

## **MINUTES**

### **BOARD OF REGENTS**

**December 10, 1998**

The Board of Regents met in regular session at 10:22 a.m., Thursday, December 10, 1998, in the Board of Regents' Auditorium, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chairman Harold Callais 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:**

Harold Callais, Chairman  
Mary Ella Sanders, Vice Chairman  
Richard D'Aquin, Secretary  
Michael Dees  
Reggie Dupre'  
John Georges  
Frances Henry  
Ron Roberts  
Norbert Simmons  
Pat Strong

#### **Absent:**

E. Edwards Barham  
John Keller  
George Luffey  
Roland Toups  
Ryan Gatti, Student Member

### **MINUTES APPROVED**

#### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 22, 1998

**On motion of Regent D'Aquin, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of October 22, 1998, as circulated.**

### **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE****EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 9, 1998**

On behalf of Chairman Callais, Mr. Donald Vandal, Deputy Commissioner for Administration, presented the Executive Committee Meeting Report of December 9, 1998.

**UPDATE ON DESEGREGATION SETTLEMENT**

Mr. Vandal reported that at 9:25 a.m. Chairman Callais announced that the Executive Committee would enter into Executive Session.

**On motion of Regent Georges, seconded by Regent Roberts, the Executive Committee voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with R.S. 42:6.1 (B) to discuss litigation matters.**

A roll call vote was taken.

Yes: Harold Callais, Mary Ella Sanders,  
(5) John Georges, Ron Roberts, Norbert Simmons

No: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: Richard D'Aquin, Michael Dees  
(2)

The Committee returned to regular session at 10:30 a.m. Chairman Callais announced that no motions were made and no votes were taken during Executive Session.

**UPDATE ON BATON ROUGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Mr. Vandal reported that no update was presented regarding Baton Rouge Community College.

**ADOPTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 9, 1998**

**On motion of Chairman Callais, seconded by Regent Dees, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Executive Committee Meeting Report of December 9, 1998, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 9, 1998

Regent Georges, Vice Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the Nominating Committee Meeting Report of December 9, 1998.

NOMINATION OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR 1999

**On motion of Regent Georges, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee to approve the following:**

**Chair: Mary Ella Sanders  
Vice Chair: Richard D'Aquin  
Secretary: William T. Roberts, Jr.**

**Executive Committee for 1999**

<b>Mary Ella Sanders, Chair</b>	<b>Regent Michael Dees</b>
<b>Richard D'Aquin, Vice Chair</b>	<b>Regent John Georges</b>
<b>Wm. T. Roberts, Jr., Secretary</b>	<b>Regent Pat Strong</b>
<b>Regent Harold Callais</b>	

**Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission (LASFAC) for 1999**

**Regent Frances Henry**

ADOPTION OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 9, 1998

**On motion of Regent Georges, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Nominating Committee Meeting Report of December 9, 1998, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

**SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 9, 1998

On behalf of Regent Georges, Chairman of the Sponsored Programs Committee, Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, presented the motions from the Sponsored Programs Committee Meeting Report of December 9, 1998.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT FUND ADVISORY AND PLANNING COMMITTEES RELATIVE TO THE SUPPORT FUND PLAN AND BUDGET FOR FY 1999-2000

**On motion of Regent Georges, seconded by Regent Dees, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to adopt the recommendations for the FY 1999-2000 Board of Regents Support Fund Plan and Budget as contained in Appendix B.**

FY 1998-99 FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS: THE PLANNING GRANTS FOR THE MAJOR INITIATIVES COMPONENT OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION EPSCoR PROGRAM

**On motion of Regent Georges, seconded by Regent Dees, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve FY 1998-99 Board of Regents Support Fund money in the amount of \$178,141 for the following three recommended proposals:**

- 1. "Planning Grant for NSF Center for Relativistic and High Energy Astrophysics," Dr. Michael Cherry, Department of Physics and Astronomy, LSU (highest funding priority, tie with #2); recommended funding: \$60,000**
- 2. "MONISA: Mobile and Wireless Networking, Information Systems and Applications," Dr. Niki Pissinou, Center for Advanced Computer Studies, USL (highest funding priority, tie with #1); recommended funding: \$60,000**
- 3. "Trenchless Technology: Planning for an Engineering Research Center," Dr. Raymond Sterling, Trenchless Technology Center, Louisiana Tech; recommended funding: \$58,141**

FY 1998-99 FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS: THE JOINT FACULTY APPOINTMENTS PROGRAM/SCIENCE EDUCATION COMPONENT OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION EPSCoR PROGRAM

**On motion of Regent Georges, seconded by Regent Sanders, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve funding for the four proposals submitted under the Joint Faculty Appointments Program/Science Education Component. (See Appendix C.)**

THE LOUISIANA COLLABORATIVE FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE PREPARATION OF TEACHERS

A. Funding Recommendations for FY 1998-99 Campus Renewal Projects

**On motion of Regent Georges, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve funding for the 21 proposals (see Appendix D) submitted to LaCEPT in FY 1998-99 per the recommendations and stipulations of the final report of the LaCEPT Statewide Proposal Review Committee. Total funds of \$528,050 are to be provided by the National Science Foundation. In some cases, funding is to be conditional upon receipt, review, and approval by the staff of campus responses that address specific concerns identified in the report.**

