

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

May 27, 2004

The Board of Regents met in regular session at 9:10 a.m., Thursday, May 27, 2004, in the Louisiana Purchase Room of the Claiborne Building, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Vice Chair Frances Henry 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:

William Blake
Scott Brame
Richard D'Aquin
Frances Henry, Vice Chair
Stanley J. Jacobs
Robert Levy
W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr.
Clifford Smith
Artis Terrell, Jr.

Absent:

Reggie Dupré
William Oliver
Virgil Robinson, Jr.
Pat Strong, Secretary
Roland Toups, Chair
Adonis Ducreé, Student Member

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Vice Chair Henry noted that no written requests were received for public comments and inquired if the audience had any comments at this time. There were none.

MINUTES APPROVEDAPPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF APRIL 22, 2004

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of April 22, 2004, as circulated.

PRESENTATIONS

Vice Chair Henry and Dr. E. Joseph Savoie, Commissioner of Higher Education, presented a gift to Mr. Mike Galloway, Associate Commissioner for Finance, upon his retirement after 31 years of state service with employment of 27 ½ years at the Board of Regents.

GRADUATE STUDIES AT SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AT NEW ORLEANS

Ms. Helen Johnson, Special Master for Desegregation, introduced Dr. Press Robinson, Chancellor of Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO). Dr. Robinson thanked the Board for showing its support since the beginning of the desegregation settlement agreement. He next introduced Dr. Leetta Allen-Haynes, Dean of the Graduate Studies Program who noted that, in accordance with the mandates of the Desegregation Settlement Agreement, SUNO has implemented four masters degree programs – Computer Information Systems, Criminal Justice, Museum Studies and Urban Education. She then introduced the directors of each graduate program. Dr. Haynes shared a power point presentation outlining the activities and highlights of Southern University at New Orleans' Graduate Studies Program. Dr. Savoie complimented those present for the quick progress made toward implementing these programs in such a short period of time.

LOUISIANA GENE THERAPY RESEARCH CONSORTIUM

Dr. Paul Whelton from Tulane University Health Sciences Center, Dr. Mary Ella Sanders from the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-New Orleans, and Dr. John McDonald from the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-Shreveport presented a

report entitled *The Impact of Innovation* in a power point presentation. Dr. Whelton noted that in the Louisiana's 20 year master plan, *Vision 2020*, Gene Therapy has been identified as a critical factor in the State's future economic success.

Dr. Sanders noted the three objectives of the Louisiana Gene Therapy Research Consortium are science, commercialization and education. She said that the state has invested over \$20 million into the Louisiana Gene Therapy Research Consortium since its inception. Dr. Whelton stated that the Consortium has been awarded \$48.5 million in grants with \$37.4 million in grants pending. He continued by saying that 170 new jobs have been created. He also stated that construction of a Clinical Manufacturing Facility (CMF) is underway and would be completed by the end of 2005 or early 2006.

Dr. Sanders thanked Mr. Donnie Vandal, Deputy Commissioner for Administration, and Regent Virgil Robinson for their guidance and support at many of the Consortium's meetings. Dr. Whelton said that the Consortium has attracted the best of scientists, and the program has positioned Louisiana on the map of recognition. Dr. Savoie stated that the Consortium had validated the argument that investment in education is an investment in economic development.

EDUCATIONAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT SYSTEM (EPAS) DATA RESULTS FOR 2003-04

Dr. Jimmy Clarke, Deputy Commissioner for Planning, Research and Performance, introduced Ms. Carolyn Kostelecky, Assistant Vice President and Mr. Glen Gullikson, Director, School and Career Services of the ACT staff, serving Louisiana. Ms. Kostelecky noted that the purposes of the Louisiana EPAS were to raise academic standards, expand college access and success for all students consistent with the Master Plan; to improve student preparation for important transitions; to foster effective school improvement programs; and to improve articulation between secondary and post secondary education/training. She explained that the

four components of Louisiana EPAS are assessment, student planning, instructional support, and evaluation. Dr. Clarke informed the Board that on June 11, 2004, there will be a meeting with the Louisiana Association of School Superintendents and each school district would be provided its Linkage Data Report. Dr. Savoie stated that the most recent *Education Trust Report, May 2004*, highlighted five universities which had improved their graduation rates. He continued by noting that Louisiana Tech University was one of the five universities that had increased their graduation rate from 35 percent to 55 percent.

