

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

April 22, 2010

The Board of Regents met in session at 9:05 a.m., Wednesday, April 22, 2010, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Artis Terrell called the meeting to order. Executive Assistant Carolyn Blanchard called the roll and a quorum was established.

Present for the meeting were:

Artis Terrell, Jr., Chair
Robert Levy, Vice Chair
Mary Ellen Roy, Secretary
Charlotte Bollinger
Scott Brame
Richard D'Aquin
Maurice Durbin
Marc Guichard
Donna Klein
Ingrid Labat
Harold Stokes

Absent from the meeting were:

Robert Bruno
W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr.
Victor Stelly
Roland Toups
Joseph Wiley

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Terrell 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 MARCH 24 AND 25, 2010

On motion of Regent D'Aquin, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of March 24 and 25, 2010.

RETIREMENT RECOGNITION OF MR. GERARD KILLEBREW, FORMER ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS, BOARD OF REGENTS

Dr. Sally Clausen, Commissioner of Higher Education, recognized Mr. Gerard Killebrew, former Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, who recently retired. Dr. Clausen stated that Mr. Killebrew had served nearly 28 years with the Board of Regents. She said that Mr. Killebrew provided invaluable leadership in his role at the Board of Regents. Chair Terrell and Regent Roy, Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, both applauded Mr. Killebrew for his knowledge of academic matters. Commissioner Clausen and Regents Terrell and Roy presented him with a token of appreciation for his hard work and dedication. Mr. Killebrew thanked the Board and the staff for having the opportunity to work with them.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Brame, Chair of the Finance Committee, Mr. Craig Saporito, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Development, presented a motion from the Finance Committee Report of April 21, 2010.

PRESENTATION OF SENATE BILL 217 UNIFORM PRUDENT MANAGEMENT OF INSTITUTIONS FUNDS ACT BY MR. GEORGE MOSS, CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER, LSU FOUNDATION

Mr. Saporito said a presentation was given on Senate Bill 217 by Mr. George Moss, Chief Investment Officer for the Louisiana State University Foundation, regarding the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutions Funds act.

CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET ADJUSTMENT (BA-7) REQUEST

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve FY 2009-1010 Southern University Board of Supervisors BA-7 Number 5 which increases self-generated budget authority for two of the five campuses of the Southern University System in the amount of \$1,580,519.

UPDATE ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION BUDGET STATUS AND FUNDING ISSUES

Mr. Saporito said a review was given on (1) the Governor's limited hiring freeze from July 2009 and the expenditure freeze from March 2010; (2) the Commissioner of Administration's request for higher education to prepare a plan of action in the event budget projections continued to decline; and (3) the Revenue Estimating Conference's revised financial forecast.

REPORT FROM DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

Mr. Saporito said there was a brief discussion regarding the FY 2009-10 supplemental appropriations bill (House Bill 1358) as introduced by Representative Fannin.

ADOPTION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT APRIL 21, 2010

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Finance Committee Meeting Report of April 21, 2010. *(Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)*

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Durbin, Vice Chair of the Legislation Committee, Ms. Connie Koury, General Counsel, presented the Legislation Committee Report of April 21, 2010.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Ms. Koury said the following bills were discussed: (1) GRAD Act – SB 570 and HB 1171, (2) Disclosure for Boards and Commissions – SB 302, (3) Broadcast on the Internet – HB 402, (4) Administrative Procedures Act – SB 488, (5) Clarify Powers and Duties of the Board of Regents – SB 538, (6) Limitation of Liability for the Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and Universities – SB 713, (7) Gun Bills – SB 81 and HB 556, and (8) LCTCS legislation.

ADOPTION OF THE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE REPORT APRIL 21, 2010

On motion of Regent Durbin seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Legislation Committee Meeting Report of April 21, 2010. (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, Dr. Karen Denby, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, moved to dispense with the reading of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of April 21, 2010, and approve the following motions "in globo."

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee as follows:

PROPOSED NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAM

To grant conditional approval for the Associate of Science (A.S.) in Criminal Justice (CIP Code 43.0107) degree program at Fletcher Technical Community College effective the Fall 2010 semester. By September 1, 2010, a progress report is due updating efforts at faculty staffing.