B. Cooperative Agreement with the University of Southwestern Louisiana

**On motion of Regent Georges, seconded by Regent Simmons, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the development of a cooperative agreement with the University of Southwestern Louisiana to continue evaluation activities associated with the LaCEPT program at the approximate level of \$92,000.**

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 9, 1998

**On motion of Regent Georges, seconded by Regent Simmons, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Meeting Report of December 9, 1998, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

**ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 9, 1998

On behalf of Regent Sanders, Chairman of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Dr. Carolyn Hargrave, Deputy Commissioner for Academic Affairs, presented the motions from the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Report of December 9, 1998.

PROPOSED NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

A. University of New Orleans - Ph.D. in Conservation Biology

**On motion of Regent Sanders, seconded by Regent Georges, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the proposed Ph.D. program in Conservation Biology (C.P. Code 26.0699) at the University of New Orleans, based on the University's commitment to address concerns of the external review committee regarding faculty and library resources and the affiliation agreement with the Audubon Center for Research of Endangered Species (ACRES).**

**By June 1, 2000, UNO shall submit to the Commissioner of Higher Education a report updating efforts of the University to implement this program consistent with recommendations of the external review committee.**

B. University of Southwestern Louisiana - B.S.B.A. in Business Systems Analysis and Technology

**On motion of Regent Sanders, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the proposed B.S.B.A. program in Business Systems Analysis and Technology (C.P. Code 52.1203) at the University of Southwestern Louisiana.**

C. Delgado Community College - Certificate in Legal Secretary

**On motion of Regent Sanders, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the proposed Certificate program in Legal Secretary (C.P. Code 52.0403) at Delgado Community College.**

PROPOSED LETTERS OF INTENT

A. Louisiana State University - B.S. in Biological Sciences

**On motion of Regent Sanders, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, 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 Biological Sciences (C.P. Code 26.0101) at Louisiana State University.**

B. Louisiana State University Medical Center/University of Southwestern Louisiana - Joint B.S. in Dental Hygiene

**On motion of Regent Sanders, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, 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 Joint B.S. program in Dental Hygiene (C.P. Code 51.0602) at the Louisiana State University Medical Center/University of Southwestern Louisiana, with the stipulation that the full proposal for this program shall address funding implications.**

**Actions of the Board of Regents relative to this item are subject to receipt of documentation from the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System which indicates its approval for this request.**

C. Louisiana State University Medical Center - Master of Neuroscience

**On motion of Regent Sanders, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, 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 Master of Neuroscience program (C.P. Code 26.0608) at the Louisiana State University Medical Center.**

PROPOSED NEW RESEARCH/ACADEMIC UNITS

A. Louisiana State University Medical Center - Early Intervention Institute

**On motion of Regent Sanders, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the proposed Early Intervention Institute at Louisiana State University Medical Center, based on the Medical Center's analysis that the Institute will increase coordination and fiscal efficiency, will not require additional State support, and will promote greater extramural funding.**

**During 2003-4, the Board of Regents shall examine whether this Institute has achieved these expectations and further determine whether there is a continued need for its existence.**

B. Southern University-Baton Rouge - Urban Recreation Research Center

**On motion of Regent Sanders, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student**

**Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the proposed Urban Recreation Research Center at Southern University-Baton Rouge, based on the following considerations: (1) a commitment from the National Park Service for a five-year grant to support Center operations; (2) a commitment from the University that no additional state funds or faculty positions will be required to operate the Center; and (3) the potential for the Center to generate additional external revenues for the University.**

**During 2003-4, the Board of Regents shall examine whether this Institute has achieved these expectations and further determine whether there is a continued need for its existence.**

**PROPOSED CURRICULAR REQUEST - LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER - REQUEST TO TERMINATE THE A.S. PROGRAM IN DENTAL HYGIENE**

**On motion of Regent Sanders, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the request from the Louisiana State University Medical Center to terminate the A.S. program in Dental Hygiene (C.P. Code 51.0602). The LSUMC is to be commended for the self-review which led to this request.**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS RELATIVE TO GRANTS PROPOSALS THROUGH THE FY 1998-99 BOARD OF REGENTS' DISTANCE EDUCATION INITIATIVE**

**On motion of Regent Sanders, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for 15 proposed projects through the FY 1998-99 Distance Education Initiative as recommended by external consultants.(See Appendix II.)**

**ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 9, 1998**

**On motion of Regent Sanders, seconded by Regent Dees, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Report of December 9, 1998, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

**FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

**FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 9, 1998**



On behalf of Regent Roberts, Chairman of the Facilities and Property Committee, Mr. Marvin Roubique, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Physical Facilities, presented motions from the Facilities and Property Committee Meeting Report of December 9, 1998.

