

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

SEPTEMBER 27, 2007

The Board of Regents met in session at 9:10 a.m. Thursday, September 27, 2007, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, Claiborne Building, 1201 North 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Pat Strong called the meeting to order. Executive Assistant to the Commissioner, Ms. Carolyn Blanchard, called the roll, and a quorum was established.

Present for the meeting were:

Scott Brame, Vice Chair
Richard D'Aquin
Maurice Durbin
Donna Klein
James Klock
Robert Levy
W. Clinton Rasberry
Mary Ellen Roy
Victor Stelly
Harold Stokes
Pat Strong, Chair
Roland Toups

Absent for the meeting was:

Robert Bruno
William Clifford Smith
Artis Terrell

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Strong noted that no written requests were received for public comments and asked whether the audience had any comments at this time. There were none.

MINUTES APPROVED**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 23, 2007**

On motion of Regent Raspberry, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of August 23, 2007.

**RECOGNITION OF DR. WILLIAM ARCENEAUX, FORMER PRESIDENT,
LOUISIANA ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
AND FORMER COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION, BOARD OF REGENTS**

Chairman Pat Strong asked Regent Richard D'Aquin to introduce Dr. William Arceneaux. Regent D'Aquin noted that Dr. Arceneaux had been an educator in Louisiana for 35 years. He said that at the age of 30, Dr. Arceneaux became the chief higher education executive officer in Louisiana, the youngest person ever to be named to head a statewide public system of colleges and universities in the nation. Regent D'Aquin said that in 1987 Dr. Arceneaux moved from the public higher education sector to the private when he became President of the Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and Universities. Regent D'Aquin reviewed the illustrious career of Dr. Arceneaux.

Dr. Arceneaux thanked Mr. D'Aquin for the testimonial. He then gave a history of how the Board of Regents began and how he was named the first Commissioner of Higher Education in Louisiana.

Dr. E. Joseph Savoie, Commissioner of Higher Education, said he appreciated the guidance provided by Dr. Arceneaux during his beginning tenure as Commissioner.

Chair Strong presented a resolution to Dr. Arceneaux from the Board of Regents wishing him many years of happiness in the future as he enters his new phase of life.

INTRODUCTION OF DR. JOHN LOMBARDI

PRESIDENT, LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

Dr. William Jenkins, former president of the Louisiana State University System, introduced Dr. John Lombardi, the newly appointed president of the Louisiana State University System. Dr. Jenkins continued by noting that Dr. Lombardi had received his undergraduate degree from Pomona College and his graduate degrees from Columbia University. He continued by noting his service at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, the University of Florida, Johns Hopkins University, and Indiana University.

Dr. Lombardi thanked the Board members for a warm welcome and stated the Louisiana State University System is an extraordinary system, and he is pleased to have the opportunity to help continue the growth of the system.

A question and answer session followed on topics such as intercollegiate sports and the honors program at LSU and A&M College.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Brame, Chair of the Finance Committee, Mr. Donald Vandal, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, presented motions from the Finance Committee Report of September 26, 2007.

HEALTH SCIENCES CENTERS “FUNDS FLOW” PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Vandal stated that an update was given on the Health Sciences Centers “fund flow” project. He reiterated that the project should be concluded by the end of November and the report would be submitted to the Commissioner and Board upon completion.

CONSIDERATION OF THE FUNDS FOR NEW AND EMERGING CAMPUSES AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the use of New and Emerging Campuses and Program Development as reflected in reports on file at the Board of Regents’ office.

REPORT FROM DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

Mr. Vandal reminded the Board that its budget hearings for institutions will be conducted on October 11 - 12 and 18 - 19, 2007.

ADOPTION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2007

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Finance Committee Report of September 26, 2007.
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FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Rasberry, Chair of the Facilities and Property Committee, Mr. Rich Griswold, Associate Commissioner for Facilities, presented motions from the Facilities and Property Committee Report of September 26, 2007.