PROGRAM TERMINATIONS

To terminate the following programs effective immediately:

- A. Southeastern Louisiana University – A.A. in Office Administration**
- B. Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at Shreveport – M.H.S. in Health Science**
- C. Fletcher Technical Community College: A.A.S. in Electronics Technology, and the corresponding certificates (C.T.S. in Basic Electronics Technician, and C.T.S. in Industrial Electronics Technician)**
- D. Baton Rouge Community College – A.G.S. in General Studies**
- E. Acadiana Technical College (Teche Campus) – A.A.S. in Care and Development of Young Children, and the corresponding diploma and certificates.**

REPORTS OF THE STAFF

Dr. Denby said updates were given on several items:

1. Academic Common Market (ACM) Annual Report 2009
2. Status of Progress Reports for Conditionally Approved Programs and Units
3. Status of Reviews of Proposed New Programs and Units
4. Staff Approval of Routine Academic Requests

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT
APRIL 21, 2010

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Report of April 21, 2010. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Levy, Chair of the Sponsored Programs Committee, Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, moved to dispense with the reading of the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of April 21, 2010, and approve the following motions “in globo.”

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Guichard, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Sponsored Programs Committee as follows:

BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT FUND PLANNING COMMITTEE AND EPSCoR
SUBCOMMITTEE NOMINATION

To approve Mr. Jason El Koubi as the Department of Economic Development’s representative on the BoRSF Planning Committee and the EPSCoR Subcommittee.

FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROPOSALS SUBMITTED IN THE FY 2009-10
BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT FUND (BoRSF) COMPETITIVE CYCLE

OVERVIEW

To approve the budget revisions and guiding principles as presented.

ENDOWED CHAIRS COMPONENT

To provide Support Fund money as necessary to complete the endowments for proposals ranked 1, 4, 9, 10, and 11 in the consultants’ report (i.e., Proposals 009EC, 007EC, 004EC, 001EC, and 006EC). The Board hereby approves providing Support Fund money as necessary to complete the endowments for Restricted Bequest Proposals 016EC and 017EC. All proposals shall comply with the written stipulations of consultants as a condition of funding. The Commissioner shall act for the Board in determining if compliance has been achieved.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COMPONENT

To approve the following procedure for funding in the R&D Program during FY 2009-10: While the amount of money that will ultimately be available to fund first-year activities in all R&D projects will almost certainly be far less than the \$3,059,961 which would be required to fund all projects placed in Priority I by consultants, adherence to the following principles shall be uniformly enforced: All R&D proposals shall be funded in rank order at the levels and the durations and with the stipulations recommended by consultants until the funds designated for each component have been exhausted. Further, (1) if the remaining money in the budget for a particular component is insufficient to fully fund the last recommended proposal for that component, the remaining funds shall constitute the total award for that proposal; (2) should an institution refuse or be denied an award, or should FY 2009-10 money be returned from previously funded Research and Development contracts, that money shall be offered to the next ranked proposal which the consultants recommended for Priority I funding within the respective subprogram, subject to the availability of funds; and (3) if there are no remaining Priority I proposals in a particular subprogram the money shall be awarded, in descending rank order, to Priority I proposal(s) in another R&D subprogram.

ENHANCEMENT OF THE QUALITY OF DEPARTMENTS OR UNITS COMPONENT

ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIPS

To approve the provision of \$1,520,000 from the Support Fund as matching funds for up to two professorships for each four-year institution and one professorship per two-year institution, as submissions warrant. Approval is also granted to Louisiana College for the purpose of submitting additional documentation after the March 31, 2010 deadline.

TRADITIONAL AND UNDERGRADUATE ENHANCEMENT, AND THE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM FOR TWO-YEAR INSTITUTIONS

To approve the following procedure in funding Enhancement projects during FY 2009-10: While the \$4,098,466 recommended by consultants for expenditure in Traditional Enhancement, the \$1,620,000 recommended for expenditure in the Undergraduate Program, and the \$1,080,000 recommended in the Enhancement Program for Two-Year Institutions this fiscal year will be significantly reduced, the following principles shall apply: (a) all Support Fund money shall be awarded in rank order and at funding levels and with stipulations recommended by consultants; (b) if the remaining money in the budget for a particular component or discipline is insufficient to fully fund the last recommended proposal for that component or discipline the remaining funds shall constitute the total award for that proposal; and (c) should an institution refuse or be denied an award, that money shall be awarded to the next highest-ranked proposal within that component or discipline.

FIRST GENERATION ENDOWED UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

To approve all FY 2009-10 applications submitted under the First Generation Endowed Undergraduate Scholarships Program.

