

**MINUTES
BOARD OF REGENTS
January 5, 2006**

The Board of Regents met in regular session at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, January 5, 2006, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, 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
Stanley Jacobs
Chris Jividen
Robert Levy
Mary Ellen Roy
Clifford Smith
Harold Stokes
Pat Strong, Secretary
Artis Terrell, Jr.
Roland Toups, Chair

Absent for the meeting were:

Ingrid Labat
W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr.
Virgil Robinson

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.

SWEARING IN OF NEW BOARD MEMBER, MS. MARY ELLEN ROY

Chair Roland Toups acknowledged the recent appointment of Ms. Mary Ellen Roy as a member of the Board of Regents. Mr. Toups mentioned that Ms. Roy is a resident of New Orleans and a partner in the Phelps Dunbar law firm. He noted that Ms. Roy replaces Mr. Reggie Dupré, Jr.

Ms. Connie Koury, Legal Counsel for the Board of Regents, administered the oath of office to Ms. Mary Ellen Roy.

MINUTES APPROVED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 8, 2005

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of December 8, 2005, as circulated.

AMENDMENT OF THE RULES

Chair Toups invited Regent Scott Brame, Chair of the Nominating Committee in December 2005, to speak regarding the amendment of the *Rules for the Internal Operation and the Transaction of Business for the Board of Regents for the State of Louisiana*. Mr. Brame reminded the Board that the Nominating Committee had met in December 2005 and recommended a slate of Board Officers along with members to the serve on the Executive Committee and two representatives from the Board of Regents to the Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission. He said in order for the current officers to serve one more year in their respective positions due to events transpiring from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the Regents' *Rules* would need to be amended.

After further discussion,

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to approve an amendment to the *Rules for the Internal Operation and the Transaction of Business for the Board of Regents for the State of Louisiana* to include the following language in Article III, Section 1.

The Board may allow an officer to succeed himself more than one time if the State has suffered a catastrophic event and the Board believes that it is in the best interest of postsecondary education to have one or more of its officers remain in office. The candidate who will be succeeding himself more than one time must be elected by a favorable vote of two-thirds of the members of the Board.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND SWEARING IN CEREMONY FOR 2006

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Blake, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following slate of officers for 2006:

Chair:	Roland Toups
Vice Chairman:	Frances Henry
Secretary:	Pat Strong

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Blake, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Executive Committee as follows for 2006:

Regent Roland Toups, Chair	Regent Stanley Jacobs
Regent Frances Henry, Vice Chair	Regent Robert Levy
Regent Pat Strong, Secretary	Regent Artis Terrell
Regent Richard D'Aquin	

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to approve Regent Frances Henry and Regent Pat Strong to serve as the Regents' representatives on the Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission (LASFAC) for 2006.

Next, Ms. Koury administered the Oath of Office as follows:

- (1) Officers for the year 2006:

Chair:	Roland Toups
Vice Chairman:	Frances Henry
Secretary:	Pat Strong

- (2) Executive Committee for the year 2006:

Roland Toups, Chairman	Stanley Jacobs
Frances Henry, Vice Chair	Robert Levy
Pat Strong, Secretary	Artis Terrell
Richard D'Aquin	

- (3) Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission

Frances Henry
Pat Strong

CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED ACADEMIC PLAN FOR SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY-NEW ORLEANS

Mr. Gerard Killebrew, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, gave background information on the proposed academic plan along with actions taken by the Southern University System, and the Board of Regents staff's recommendations and conclusions on the proposed plan.

1. Program Retentions

The System and University request that the following programs be retained:

BS - Elementary Education Grades 1-6
BS - Early Childhood Education
Bachelor of General Studies
BA - Psychology
BS - Criminal Justice
BA - Social Welfare
BA - Sociology
AA - Drug and Substance Abuse
BA - Substance Abuse
Master of Social Work
MA - Criminal Justice
MA - Museum Studies

He said the staff concurs with these requests, as all above are either currently productive, needed to fulfill SUNO's revised mission/objectives, and/or essential to meeting state/local educational needs. The following caveats are added:

- * The BS - Elementary Education Grades 1-6 and BS - Early Childhood Education shall maintain current National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) accreditation and State Department of Education approval.
- * The Bachelor of General Studies shall strictly adhere to requirements for such programs, as set forth in the Board of Regents Guidelines for General Studies Programs (approved 1986).
- * The BA - Social Welfare and Master of Social Work programs shall maintain current Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accreditation.

2. Program Terminations

The System and University request that the following programs be terminated:

BS - Middle School Education
BA - Art Education
BA - English Education Grades 6-12
BS - Mathematics Education Grades 6-12
BA - Instrumental Music Education
BA - Social Studies Education
BS - Biology Education Grades 6-12
BS - Chemistry Education Grades 6-12
BA - French Education Grades 6-12
BA - Spanish Education Grades 6-12
BA - English
BA - Spanish
BS - Mathematics
BS - Chemistry

BS - Physics
BS - Physics/Engineering
BA - Political Science
BA - Art
BS - Accounting
BA - History

Mr. Killebrew said the staff concurs with these requests. Programs to be deleted are primarily low-completer programs. Many are programs in secondary teacher education which are duplicated at the University of New Orleans. Some general education programs have also been recommended for termination, but necessary coursework in these areas will continue to be offered. The following caveats are added:

- * These program terminations shall be effective immediately.
- * The Board of Regents, the Southern University System, and Southern University-New Orleans will work together to ensure that continuing full-time students presently enrolled in terminated programs above shall be provided appropriate opportunities to complete their program of studies within a reasonable time frame.