SMALL CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the Small Capital Projects Report as listed below:

Resource Center Elevator Lobby Renovations -

Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans
\$300,000 Self-Generated

Main Campus IT Closets -

Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans
\$250,000 Self-Generated

Multi-Purpose Building, Hammond Research Station -

Louisiana State University Agricultural Center
\$300,000 with \$240,000 from State Funds and
\$60,000 from Insurance Proceeds

David Boyd Hall Automatic Sprinkler System Installation -

Louisiana State University and A&M College
\$349,000 State Funds

Frey Computing Service Center - Supplemental Electrical Power -

Louisiana State University and A&M College
\$210,000 State Funds

Tiger Stadium (North) Waterproofing -

Louisiana State University and A&M College
\$349,000 Auxiliary Funds

Office, Media, and Dressing Room Modifications -

Louisiana Tech University
\$330,000 Donation (REAPPROVAL)

FY 2008-2009 CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATION

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to defer adoption of the FY 2008-2009 Capital Outlay Budget Preliminary Recommendations until mid-October. The Board members further recommended that staff provide additional information on the procedures used to prioritize capital outlay projects.

PROJECTS UTILIZING ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF FINANCING

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve Phase II of the Grambling Housing Project for the construction of 796 beds and the demolition of five existing sub-standard dorms.

Estimated cost of the project is \$45 million with financing for a term of 32 years.

ACT 959 PROJECTS

On motion of Regent Raspberry, seconded by Regent Stokes, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the construction of an Administrative Classroom building at the LSU Agricultural Center W. A. Callegari Environmental Center under the provisions of Act 959 of 2003. Cost of the project is estimated to be \$590,000.

LEASE OF PROPERTY

On motion of Regent Raspberry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the lease of two acres of land owned by the University of Louisiana in Lafayette to Jackies International, Inc., and ProImage Property, LLC for the purpose of expanding hotel services.

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2007

On motion of Regent Raspberry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Report of September 26, 2007. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Roy, 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 September 26, 2007.

PROPOSED LETTERS OF INTENT

Northwestern State University - M.S. in Radiologic Sciences

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the proposed Letter of Intent for the projected M.S. program in Radiologic Sciences (CIP Code

51.9999) at Northwestern State University. Any forthcoming proposal submitted as a result of this Letter of Intent shall address cost/funding concerns as expressed in the staff summary.

Southeastern Louisiana University - B.S. in Engineering Technology

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the proposed Letter of Intent for the projected B.S. program in Engineering Technology (CIP Code 15.0000) at Southeastern Louisiana University.

University of Louisiana-Lafayette - B.A. in Cinema Studies

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the proposed Letter of Intent for a projected B.A. program in Cinema Studies (CIP Code 51.0601) at the University of Louisiana-Lafayette. Any forthcoming proposal submitted as a result of this Letter of Intent shall address unnecessary program duplication and funding concerns as expressed in the staff summary.

PROPOSED ACADEMIC UNIT - LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER-NEW ORLEANS - DEPARTMENT OF ORAL AND CRANIOFACIAL SURGERY

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the proposed Department of Oral and Craniofacial Surgery at the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-New Orleans, effective immediately.

PROPOSED PROGRAM TERMINATIONS - GRAMBLING STATE UNIVERSITY

B.S. in Industrial Arts Education

B.S. in Family and Consumer Science Education

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the request from Grambling State University to terminate the B.S. programs in Industrial Arts Education (CIP Code 13.1309) and Family and Consumer Sciences Education (CIP Code 13.1308), effective immediately.

PROGRESS REPORTS ON CONDITIONALLY APPROVED PROGRAMS

Southeastern Louisiana University/University of Louisiana-Lafayette - Ed.D. in Educational Leadership

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the AY 2006-2007 Progress Report from Southeastern Louisiana University and the University of Louisiana-Lafayette Relative to the Implementation of the Consortium Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership. The next report shall be due to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs by August 1, 2008.

