Teacher Preparation Program Assessment Model.

REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to approve the Revised Operating Policies/Guidelines of the Louisiana Library Network Commission.

STATEWIDE REVIEW OF EXISTING LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAMS

Mr. Killebrew noted that a progress report was given on the Statewide Review of LPN Programs.

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF AUGUST 24, 2005

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Report of August 24, 2005. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE**FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF AUGUST 24, 2005**

On behalf of Regent Jacobs, Chair of the Facilities and Property Committee, Mr. Rich Griswold, Associate Commissioner for Facilities, presented motions from the Facilities and Property Committee Report of August 24, 2005.

SMALL CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent Blake, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the Small Capital Projects Report as presented by staff.

Dental School Clinic – Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans – \$329,996 from a Federal Grant

Softball Field – Louisiana State University in Eunice
\$219,715 from Auxiliary Funds

6K Renovations for Bone Marrow – Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in Shreveport (REAPPROVAL) \$334,000 from Auxiliary Funds

Galliano Cafeteria Asbestos Abatement – Nicholls State University
\$225,000 from Auxiliary Funds

Clarke Williams Student Success Center HVAC Renovation – University of Louisiana at Monroe
\$290,000 in State Funds

Livestock Exhibit Parking – Louisiana State University and A & M College
\$349,000 from Auxiliary Funds

CAPITAL OUTLAY AMENDMENTS FOR FY 2005-2006

On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the Capital Outlay amendments as presented by staff.

Chiller Replacement at the New Orleans Adolescent Hospital –
Staff recommended no action be taken since the facility was not under post-secondary education when the project was initiated.

Land Acquisition and/or Construction of Athletic Fields – Bossier Parish Community College. Staff recommended no action be taken since requested documentation of need had not been provided.

Purchase/Renovation of Bienville Building for Health Sciences – University of Louisiana at Monroe. Staff recommended the project be approved and inserted in the Regents' FY 2005-2006 Capital Outlay Budget Recommendation as a priority swap with the Sandal Hall Renovation project.

Baseball Stadium Improvements – McNeese State University. Staff recommended the project be approved for construction.

National Chimpanzee Laboratory, Cognitive and Behavioral Testing Center – University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Staff recommended the project be added to the end of the New Category in the Regents' FY 2005-2006 Capital Outlay Budget Recommendation.

Renovations and Additions to the Student Center – Louisiana State University at Alexandria. Staff recommended the project be added to the end of the Self-Generated Category in the Regents' FY 2005-2006 Capital Outlay Budget Recommendation.

Workforce Development Training in Eastern New Orleans Acquisition – Delgado Community College. Staff recommended no action be taken at this time to permit the further development of project specifics.

Jefferson West Learning Center Land Acquisition, Planning and Construction – Staff recommended no action be taken at this time to permit the further development of project specifics.

ACT 959 PROJECTS

On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the project to demolish the existing core section of the Cove dining facility at the University of New Orleans and construct a new core section at a cost of approximately \$596,520 with funds to come from the dining auxiliary. The project is to be performed under the provisions of Act 959 of 2003.

On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent Raspberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to renovate portions of Williams Hall at Louisiana State University and A & M College at a cost of approximately \$1,634,866 from self-generated sources. The project is to be performed under the provisions of Act 959 of 2003.

PROJECTS UTILIZING ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF FINANCING

On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the leasing of university owned property, relevant agreements, and the construction of facilities on university property for a new tennis complex by Pontchartrain Tennis, LLC. on the east campus of the University of New Orleans.

On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the project to construct a housing complex at the University of New Orleans utilizing alternative means of financing, provided that remaining review concerns of the Regents' staff are resolved. No encumbering actions may be taken on the project without written notification to proceed from the Commissioner of Higher Education. Such notification shall not be unreasonably withheld past September 7, 2005.

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF AUGUST 24, 2005

On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Meeting Report of August 24, 2005, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Robinson, Chair of the Finance Committee, Mr. Donald Vandal, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, presented motions from the Finance Committee Report of August 24, 2005.

ALLOCATION OF THE STATE FUNDING APPROPRIATED TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR MANDATED COSTS

On motion of Regent Robinson, seconded by Regent Raspberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the allocation of state funding appropriated to the Board for mandated costs as reflected.

ALLOCATION OF STATE FUNDING APPROPRIATED TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR "PERFORMANCE INCENTIVES" AND FOR "CONTINUED GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES AND LEARNING CENTERS"

On motion of Regent Robinson, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the allocation of state funding appropriated to the Board for "Performance Incentives" and for "Continued Growth and Development of Community and Technical Colleges and Learning Centers" as reflected.

ALLOCATION OF STATE CAPITAL OUTLAY FUNDING APPROPRIATED FOR "LIBRARY, INSTRUCTIONAL, AND SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT ACQUISITIONS"

On motion of Regent Robinson, seconded by Regent Raspberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the allocation of state capital outlay funding appropriated to the Board for Library, Instructional, and Scientific Equipment Acquisitions as reflected in the Finance Committee minutes in Appendix E.

ADOPTION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF AUGUST 24, 2005

On motion of Regent Robinson, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Finance Committee Meeting Report of August 24, 2005. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

LEARNING CENTERS COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Terrell, Chair of the Learning Centers Committee, Dr. Jimmy Clarke, Deputy Commissioner for Academic and Student Affairs, presented the Learning Centers Committee Report of August 24, 2005.