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Blake, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, Mr. Gerard Killebrew, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, presented motions from the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of May 26, 2004.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS RELATIVE TO PHASE II: 2004 REVIEW OF LOW-COMPLETER PROGRAMS

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to adopt the following:

- 1. The 9 programs listed in Chart I shall be recognized as productive programs. As a result, these programs shall be eliminated from the 2004 Review of Low-Completer Programs and appropriate changes made to the Board of Regents' Completer Files.**
- 2. Institutional rationales for the 4 programs listed in Chart II from the 2004 Review of Low-Completer Programs shall be accepted as Programs Which Meet Requirements for Productivity Through Aggregation With Other Closely Related Programs. As a result, these programs shall be eliminated from further low-completer review. These programs shall be maintained and strengthened.**
- 3. The 1 program listed in Chart III shall be eliminated from further low-completer review. This program had been terminated by previous Board action.**

4. **The 23 programs listed in Chart IV shall be terminated as non-productive programs, effective immediately. As a result, affected institutions shall cease all enrollment into these programs. Students enrolled currently in a terminated program should be allowed to complete their program of studies in accordance with established institutional/system rules which address this issue.**

PROPOSED LETTERS OF INTENT

LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY - PH.D. IN INDUSTRIAL-ORGANIZATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Brame, 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 Ph.D. program in Industrial-Organizational Psychology (CIP Code 42.0901) at Louisiana Tech University, effective immediately.

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY-BATON ROUGE - B.A. IN WOMEN'S STUDIES

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 grant approval for the proposed Letter of Intent for the projected B.A. program in Women's Studies (CIP Code 05.0207) at Southern University-Baton Rouge, effective immediately. Any forthcoming program proposal as result of this Letter of Intent shall specifically address possible unnecessary program duplication with existing similar programs at LSU and UNO.

PROPOSED NEW ACADEMIC RESEARCH CENTER - LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AND A&M COLLEGE - CENTER FOR COMPUTATION AND TECHNOLOGY (CCT)

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 grant full, five-year approval for the proposed Center for Computation and Technology at LSU A&M, effective immediately. Given the importance of this venture, an implementation report shall be submitted to the Commissioner of Higher Education by June 1, 2005.

PROGRESS REPORTS ON CONDITIONALLY APPROVED PROGRAMS

NICHOLLS STATE UNIVERSITY

B.S. in Geomatics

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Smith, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the AY 2003-2004 Progress Report from Nicholls State University Relative to Implementation of the Bachelor of Science Program in Geomatics. A second progress report addressing continuing faculty needs and resources shall be due by June 1, 2005.

M.S. in Community/Technical College Mathematics

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Smith, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the AY 2003-2004 Progress Report from Nicholls State University Relative to Implementation of the M.S. Program in Community and Technical College Mathematics. When the University has submitted documentation that an additional faculty member with a Ph. D. in Mathematics has been hired, the Board of Regents shall immediately consider an implementation date for this program. Further, a second progress report addressing other previously cited staff concerns shall be due by April 1, 2005.

LOUISIANA DELTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE - A.S. IN NURSING

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Smith, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the AY 2003-2004 Progress Report from Louisiana Delta Community College Relative to the A.S. in Nursing. The next progress report shall be due January 15, 2005.

LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY - DOCTOR OF AUDIOLOGY

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the AY 2003-2004 Progress Report from Louisiana Tech University Relative to Hiring of New Faculty to Staff the Doctor of Audiology Program. As a result of this report, the University is hereby authorized to begin offering this program starting Fall Quarter, 2004. The due date for receipt of a progress report on program implementation is hereby extended to January 15, 2005.

UNIVERSITY OF NEW ORLEANS - M.S. IN HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM
MANAGEMENT

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the AY 2003-2004 Progress Report From the University of New Orleans Relative to Implementation of the M.S. Program in Hospitality and Tourism Management. As no further progress reports are deemed necessary, the program is hereby fully approved.

PROGRESS REPORTS ON CONDITIONALLY APPROVED CENTERS

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT LAFAYETTE - CENTER FOR BUSINESS AND
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES (CBIT)

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 receive the AY 2003-2004 Progress Report From the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Relative to Implementation of the Center for Business and Information Technologies. The next progress report shall be due July 1, 2006.

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AND A&M COLLEGE - CENTER FOR VIRTUAL
ORGANIZATION AND COMMERCE

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Smith, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the AY 2003-04 Status Report From Louisiana State University and A&M College Relative to Implementation of the Center for Virtual Organization and Commerce (CVOC). Based on this report, the Center is hereby reauthorized through June 1, 2007. By that date, the CVOC shall submit an implementation report to the Commissioner of Higher Education which describes the status of its research initiatives and the details of its financial condition.

PROPOSED CURRICULAR REVISION - UNIVERSITY OF NEW ORLEANS - REQUEST
TO TERMINATE THE B.A. PROGRAM IN PSYCHOLOGY

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to terminate the B.A. program in Psychology (CIP Code 42.0101) at the University of New Orleans, effective immediately.

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING
REPORT OF MAY 26, 2004

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 May 26, 2004, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Blake, Vice Chair of the Facilities and Property Committee, Mr. Rich Griswold, Associate Commissioner for Facilities, presented motions from the Facilities and Property Committee Report of May 26, 2004.

SMALL CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

On a motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, 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.