RECRUITMENT OF SUPERIOR GRADUATE STUDENTS COMPONENT*TRADITIONAL GRADUATE FELLOWS AND GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS FOR TEACHERS*

To approve funding reductions in this component. The ten top-ranked proposals submitted in the FY 2009-10 cycle for the Recruitment of Superior Graduate Students Program Traditional Component shall be funded for the durations and at levels which consultants recommended. The three Graduate Fellowships for Teachers proposals shall be funded at the levels recommended by consultants.

BoR/SREB GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS TO PROMOTE DIVERSITY PROGRAM

To approve funding reductions in this component. The three top-ranked proposals submitted in the FY 2009-10 cycle for the BoR/SREB Graduate Fellowships to Promote Diversity Program shall be funded for the duration and at the levels which consultants recommended.

CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR BUDGETARY SHORTFALL/OVERAGE

To approve the following budgetary contingency plan: Should the final FY 2009-10 Support Fund budget not achieve the revised amount budgeted herein, any shortfall shall be accommodated through a proportionate reduction in the amounts allocated for proposals in the various Enhancement Program components. Should funds in excess of the revised amount budgeted be received, money shall be awarded in rank order to proposals in the various Enhancement Program components on a pro rata basis.

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT APRIL 21, 2010

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Meeting Report of April 21, 2010. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Stokes, Chair of the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee, Dr. Larry Tremblay, Associate Commissioner for Planning and Research, moved to dispense with the reading of the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee Report of April 21, 2010, and approve the following motions "in globo."

LICENSURE

To approve an initial license for a Baton Rouge branch of Virginia College, headquartered in Birmingham, Alabama.

To approve the request for license renewal for Central Texas College, operating at Fort Polk, Louisiana.

TOPS/TOPS TECH CURRICULA PROPOSED CHANGES

To approve the following modifications to the TOPS curriculum: Applied Algebra I (Course Code #160331) to substitute for Algebra I and Applied Geometry (Course Code # 160332) to substitute for Geometry.

To approve the following modifications to the TOPS Tech curriculum: Senior Applications in English (Course Code #120337) to replace Business English and Add Math Essentials (Course Code # 160351) to the advanced math category.

ADMISSION CRITERIA FRAMEWORK

To approve the revised Admissions Criteria Framework as presented.

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE REPORT APRIL 21, 2010

On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee Meeting Report of April 21, 2010. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE
COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

Dr. Clausen said the first portion of her report would highlight individuals who are examples of the positive effect of education and how it has the power to transform lives.

Dr. Clausen introduced Ms. Rhonda Kalifey-Aluise, Executive Director, Knowledge is Power Program (KIPP), a charter group in New Orleans. Commissioner Clausen said this program had a dramatic impact on students in New Orleans after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Dr. Clausen noted that KIPP currently operates five schools in New Orleans. Dr. Clausen pointed out that this program develops strong school leaders and exposes students to college at

an early age with the expectation that students will attend an institution of higher education and earn a college degree.

Ms. Kalifey-Aluise stressed that KIPP's mission is to graduate 1,000 first-generation college graduates by 2022. She also explained that KIPP is a college preparatory, open enrollment, public charter school which prepares the underserved students for success not only in college but also life. Ms. Kalifey-Aluise said plans include 5 additional schools in the New Orleans area by 2012. She then introduced Mr. Brian Dassler who currently serves as the Director of KIPP Through College and will become the principal of KIPP's Renaissance High School this fall.

Mr. Dassler stated that KIPP is a college readiness program which instills in students the ability to succeed, the ability to persist, and the ability to pay. He noted that the enrollment will be 149 when Renaissance High School opens in the fall, and this is the first high school in Louisiana with a waiting list. He next introduced Ms. Michelle Brooks, a junior at Lutheran High School, who has been a KIPP student.

Ms. Brooks discussed her personal experience as a KIPP student and her recent tour of 10 different colleges sponsored by KIPP. She noted that she was able to participate in an English 101 class during her visit at Northwestern State University. Ms. Brooks said that in class the book that was being discussed was a book she had read while in KIPP and she was able to answer some of the questions. A question and answer period followed.