REPORT FROM THE DEAN

Dr. Clarke said that a power point presentation was given regarding spring and summer 2005 highlights which included enrollment comparisons for the past two years for the Learning Center for Rapides Parish. He said facility usage and revenue for 2004-05 was also reviewed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Deputy Commissioner Clarke mentioned that a summary of “An Assessment of Needs for Postsecondary Education in the West Bank Region of Louisiana” was presented. He said recommendations were cited from the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS) for expanding postsecondary educational opportunities in the west bank region. Chair Toups noted the importance of expediting the process of purchasing the property adjacent to John Ehret High School for the creation of a new facility for the Jefferson West Higher Education Center.

He also mentioned that \$250,000 had been appropriated to conduct an educational needs assessment in Tallulah, Louisiana.

ADOPTION OF THE LEARNING CENTERS COMMITTEE OF AUGUST 24, 2005

On motion of Regent Terrell, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Learning Centers Committee Report of August 24, 2005. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

On behalf Regent Raspberry, Chair of the Sponsored Programs Committee, Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, presented motions from the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of August 24, 2005.

FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FY 2004-05 ENDOWMENT APPLICATIONS

On motion of Regent Raspberry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve funding of the fourteen (14) additional Endowed Chairs for Eminent Scholars as indicated and 203 of the 296 endowed professorships “slots” submitted in FY 2004-05 as indicated.

CONSIDERATION OF REVISIONS IN BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT FUND (BoRSF) ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIPS PROGRAM

On motion of Regent Raspberry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to defer action on the proposed revisions to the Endowed Professorships program until the next meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF THE ADDITION OF THE EPSCoR DIRECTOR FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE BoRSF PLANNING COMMITTEE

On motion of Regent Raspberry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee recommend that Dr. Michael Khonsari, Associate Commissioner for Sponsored Programs Research and Development and LA EPSCoR Project Director, be made a voting member of the Board of Regents Support Fund Planning Committee.

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF AUGUST 24, 2005

On motion of Regent Raspberry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Meeting Report of August 24, 2005. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Levy, Chair of the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee,

Dr. Clarke presented motions from the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee Report of August 24, 2005.

LICENSURE

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve an initial two-year operating license for West Virginia State Community and Technical College, located in Institute, West Virginia.

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve an initial two-year operating license for Northern Kentucky University, located in Highland Heights, Kentucky.

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve the proposed changes to the Rules and Regulations for Administration of R.S. 17:1808, with the license fee revision subject to approval of the Legislature.

PROPRIETARY SCHOOLS

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve an Associate in Occupational Studies Degree program in Criminal Justice at Blue Cliff College campuses located in Houma, Lafayette, Metairie and Shreveport, Louisiana.

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to renew the licenses of the following proprietary schools (initial license date in parentheses):

**Baton Rouge College--Baton Rouge (06/26/86)
Baton Rouge College--Hammond (06/22/95)
Baton Rouge College--Metairie (06/24/93)
Cameron College (06/29/83)
Central Louisiana Medical Academy (06/24/99)
CBS Computer Training (05/23/02)
Diesel Driving Academy - Baton Rouge (06/25/87)
Delta College of Arts & Technology (06/25/92)
Eastern College of Health Vocations--Shreveport (05/27/04)
High-Tech Institute--Atlanta (05/22/03)
High-Tech Institute--Nashville (05/22/03)
John Casablanca Modeling & Career Center (06/23/85)
Lafayette General Medical Center (06/27/96)
Louisiana Institute of Massage Therapy (06/25/92)
MedVance Institute (05/25/00)
Nashville Auto-Diesel College (05/22/03)
New Horizons Computer Learning Center - New Orleans (05/25/00)
New Horizons Computer Learning Center - Shreveport (05/25/00)
Ouachita Truck Driving Academy (05/22/03)
Virginia College-Technical (Pelham) (05/27/04)**

2003-2004 STUDENT OPINION SURVEY

Dr. Clarke reviewed the results of ACT's 2004-05 Student Opinion Survey which the Board of Regents has supported by six years.

REPORT FROM DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

Dr. Clarke said an update was given on the Board's College Information Hotline (1-866-415-2269) for prospective students seeking information about admission to college in Louisiana along with a report on the status of the implementation of the TOPS Tech Early Start Program.

Deputy Commissioner Clarke said the staff would be collecting 14th class day enrollment in coming weeks. Regent Strong requested this information be shared with the Board members.

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF AUGUST 24, 2005

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee Report of August 24, 2005. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Toups, Chair of the Executive Committee, Mr. Donald Vandal presented motions from the Executive Committee Report of August 24, 2005.

CONSIDERATION OF THE POLICY ON OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT OF THE LOUISIANA COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM EMPLOYEES

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee to approve the Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS) Policy on Outside Employment of LCTCS Employees.

UPDATE ON THE LOUISIANA OPTICAL NETWORK INITIATIVES (LONI)

Deputy Commissioner Vandal said a briefing was provided relative to LONI progress. He said the NLR node would be operational on August 25. He mentioned there would be a press conference on the afternoon of September 9th addressing the NLR presence in Louisiana and the expected impact of this important network connection to our state.

ADOPTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF AUGUST 24, 2005

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Executive Committee Report of August 24, 2005.
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REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Savoie reported on the following items:

- An article from the Chronicle of Higher Education about “Today’s Colleges Must Be Market Smart and Mission Centered” and a brochure from the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education about “The Need for State Policy Leadership.”
- Louisiana is one of only ten states in the nation to receive a grant from the National Governors Association to continue the groundbreaking work in high school redesign. This recognition as an “honor state” confirms that Louisiana is heading in the right direction to change the way high schools serve our children.
- Capital outlay visits are underway.
- Endowed chair check presentations will begin in September.
- Next Board meeting will be held on the campus of Louisiana Tech University in Ruston on September 21 and 22, 2005.
- Plans are being considered to hold a meeting with all higher education boards on October 26.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Jacobs, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.