Southern University-Shreveport - A.S. in Nursing

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the AY 2006-2007 Progress Report from Southern University-Shreveport Relative to Implementation of the A.S. Program in Nursing. Upon action of NLNAC, the institution shall submit a subsequent report detailing the result of the October, 2007 visit.

Louisiana State University-Alexandria - B.S. in Psychology

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the AY 2006-2007 Progress Report from Louisiana State University-Alexandria Relative to Implementation of the B.S. Program in Psychology. The next progress report addressing concerns expressed in the staff summary shall be due to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs by February 1, 2008.

Southern University-Baton Rouge - Master of Engineering

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the AY 2006-2007 Progress Report from Southern University-Baton Rouge Relative to Implementation of the Master of Engineering Program. A progress report addressing the development of policies governing the maintenance of graduate faculty status shall be due to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs by November 1, 2007. Another progress report updating efforts of the Engineering faculty to garner more external funding efforts for additional graduate assistantships shall be due to

the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs by August 1, 2008.

Louisiana State University-Shreveport - Master of Health Administration

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the AY 2006-2007 Progress Report from Louisiana State University-Shreveport Relative to Implementation of the Master of Health Administration Program. The next report addressing progress toward specialized accreditation through AACSB shall be due to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs by January 15, 2008.

Nicholls State University - B.S. in Manufacturing Engineering Technology

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the AY 2006-2007 Program Report from Nicholls State University Relative to Implementation of the B.S. Program in Manufacturing Engineering Technology. A copy of the institution's assessment/evaluation relative to ABET accreditation and copies of any subsequent communication between the University and ABET concerning program accreditation shall be forwarded to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs in a timely fashion.

TEACHER EDUCATION INITIATIVES

Mr. Killebrew noted that updates were given on the following items: (1) the Value Added Teacher Preparation Assessment Model, and (2) Act 462 - the Louisiana Geography Education Initiative Program.

REPORTS OF THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER

Mr. Gerard Killebrew said an update was given on the status of reviews of conditionally approved programs.

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2007

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of

September 26, 2007. (*Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.*)

PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

On behalf of Regent Stokes, Chair of the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee, Dr. Larry Tremblay, Acting Deputy Commissioner for Academic and Student Affairs, presented motions from the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee Report of September 26, 2007.

PROPRIETARY SCHOOLS

Initial License Applications

On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve an initial operating license for:

- 1. Bob Brooks School of Notary, LLC, located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana;**
- 2. Cardiovascular Technology Training, Inc., located in Mandeville, Louisiana;**
- 3. Medical Allied Health Institute, LLC, located in New Orleans, Louisiana;**
- 4. S.I.H.A.F. Career Institute, located in Bossier City, Louisiana; and**
- 5. The World's Only Tattoo School, located in Shreveport, Louisiana.**

Operating License Renewals

On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Levy, 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):

Art Instruction School (09/21/74)
Baton Rouge School of Computers (08/28/97)
Camelot College (08/28/86)
Coastal College--Alexandria (08/28/97)
Crescent City Coders (08/28/03)
Crescent City School of Gaming & Bartending (09/14/83)
Medical Training College (08/22/96)
Peach Tree School of Dental Assisting (08/22/02)
River City School of Dental Assisting, Inc. (08/24/06)

LICENSURE

On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve an initial license for Grand Canyon University, located in Phoenix, Arizona.

CALL INITIATIVE UPDATE

Dr. Tremblay stated there was a discussion on the Continuum for All Louisiana Learners (CALL), an adult education initiative.

REPORT FROM ACTING DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

Dr. Tremblay mentioned that preliminary Fall 2007 data on headcount in public postsecondary education had been reviewed.

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2007

On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee Report of September 26, 2007. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT

On behalf of Regent Levy, Chair of the Sponsored Programs Committee, Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, presented motions from the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of September 26, 2007.

