

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

February 22, 2016

The Board of Regents met as a Committee of the Whole at 2:28 p.m., Monday, February 22, 2016, in the Lower Hospitality Room, Pennington Biomedical Research Conference Center, 6400 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Richard Lipsey called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Executive Assistant Carolyn Blanchard called the roll and a quorum was established.

Present for the meeting were:

Richard Lipsey, Chair

Edward Markle, Vice Chair

Joseph Farr, Secretary

Claudia Adley

Marty Chabert

Joel Dupré

William Fenstermaker

Thomas Henning

Robert Levy

Roy Martin III

William Gray Stream

Collis Temple III

Joseph Wiley

Absent for the meeting were:

Raymond Brandt

Chris Gorman

Patrick Harrington

Management Board Representatives:

LCTCS (absent)

Bobby Yarborough, LSU System

Ann Smith, SU System

Winfred Sibille, UL System

INSTALLATION OF REGENT JOSEPH FARR AS SECRETARY AND MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Regent Joseph Farr was sworn in by Dr. Uma Subramanian, Deputy Commissioner for Legal and External Affairs, as Secretary of the Board of Regents and as a member of the Executive Committee of the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 6, 2016

On motion of Regent Temple, seconded by Regent Dupré, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of January 6, 2016.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

All representatives of management boards in attendance were allowed to participate and vote on any matter before a standing committee as appropriate, as required by law.

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

Dr. Karen Denby, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, presented the Academic and Student Affairs agenda items of February 22, 2016.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Letter of Intent (MS in Environmental Resource Science at ULL)

On motion of Regent Fenstermaker, seconded by Regent Wiley, the Board, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, voted unanimously to approve the Letter of Intent to develop a proposal for a Master of Science in Environmental Resource Science at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

Proposed New Programs (AAS in Automotive Technology and AAS in Diesel Heavy Truck Technology at BRCC and the Graduate Certificate in Dietetic Internship at Nicholls State University)

On motion of Regent Farr, seconded by Regent Temple, the Board, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, voted unanimously to conditionally approve the Associate of Applied Science in Automotive Technology and the Associate of Applied Science in Diesel Heavy Truck Technology at Baton Rouge Community College, to begin in Fall 2016. By January 1, 2018, the institution will provide an update on enrollment and completion, as well as progress toward accreditation.

On motion of Regent Chabert, seconded by Supervisor Ann Smith, the Board, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, voted unanimously to approve the Graduate Certificate in Dietetic Internship at Nicholls State University.

Consolidations/Terminations (BS in Athletic Training and BS in Communicative Disorders from Nicholls State University)

On motion of Regent Chabert, seconded by Regent Dupré, the Board, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, voted unanimously to approve the consolidation of the Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training and the Bachelor of Science in Communicative Disorders into the existing Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences as concentrations, with termination of the separate degrees on the CRIN at Nicholls State University.

CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE

Center of Research Excellence (CRE) in Plant Biotechnology & Crop Development at LSU A&M & LSU AgCenter (reauthorization)

On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, voted unanimously to fully approve the continued designation of the Center of Research Excellence in Plant Biotechnology and Crop Development at LSU A&M and LSU AgCenter, with a report and proposal for continued designation as a CRE due by March 1, 2021.

Industrial and Process Technology Center for Workforce Excellence (CWE) at SOWELA Technical Community College (reauthorization)

On motion of Regent Stream, seconded by Regent Dupré, the Board, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, voted unanimously to fully approve the continued designation of the Industrial and Process Technology Center for Workforce Excellence at SOWELA Technical Community College, with a report and proposal for continued designation as a CWE due by May 1, 2021.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Regent Fenstermaker, seconded by Regent Martin, the Board, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, voted unanimously to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as listed below:

- 1. Routine Staff Reports**
 - a. Staff Approvals**
 - b. Progress Reports**
 - c. Letters of Intent/Proposals in the Queue**

LEGISLATIVE

Dr. Uma Subramanian, Deputy Commissioner for Legal and External Affairs, presented the Legislative agenda item of February 22, 2016.

2016 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Dr. Subramanian reminded the Board that the 2016 Regular Session begins on Monday, March 14, 2016 and adjourns on Monday, June 6, 2016. She reiterated that this upcoming session in March is not a fiscal session. Dr. Subramanian also spoke on the filing deadlines.

This update was for informational purposes only. No action was required.

LUMCON

Dr. Uma Subramanian, Deputy Commissioner for Legal and External Affairs, presented the LUMCON agenda item of February 22, 2016.

UPDATE ON LUMCON

Dr. Subramanian said the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium (LUMCON), created by state law, is a statewide entity with the primary function of conducting research and promoting education in the marine sciences and marine technology on the Louisiana Gulf Coast. She also spoke about the governance of LUMCON. She mentioned that for the past five years, the Board of Regents has been concerned about LUMCON's operational and financial model.

Dr. Subramanian reported that a comprehensive business plan was recently developed and adopted by LUMCON's Executive Board on October 29, 2015. The Business Plan discusses the executive leadership needed for LUMCON to succeed as a consortium and to meet its mission of excellence in research and education in marine sciences. LUMCON's Executive Board felt that the

role and responsibilities of the Executive Director are significantly different than are currently understood; therefore, a search for a new Executive Director is underway. Dr. Nancy Rabalais, the current Executive Director, is expected to continue to be an integral part of LUMCON as a researcher, but will not continue in her current capacity after June 30, 2016. A question and answer session followed.

This update was for informational purposes only. No action was required.

PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE

Dr. Larry Tremblay, Deputy Commissioner for Planning, Research and Academic Affairs, presented the Planning, Research and Performance agenda items of February 22, 2016.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent Martin, the Board, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee, voted unanimously to approve the items listed under the Consent Agenda:

R.S. 17:1808 (Licensure)

- **Initial License** (*Asbury Theological Seminary; Chatham University; Louisiana Culinary Institute; and the University of Mississippi Medical Center*)
- **License Renewals** (*Chicago School of Professional Psychology; Frontier Nursing University; and University of Cincinnati*)

Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission

- **Initial Licenses** (*Louisiana Healthcare Institute; Rosemond School of Phlebotomy; and Rosepine Louisiana Medical Training, LLC*)
- **License Renewals**
 - *Academy of Acadiana—Lake Charles (12/02/10)*
 - *Alexandria Dental Assistant School (12/08/11)*
 - *Allied Prep Technical Institute, LLC (12/11/14)*
 - *Divine Touch Healthcare Training, LLC (12/11/14)*
 - *ECO Training Center, LLC (12/08/05)*
 - *Fleur de'Lis Healthcare Institute (12/05/13)*
 - *Herzing University (12/07/95)*
 - *Infinity College, Inc. (12/02/10)*
 - *Learning Bridge Career Institute (12/02/10)*
 - *Legally Speaking (12/06/01)*

- *Martin International, Inc., of Louisiana (12/16/82)*
 - *NASCAR Technical Institute (12/05/02)*
 - *National Driving Academy (12/05/96)*
 - *Pelican Training Institution (12/08/11)*
 - *Tulsa Welding School (12/07/06)*
 - *Unitech Training Academy—Alexandria (12/04/08)*
 - *Unitech Training Academy—Metairie (12/08/11)*
- **SARA Institution Renewals** (*Louisiana State University and A&M College; McNeese State University; and the University of Holy Cross*)

GRAD ACT

- *Second Quarter Report of BoR GRAD Act Intervention Policy for SU Shreveport and SU System*

On motion of Regent Martin, seconded by Regent Dupré, the Board, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee, voted unanimously to approve the Second Quarter reports from Southern University at Shreveport and the Southern System authorizing the Southern University Board of Supervisors to release a portion of the funds to the system office and SUSLA on the predetermined schedule included in the GRAD Act Performance Improvement Contract and the Southern University System Improvement Plan.

OTHER BUSINESS

- State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) Update

The State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) is a voluntary agreement among regional compacts and member states that establishes comparable national standards for interstate offering of postsecondary distance education courses and programs. Louisiana joined SARA in December 2014. There are 14 approved institutions in Louisiana participating in SARA. The procedures to apply for participation and recent survey findings were discussed.

Questions arose about the possibility of raising the \$1,500 annual fee to participate in SARA, but it was noted that this would require a change in the statute.

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Ms. Carrie Roider, Associate Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, presented the Sponsored Programs agenda items of February 22, 2016.

REQUEST FOR BoRSF MATCHING OF FEDERAL PROPOSAL: NATIONAL NETWORK FOR MANUFACTURING INNOVATION (NNMI)

On motion of Regent Martin, seconded by Regent Markle, the Board, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Sponsored Programs Committee, voted unanimously to provide a cash match from previously unspent monies in the Board of Regents Support Fund. The amount of cash match provided shall not exceed \$300,000 (\$150,000 per year for two years). Matching funds are to be provided only if National Network for Manufacturing Innovation (NNMI) funding is received.

LSU HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER – SHREVEPORT: REQUEST TO REVISE ENDOWED CHAIR SCOPE AND QUALIFICATIONS

On motion of Regent Martin, seconded by Regent Dupré, the Board, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Sponsored Programs Committee, voted unanimously to approve the request from LSU Health Sciences Center – Shreveport to adjust the scope and qualifications of the Ike Muslow Chair in General Internal Medicine as specified in communications with the staff, to create the Ike Muslow Chair in Health Informatics.

BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT FUND: MANDATED FY 2015-2016 BUDGET REDUCTION

The Constitution permits the Governor to reduce statutory dedications by up to 5% when a deficit is declared. The Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget approved on February 15, 2016 a \$1,318,250 budget reduction to the BoR Support Fund.

This reduction can be accommodated through three program cuts:
\$600,000 from unrequested Endowed Graduate Student Scholarships
\$640,000 from unrequested Endowed Two-Year Workforce Scholarships
\$100,000 from the not-yet-initiated SURE subprogram

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REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Commissioner of Higher Education Joseph C. Rallo thanked Dr. Jeannine Kahn for her leadership since September 2010 as Assistant Commissioner for Academic Affairs at the Board of Regents. He said that Dr. Kahn will leave the Regents at the end of the month to begin her work at the University of Louisiana System.

Dr. Rallo said the Trusteeship Conference held earlier today was a success, and he thanked Dr. Subramanian for her role in organizing the conference.

Commissioner Rallo also thanked Regent Markle for participating recently in the New Orleans RalloTour. He said a public forum was held on the LSU Health Sciences Center campus. Dr. Rallo had addressed a gathering of students from around the greater New Orleans area and provided an overview of the state of higher education in Louisiana. Commissioner Rallo mentioned a visit to the Alexandria area was held on February 20, 2016.

Dr. Rallo said the mid-year budget cuts are still a major concern for higher education. There are many hurdles left for the remainder of this fiscal year and the next fiscal year. Commissioner Rallo said he and system presidents would testify before the Senate Committee on Finance on Wednesday, February 24, 2016.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Lipsey thanked everyone for their participation and engagement during this year's Trusteeship Conference. He noted there will be a "Higher Education Day at the Capitol" on Wednesday, February 24, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.