

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

October 23, 2003

The Board of Regents met in regular session at 9:15 a.m., Thursday, October 23, 2003, in the Louisiana Purchase Room of the Claiborne Building, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Roland Toups 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:

Billy Blake
Scott Brame
Richard D'Aquin
Frances Henry, Vice Chair
Robert Levy
W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr.
Pat Strong, Secretary
Roland Toups, Chair
Adonis Ducreé, Student Member

Absent: Reggie Dupré
Stanley J. Jacobs
William Oliver
Virgil Robinson
Clifford Smith
Artis Terrell, Jr.

MINUTES APPROVEDAPPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2003

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of September 24, 2003, as circulated.

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEEACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF OCTOBER 22, 2003

On behalf of Regent Blake, Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Dr. Jeanne Burns, Associate Commissioner of Academic Affairs for Teacher Education, presented motions from the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Report of October 22, 2003.

PROGRESS REPORTS ON CONDITIONALLY APPROVED PROGRAMS/CENTERS*Southeastern Louisiana University - M.S. in Applied Sociology*

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the AY 2002-2003 Progress Report from Southeastern Louisiana University Relative to the Implementation of the M.S. program in Applied Sociology. The next progress report shall be due October 1, 2004.

Louisiana Tech University - Center for Entrepreneurship and Information Technology

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the Center for Entrepreneurship and Information Technology (CEnIT) at Louisiana Tech University for five years from this date. If upon expiration of this term the University decides to continue Center operations, Louisiana Tech shall submit a subsequent request to the Commissioner of Higher Education for additional authorization.

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

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs

Committee to accept the AY 2003-2004 Progress Report Relative to the Center for Internal Auditing at Louisiana State University and A & M College and re-authorizes Center operations through five years from this date. If upon expiration of this term the University decides to continue Center operations, Louisiana State University shall submit a subsequent request to the Commissioner of Higher Education for additional authorization. Because there are some outstanding resource issues, the University shall submit to the Commissioner of Higher Education a follow-up report addressing these concerns by October 1, 2004.

TEACHER EDUCATION INITIATIVES

Report of the Blue Ribbon Commission

Dr. Burns noted that she and Regent Frances Henry were selected for the U.S. Department of Education's National Teacher Assistance Corps, a team of 47 education professionals from across the nation who will provide voluntary support to states in their efforts to place a highly-qualified teacher in every classroom.

Evaluation of Redesigned Teacher Preparation Programs

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the Grades PK-3, Grades 1-6, and Grades 7-12 Non-Masters/Certification-Only Alternate Certification Programs at Southern University-New Orleans and the Grades 1-12 Mild/Moderate Special Education Non-Masters/Certification-Only Alternate Certification Program at Northwestern State University.

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF OCTOBER 22, 2003

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Report of October 22, 2003, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE**FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF OCTOBER 22, 2003**

On behalf of Regent Henry, Chair of the Facilities and Property Committee, Mr. Marvin Roubique, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Facilities, presented motions from the Facilities and Property Committee Report of October 22, 2003.

SMALL CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Levy, 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 as noted below.

Southern University and A&M

ADA Accessibility Renovations and new
Construction of Elevators at Engineering East
and West
\$150,000 State Funds
\$150,00 Federal Title III Funds

University of Louisiana at Monroe

Renovation of Sandel Building for Admissions
\$275,000 State Funds (Reapproval)

CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FY 2004-2005

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Blake, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the Capital Outlay Budget Recommendations for FY 2004-2005 as presented by staff.

INTERIM EMERGENCY BOARD REQUEST

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Blake, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the request for the LSU System to seek funding from the Interim Emergency Board for the LSU Agricultural Center Livestock Show Facility replacement in Covington.

FACILITY LEASE

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the facility lease of 15,000 square feet for Louisiana Tech University.

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF OCTOBER 22, 2003

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Meeting Report of October 22, 2003, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF OCTOBER 22, 2003

On behalf of Regent Strong, Chair of the Finance Committee, Mr. Roubique presented motions from the Finance Committee Report of October 22, 2003.

FY 2003-2004 OPERATING BUDGETS

Mr. Roubique noted that an overview of the FY 2003-2004 Operating Budgets was presented, and he noted that the FY 2003-2004 operating budgets reflect increases in both state and self-generated funds.