OVERVIEW OF RECENT EPSCoR ACTIVITIES

Request for additional matching funds for NASA EPSCoR Research Awards

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to commit matching funds from previously unspent monies in the

Board of Regents Support Fund for the additional NASA EPSCoR research project funded by NASA. The amount of additional matching funds provided for the project shall be \$225,000 per year for the three-year duration of the award, for a total of \$675,000.

Revisions in the BoRSF EPSCoR Subprogram Membership Policy

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the revised Support Fund EPSCoR Subcommittee membership policy. (The Policy is available in the BoR Sponsored Programs Office.)

Approval of Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair of the EPSCoR Program

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the nominations of Dr. Leslie K. Guice as Chair and Dr. Brooks Keel as Vice Chair of the Support Fund EPSCoR Subcommittee for a three-year term of office commencing on August 22, 2007.

Approval of nomination of Dr. Doug Braymer, Interim Associate Executive Director of Basic Research, as Pennington Biomedical Research Center's Representative on the EPSCoR Subcommittee

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the nomination from the Louisiana State University System to replace Dr. Richard Rogers with Dr. Douglas Braymer as the Pennington Biomedical Research Center's representative on the BoRSF EPSCoR Subcommittee.

PROGRESS REPORT: K-16 PARTNERSHIPS FOR SCHOOL REFORM (K-16 PSR) PROGRAM

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve a second review of K-16 PSR Programs to be conducted during the summer of 2008. This review shall assess whether the respective trajectories of projects are likely to attain goals espoused in the original proposals. Consultants and staff shall recommend continued, reduced, and/or additional funding for each project based upon these respective determinations. (The consultants' report is available in the BoR Sponsored Programs Office.)

OVERVIEW OF RECENT LOUISIANA GAINING EARLY AWARENESS AND READINESS

IN UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS (LA GEAR UP) ACTIVITIES

Dr. Davidson said discussions ensued regarding several LA GEAR UP items:

1. Professional development for mathematics, science, English, and EPAS,
2. Rewards for Success Scholarships,
3. Summer/Academic-Year Learning Camps,
4. Collaborative Agreements with districts and schools, and
5. Five-State Regional GEAR UP Conference

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2007

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of September 26, 2007. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Strong, Chair of the Executive Committee, Mr. Vandal presented motions from the Executive Committee Report of September 26, 2007.

CONSIDERATION OF LOUISIANA OPTICAL NETWORK INITIATIVE (LONI) RATE SCHEDULE

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee to approve the Louisiana Optical Network Initiative (LONI) schedule of charges.

BOARD OF REGENTS' UNCLASSIFIED STAFF MERIT EVALUATION AND PAY PLAN

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee to approve an unclassified staff merit evaluation and pay plan with an adjustment of 3% as the standard, but ranging from 2% to 5% depending on the unclassified employee's annual evaluation.

ADOPTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2007

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Executive Committee Report of September 26, 2007. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Savoie reported on the following items:

- A Public Affairs Research (PAR) report on "Questioning Candidates Beyond the Platitudes" is in each Board folder.
- The Master Plan Advisory Panel will meet September 27-28. Mr. Kevin Crockett of Noel Levitz will be providing enrollment and retention information following the Board meeting today.
- Endowed professorship check presentations are underway. Checks will be presented at Pennington Biomedical Research Center on October 2; LSU and A&M College on October 3; St. Joseph Seminary on October 4; and Baton Rouge Community College on October 15.
- An article from Inside Higher Education titled "Dealing With 'Job Outs'" is in each Board folder.
- October 24 and 25, 2007 – next Committee and Board meetings.

Chair Pat Strong reported on the following items:

- February 27 and 28, 2008 – Committee and Board meetings to be held at McNeese State University in Lake Charles.
- October 22 and 23, 2008 – Committee and Board meetings to be held at Southern University-Shreveport.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Levy, there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.