CAPITAL PROJECTS COSTING LESS THAN \$300,000

LSU Agricultural Center

Sheep and Swine Building - Interior Painting  
\$140,800 State Funds

H. D. Wilson - Computer Lab Renovation and Stair Addition  
\$134,200 State Funds

Shop/Storage Building - Macon Ridge Research Station  
\$175,000 Other (Grants)

LSU and A&M College

Johnson Hall Basement Floor Renovation for Psychological Services  
\$290,606 Auxiliary Funds

**On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the projects.**

FACILITIES POLICY

**On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approved the revisions to policy 3.04.01 which clarifies the approval process for construction on the campuses in higher education.**

REQUEST FOR PROJECTS TO BE CONSIDERED BY INTERIM EMERGENCY BOARD

**On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to authorize the LSU System to request \$720,000 from the Interim Emergency Board for a project to provide temporary humidity control at the UNO Library.**

DISTRICT ENTERGY THERMAL SYSTEM AT LSU MEDICAL CENTER IN NEW ORLEANS

**On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to authorize the LSU Board of Supervisors and the LSU Medical Center-New Orleans to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the New Orleans Medical Complex, Inc. and Entergy Business Solutions, Inc. for the purpose of construction and operation of a District Entergy System to provide cost-effective cooling and heating to various health care facilities in New Orleans operated by the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and A&M College.**

PHASE II U.S. NAVY AND DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FACILITY AT UNO

**On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve Phase II of the project for the U.S. Navy and Department of Defense Facility at the UNO Research and Technology Park in New Orleans.**

HOTEL AT USL CONVENTION CENTER

**On substitute motion of Regent Dees, seconded by Regent Georges, the Board voted to approve the request that USL and the University of Louisiana System enter into a lease and/or cooperative endeavor agreement with the Sam Hamilton Company and Derek Development Corporation for the purpose of constructing a hotel adjacent to the Convention Center site and Cajundome, provided that the university annually set aside a portion of its income into a Reserve Account to provide for demolition or renovation of the hotel at the end of the lease. The amount of the fund is to be developed by the facility staffs of the Regents and University of Louisiana System. Further, the Board of Regents require that the project be submitted, prior to being started, for review and written approval by the Office of the Attorney General with particular emphasis on protecting the university and State in the event the developer and/or contractor commences and then fails to complete the construction of the project.**

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 9, 1998

**On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Dees, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Facilities Committee Meeting Report of December 9, 1998, as amended. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

**PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE**

PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 9, 1998

On behalf of Regent Dupré, Vice Chairman of the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee, Dr. Wayne Brown, Deputy Commissioner for Planning, Research, and Performance, presented motions from the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee Report of December 9, 1998.

ACT 129 OF 1991 (LICENSURE)

**On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to deny an operating license for Louisiana Baptist University. In accordance with Regents' regulations, the institution must cease admission of students immediately to its undergraduate and graduate business programs. The institution must also cease all advertising of the programs. Students currently enrolled in the business programs will have until the end of calendar year 1999 to complete degree requirements.**

**On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent Sanders, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to notify the Attorney General's office that the International Institutes for Science and Technology is no longer licensed by the Board of Regents and is therefore operating outside the limits of Louisiana law. Furthermore, the Regents are in full support of the Attorney General's efforts to take whatever legal action necessary to close the International Institutes for Science and Technology.**

**On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to instruct the staff to use the suggested letter from the Attorney General's office when acknowledging 501(c)(3) institutions of their registration. (See Appendix B.)**

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 9, 1998

**On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent Sanders, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Meeting Report of December 9, 1998, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

## **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER**

Commissioner E. Joseph Savoie commented on the newest type of internal communication memo that was recently sent to members of the Board to keep them up-to-date on various reform issues. He then reported on the following:

- Industrial Target Advisory Committee meeting held at LSU - October 26
- Meeting with Deans of Education regarding objectives for the Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning - October 29
- Kellogg Commission/UNO regional conference - November 3
- LOUIS dedication and reception at Southern University A&M - December 9
- Speaking at Grambling's commencement exercises - December 18
- Second meeting of the Community College Formula funding Task Force - December 14
- House Appropriations Committee on use of 8 (g) - January 7

He continued by stating that he had recently received a copy of the publication Quality in Higher Education which reviews reform initiatives throughout the country. Louisiana received very positive comments about adopting its accountability reporting standards. He then referred to the recent publication of LAMP (Louisiana Alliance for Minority Participation) and also to Bridging the Gap, a recent publication from the Association of Governing Boards.

In closing, Commissioner Savoie recognized former student member Michael Reese and Chairman Callais's family.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Regent Dees was recognized and referred to the KNOE-TV Editorial of December 8, 1998, and the positive comments regarding the Northeast Louisiana University audit. Chairman Callais recognized and thanked those members whose terms were expiring this year,

Regent D'Aquin, Regent Dupre, Regent Luffey, and Regent Simmons. He then recognized his wife, his daughter-in-law and three of his four sons, who were attending his last meeting as Board Chair.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Callais declared the meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.