Regent Roy mentioned that the first KIPP school she visited was in New York and inquired what higher education could do to assist KIPP and other high schools in Louisiana to educating first-generation college students. Mr. Dassler said it was important to give presentations like today in order to get the information out to other parents and students. Mr. Dassler informed the Board that KIPP school days run from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and there are also Saturday classes and summer programs.

Dr. Clausen next introduced Mr. Devon Wade, a junior attending Louisiana State University and A&M College(LSU A&M), along with Dr. Drew Arms, Director of Fellowship Advising. She noted that Mr. Wade was one of 60 winners nationwide of the prestigious national Truman Scholarship. Dr. Clausen said Mr. Wade is the only Louisiana recipient this year to win the award. She noted that he is also the first African-American student from LSU A&M and the only student not enrolled in the LSU Honors College to win this award. She mentioned that he works with a group called “No More Victims” which assists children whose parents are in prison.

Mr. Wade mentioned that despite the fact that both his parents were incarcerated as he grew up, he did not let that obstacle keep him from placing education first in his life. He said that even though his ACT score was not the best, the resources provided to him and the staff at LSU A&M helped his dream of being a first-generation college student come true. Mr. Wade said his mother recently graduated from a community college. A brief question and answer ensued. Dr. Clausen noted that the Truman scholarship included \$30,000 to be used toward pursuing a graduate degree.

Next, Dr. Clausen recognized Dr. Randy Webb, President, Northwestern State University (NSU), and Dr. Joe Ben Welch, Chancellor, River Parish Community College (RPCC). Dr. Webb introduced Ms. Christine Broussard, who began attending NSU three years ago as a working wife and mother. Ms. Broussard said she thought her challenges would make her goal of graduating unattainable, but in talking with staff at NSU, she learned about an online degree. Ms. Broussard said she graduated in December 2009 and now is enrolled in the Master of Arts in Adult Education.

Dr. Welch introduced Ms. Sherry Luquette, a non-traditional student. Ms. Luquette said that at the age of 40, she was laid off from her job. She said she felt hopeless but enrolled in

RPCC and expects to earn her Associate degree next year and then transfer to Southeastern Louisiana University.

Dr. Clausen stated that today's students represent those whose lives have improved by placing education first, but the work of the Board of Regents continues for those trying to achieve their dreams of college graduation. She said that today approximately 500 middle school students are at Louisiana Tech University learning about a new online tool to help middle and high school students to prepare for and attend college. Commissioner Clausen said the online tool is a website (www.KnowHow2GoLouisiana.org) funded by a College Access Challenge Grant through the U.S. Department of Education. She said a video of this event will be shown to the Board at a later date.

Dr. Clausen stated that the campaign pushes students to: (1) plan for college and enlist adult support, (2) focus on their academic preparation, (3) research to find the college that is right for them, and (4) find financial aid and scholarships. She said that Louisiana is one of 15 states participating in the "Know How to Go" campaign in partnership with the Lumina Foundation, Ad Council and American Council on Education.

Dr. Clausen updated the Board on the following items:

1. Met with system heads, Governor's staff and legislators regarding budget and legislative session
2. Senate Education Hearing was held on March 31st
3. Articulation update and Legislative Hearings regarding Senator Nevers' bill to strengthen the Regents
4. Attended the SREB College Completion Conference April 12-13
5. Early Childhood Summit in Lafayette was held on April 16
6. LA ePortal Stakeholder meeting was April 19
7. Senate Finance met April 21
8. Hosted a lunch for Regents' Administrative Assistants today

OTHER BUSINESS

MEMBERSHIP OF THE LOUISIANA OPTICAL NETWORK INITIATIVE (LONI)
MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Dr. Clausen introduced Ms. Beth Courtney, President and Chief Executive Officer, Louisiana Public Broadcasting; Mr. Donald Vandal, Executive Director, Louisiana Optical Network Initiative; and Ms. Connie Koury, General Council, Board of Regents. Ms. Koury briefly explained the history of LONI.

Mr. Vandal noted that LONI is a state-of-the-art, fiber optics network that runs throughout Louisiana and connects Louisiana and Mississippi research universities to one another. He said the Louisiana Public Broadcasting (LPB) partnership will extend LONI's network.

After further discussion,

On motion of Regent Guichard, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board unanimously voted to approve amending the Louisiana Optical Network Initiative (LONI) Management Council membership to include Louisiana Public Broadcasting. The staff is directed to take the necessary actions to include Louisiana Public Broadcasting as a voting member of the LONI Management Council.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.