In addition, Mr. Roubique mentioned that representatives from the University of Louisiana System, the LSU System, the Southern University System, and the Louisiana Community and Technical College System presented operating budget information during the committee meetings.

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the FY 2003-2004 Operating Budgets.

ADOPTION OF THE FINANCE MEETING REPORT OF OCTOBER 22, 2003

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Finance Committee Meeting Report of October 22, 2003, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE**PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF OCTOBER 22, 2003**

On behalf of Regent Brame, a member of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee, Dr. Larry Tremblay, Associate Commissioner for Strategic Initiatives, presented motions from the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Report of October 22, 2003.

BOARD OF REGENTS' 2004-2005 OPERATIONAL PLAN

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve the Board of Regents' 2004-2005 Operational Plan.

LICENSURE (R.S.17:1808)

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to renew the licenses of Central Michigan University, Troy State University, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and the University of Phoenix.

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF OCTOBER 22, 2003

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Meeting Report of October 22, 2003, as presented. *(Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)*

LEARNING CENTERS COMMITTEE**LEARNING CENTERS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF OCTOBER 22, 2003**

On behalf of Regent Brame, Vice Chair of the Learning Centers Committee, Dr. Tremblay presented motions from the Learning Centers Committee Report of October 22, 2003.

FALL 2003 ENROLLMENT REPORT

Dr. Tremblay noted that the Fall 2003 enrollment report was presented showing a total of nine participating institutions offering 71 courses.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN CENTER AND LSUA

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Learning Centers Committee to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Center and Louisiana State University at Alexandria.

REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Learning Centers Committee to approve the nominations for the Center's Regional Advisory Council.

REPORT FROM THE DEAN

Dr. Tremblay noted that Dr. Marjorie Taylor, Dean of the Learning Center for Rapides Parish, introduced new Center staff members; reported on the first meeting of the Center's Instructional Advisory Council; discussed the spring 2004 academic schedule planning; talked about the opening of the Center library; and reminded everyone about the Center's Open House and Ribbon Cutting on Wednesday, November 5, 2003, at 4:30 p.m.

Regent Brame commended Dr. Taylor for her diligent work during the first year of the Center.

ADOPTION OF THE LEARNING CENTERS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF OCTOBER 22, 2003

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Learning Centers Committee Meeting Report of October 22, 2003, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEETECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF OCTOBER 22, 2003

On behalf of Regent Levy, a member of the Technology Committee, Dr. Anthony Monta, Coordinator of Curricular Assessment and Academic Reporting, presented the motion from the Technology Committee Report of October 22, 2003.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION ON DEI-SELECT AWARDS

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Technology Committee to grant approval for the Distance Education Initiative (DEI SELECT) Grants Program, FY 2003/2004 in the amount of \$492,897.

ADOPTION OF THE TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF OCTOBER 22, 2003

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Technology Committee Meeting Report of October 22, 2003, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEESPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF OCTOBER 22, 2003

On behalf of Regent Brame, Chair of the Sponsored Programs Committee, Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, presented motions from the Sponsored Programs Committee Meeting Report of October 22, 2003.

CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FUND MATCHING MONIES FOR U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE) STATEWIDE EPSCoR PROPOSALS

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the commitment of \$400,000 per year for three years as the matching commitment for the DOE EPSCoR Research Implementation Proposals, from the FY 2004-05, FY 2005-06, and FY 2006-7 budgets of the Board of Regents Support

Fund. All matching funds are to be provided contingent upon the award of DOE EPSCoR Implementation Grant funding. The participating institutions will supply the remainder of the required match (\$350,000 per year for three years), for a total non-federal match of \$750,000 per year. In the event that the DOE award is reduced, the matching commitment will be reduced proportionately.

CONSIDERATION OF A NOMINATION FOR THE EPSCoR SUBCOMMITTEE
INDUSTRIAL REPRESENTATIVE

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the nomination of Ms. Connie P. Fabr  to serve on the EPSCoR Subcommittee.

Regent Brame commended Dr. Michael Khonsari, Associate Commissioner for Sponsored Programs Research and Development, and Dr. Harold Silverman, Chair of the EPSCoR Subcommittee, for their accomplishments in restructuring the EPSCoR Subcommittee and gaining approval of a new membership policy.