3. Program Conversions

The System and University request the following program conversions:

- MA - Urban Education to MEd in Curriculum and Instruction with concentrations in Early Childhood Development and Elementary Education (This program must attain NCATE accreditation in five years, starting in 2006.)
- BS - Computer Information Systems to BS - Management Information Systems
- MS - Computer Information Systems to MS - in Management Information Systems (This program must attain accreditation through the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) in five years, starting in 2006.)
- BS - Business Administration to BS in Business Entrepreneurship (This program must attain AACSB accreditation in five years, starting in 2006.)

He said the staff concurs with this request, noting that program conversions shall promote a new, refined mission for the University. The following caveats are added:

- * Projected program conversions are not automatic. The Regents shall accept program conversion proposals without requirements for submittal of a Letter of Intent as early as March 15, 2006.
- * The University shall engage the services of an external NCATE consultant to advise during conversion of the MEd program. Consultant recommendations shall be fully incorporated in the program conversion proposal.
- * The MEd - Curriculum and Instruction program shall seek and maintain State Department of Education approval.

- * The required date for NCATE accreditation of the MEd - Curriculum and Instruction program shall be beginning Fall semester, 2011.
- * The University shall engage the services of an external AACSB consultant to advise during conversion of Business/MIS programs. Consultant recommendations shall be fully incorporated in program conversion proposals.
- * The required date for AACSB accreditation of the BS/MS - Management Information Systems and BS - Business Entrepreneurship programs shall be beginning Fall semester, 2011

4. Proposed New Programs

The System and University request the following new programs:

- BA - Human Development and Family Services (Faculty input may change the nature/title of this program somewhat, but any such changes must complement the new University mission.)
- BA - Public Administration
- BS - Medical Records Administration

Mr. Killebrew noted that the staff concurs with these requests noting that projected new programs shall promote a refined mission for the University. The following caveats are added:

- * Approval of projected new programs are not automatic. SUNO shall submit to the Board of Regents a proposal for each new program. The Regents shall accept program proposals without requirements for submittal of a Letter of Intent as early as March 15, 2006.
- * The Board of Regents staff must concur with any changes in focus, design, and/or title of the projected BA - Human Development and Family Services program before submittal of a program proposal.
- * The projected BS - Medical Records Administration degree shall be retitled BS - Health Information Management (HIM).
- * The University shall engage the services of an external consultant from the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIME) during development of a proposal for a new HIM degree. Consultant recommendations shall be fully incorporated in the program proposal. This program proposal shall also include significant involvement of and cooperation with the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-New Orleans.
- * The required date for CAHIIME accreditation of the projected BS - Health Information Management degree shall be beginning Fall semester, 2011.

Regent Brame commended President Ed Jackson of the Southern University System, the staff of SUNO and the Board of Regents' staff for their hard work.

Regent Strong also expressed thanks to SUNO and its staff for the proposal. He inquired how students will be able to complete their degrees if programs are terminated immediately. Mr. Killebrew said there are several options open for students: (1) SUNO will continue to offer required courses for degree completion on an “as-needed” and “as-resource available” basis; (2) courses can be taken at the University of New Orleans to complete a degree, (3) arrangements could be made at Southern University-Baton Rouge to finish a degree, or (4) the Sloan Foundation will allow students to take courses to finish degrees.

President Jackson thanked Commissioner Savoie and his staff for being receptive to new ideas and proposals. He indicated that discussions have been productive over the last couple of months, and he had learned to persevere under difficult circumstances. Dr. Jackson said for the last 50 years SUNO has been valuable to the state, and the current proposal will make SUNO even stronger. Dr. Jackson introduced Dr. Victor Ukpolo, Chancellor-Elect of Southern University-New Orleans. Dr. Ukpolo also expressed gratitude to Dr. Savoie and his staff for fruitful negotiations. He guaranteed academic excellence and accountability while moving New Orleans to greater heights.

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed academic changes at Southern University-New Orleans, including staff caveats, as outlined above.

Commissioner Savoie thanked Dr. Jackson, the Southern University Board of Supervisors and representatives from SUNO for their hard work. He said this is the first of a number of major changes foreseen for higher education in the state.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Dr. Savoie reported on the following items:

- Welcome to Ms. Mary Ellen Roy, newly appointed Board member.
- He thanked Mr. Reggie Dupré, Jr. for his service on the board and said he would be recognized at the February meeting.

- Louisiana has been ranked #1 for the second consecutive year by Education Week for Efforts to Improve Teacher Quality in the *2006 Quality Counts Report*.
- High School Redesign Regional Public Forums begin on January 10th starting in Monroe. He encouraged Board members to attend in their area.
- January 25 and 26 are the next regularly scheduled Committee and Board meetings.
- January 30 and February 1 are the dates set aside for the Louisiana Postsecondary Enrollment Recovery Workshop hosted by Noel Levitz.
- A hurricane relief package was signed by President Bush last week which provides \$95 million to be distributed among impacted institutions. In addition, \$10 million will be allocated to host institutions.
- Appreciation was expressed to the Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education (WICHE) for a check written to assist in recovery efforts in the amount of \$2,500.
- The Louisiana Public Facilities Authority (LPFA) sent a check for \$50,000 to assist in recovery efforts.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Regent Toups adjourned the meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.