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF
OCTOBER 22, 2003

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Meeting Report of October 22, 2003, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF OCTOBER 22, 2003

On behalf of Regent Toups, Chair of the Executive Committee, Mr. Donald Vandal, Deputy Commissioner for Administration, presented motions from the Executive Committee Report of October 22, 2003.

ANNUAL EVALUATION OF THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Mr. Vandal stated that an executive session was called in accordance with R.S. 42:6.1 to discuss the annual evaluation of Dr. E. Joseph Savoie, Commissioner of Higher Education.

A roll call vote was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Yes: (5) Roland Toups, Pat Strong, Scott Brame, Richard D'Aquin, Reggie Dupré
No: (0)
Abstain: (0)
Absent: (2) Frances Henry, Virgil Robinson

Mr. Vandal noted that the Executive Committee reconvened in open session at 4:47 p.m. and no votes or actions were taken while in executive session.

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee to receive the annual evaluation of Dr. E. Joseph Savoie, Commissioner of Higher Education, and recommend that the Commissioner be commended for his service and job performance.

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee to modify the Commissioner's employment agreement in accordance with the provisions contained in the Amendment to Contract between the Louisiana Board of Regents and the Commissioner of Higher Education.

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee to give the Commissioner a salary adjustment of 6%, increasing his salary from \$190,798 to \$202,246, effective on his anniversary date and that his housing and expense allowances be maintained in compliance with the provisions of his employment agreement.

Finally, Mr. Vandal noted that it was recognized by all Board members that the Commissioner's compensation, as adjusted, would not meet the Board's established salary benchmarks. Mr. Vandal said that, according to these benchmarks, the Commissioner's compensation should be based at either the average of the Louisiana system presidents plus 5% or the SREB average salary for statewide higher education executive officers (SHEEO) positions. Mr. Vandal explained that

the staff will work to develop proposals for the Board's consideration which would bring the Commissioner's compensation up to the salary benchmarks through a multi-year plan and schedule.

Regent Henry expressed her personal appreciation to Dr. Joseph Savoie for his tenure as Commissioner of Higher Education. She noted that he is highly regarded as a valuable asset, not only at the state level, but also on the national front.

ADOPTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF OCTOBER 22, 2003

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Executive Committee Meeting Report of October 22, 2003, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Commissioner E. Joseph Savoie highlighted the following points:

- The Leadership Forum held on October 9th with a luncheon to honor Governor Mike Foster and his administration was well attended, and he thanked those who participated;
- The Gubernatorial Education Forum held on October 14, 2003, at Louisiana Public Broadcasting was a success due to the work of Ms. Kim Reed, Deputy Commissioner for Public Affairs, and participation by the members of the Board of Regents, Superintendent of Education Cecil Picard, and members of the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education;
- The Learning Center for Rapides Parish will host its official open house and ribbon-cutting ceremony on November 5, 2003, at 4:30 p.m.;
- Louisiana will host the First Annual Southeast Regional GEAR UP conference on November 23-25, 2003, in New Orleans;
- The Regents' next meetings will be held December 10 and 11, 2003. There will be a joint meeting with the Board of Regents and the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education on December 11, 2003, at 8:30 in the Louisiana Purchase Room in the Claiborne Building;
- Dr. Lisa Vosper, Assistant Commissioner for Accountability and Workforce Development, recently traveled to Iowa City to ACT's annual meeting. At the meeting, she delivered the keynote address on education and workforce training. Her presentation was a highlight of the

conference and Louisiana is serving as a model in these efforts;

- The appointments of Regent Frances Henry and Dr. Jeanne Burns to the U. S. Department of Education's prestigious Teacher Assistance Corps;
- Ms. Reed recently attended the Southern Regional Education Board *College Access* conference in Atlanta regarding the importance of middle and high school students attending a higher education institution; and
- The upcoming issue of NEXT magazine, a publication for Louisiana's junior and senior high school students published by the Baton Rouge Business Report, will include a supplement, *Acceler8*, specifically designed for 8th grade students. Discussion ensued regarding how and when this brochure will be distributed to 8th graders. It was noted that at the present time, only public schools will initially receive the supplement. It was stated that there could be a possibility of a website link to inform private schools of the information. A suggestion was offered that perhaps the schools can publish *Accler8* at their own expense.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Toups declared the meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.