**Louisiana State University and
A&M College**
Burden Oak Parking Lot - (Reapproval)
\$343,400 in Auxiliary Funds

Northwestern State University (continued)
Installation of Water, Sewer, Fire Protection
for Development of Organizational Row
\$225,000 from Land Sale

Northwestern State University
Dorm Room Smoke Detectors
\$175,000 from Other - Self-Generated
Funds

Delgado Community College
Communication Department Relocation
\$172,000 in State Funds

Resident/Commuter Lot Overlay Project
\$225,000 from Vehicle Registration Fees

Relocation of IT Department to Building 10
\$346,000 from State Funds

AMENDMENTS TO CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET RECOMMENDATION FOR FY 2004-05

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT MONROE

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to amend its FY 2004-2005 Capital Outlay Budget Recommendation to combine the Renovation of Sandal Hall and the Academic Services Center Renovation at the University of Louisiana in Monroe. The new budget for the

project is \$8,830,000 including \$500,000 provided by the institution from Self-Generated sources.

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AND A&M COLLEGE

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to amend its FY 2004-2005 Capital Outlay Budget Recommendation to increase the budget of the Cultural and Heritage Center at Southern University and A&M College from \$1,296,000 to \$2,500,000, utilizing self-generated funding sources.

PROJECT UTILIZING ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF FINANCING

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the request to combine, for the purpose of financing only, the projects to construct housing utilizing alternative means of financing and to Renovate the Student Union Building on the campus of the University of Louisiana in Monroe.

ACT 959 PROJECTS

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the Act 959 projects as presented by staff.

Louisiana State University and A&M College

Student Health Center Second Floor
Renovation
\$575,000 from Self-Generated Funds

Warehouse and Drive/Parking Infrastructure
\$760,000 from Self-Generated Funds

LEASES

RIVER PARISHES COMMUNITY COLLEGE

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Smith, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the lease of up to 12,000 GSF of new classroom and office space at River Parishes Community College from A & T Enterprises, Inc., utilizing the same terms and conditions as in the original 1999 lease for the institution.

LOUISIANA TECHNICAL COLLEGE

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Smith, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the leasing of approximately four acres of property with 200 linear feet fronting Bayou Boeuf from the H B Young Foundation at a cost of \$25,000 per year for a term of five years with options to renew for additional five-year terms for use in Marine Operations education by the Young Memorial Technical College campus of the Louisiana Technical College. Approval is based on the provision that the H B Young Foundation donate \$200,000 to bulkhead the shoreline.

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY-ALEXANDRIA

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee as amended to approve the request by the Louisiana State University System to lease 4,527 GSF of space at LSU at Alexandria to Follett Higher Education Group, Inc., provided that Follett make improvements at a cost of approximately \$175,000 and operate the premises as a bookstore. Term of the lease is for five years, renewable for one additional five-year term. Follett will pay rental amounting to the larger of \$150,000 for years one through five and \$175,000 for years six through ten, or 9.2% of gross sales up to \$1,500,000, plus 9.7% of gross sales from \$1,500,000 to \$3,000,000, plus 10.2% of gross sales in excess of \$3,000,000, and other minor considerations identified by contract. Approval by the Board of Regents is contingent upon approval by the Louisiana State University Board of Supervisors at a subsequent meeting.

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF
MAY 26, 2004

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Meeting Report of May 26, 2004, as amended. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Brame, member of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee, Dr. Jimmy Clarke presented motions from the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Report of May 26, 2004.

BOARD OF REGENTS' 2004-2005 GENERAL EDUCATION, BUSINESS, AND BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES ARTICULATION MATRICES AND STUDENT TRANSFER GUIDES

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Blake, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to adopt the Board of Regents' 2004-05 General Education Articulation Matrix and Student Transfer Guide, Board of Regents' 2004-05 Business Articulation Matrix and Student Transfer Guide, and the Board of Regents' 2004-05 Biological Sciences Articulation Matrix and Student Transfer Guide.

Dr. Clarke informed the Board that Dr. Lisa Smith-Vosper, Assistant Commissioner for Accountability and Workforce Initiatives, would be demonstrating the Regents' E-Matrix to an upcoming Senate Education Committee meeting.

LICENSURE

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to renew the licenses of the following institutions:

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| 1. Northwood University | 4. Upper Iowa University |
| 2. Nova Southeastern University | 5. Wiley College |
| 3. Southern Illinois University | 6. William Carey College |

PROPRIETARY SCHOOLS

EASTERN COLLEGE OF HEALTH VOCATIONS--SHREVEPORT

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Blake, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve an initial operating license for Eastern College of Health Vocations--Shreveport.

IT JOBS TRAINING CENTERS, L.L.C.

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve an initial operating license for IT Jobs Training Centers, L.L.C., located in New Orleans, Louisiana.

VIRGINIA COLLEGE-TECHNICAL

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Blake, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve an initial operating license for Virginia College -- Technical, located in Pelham, Alabama.

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Blake, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to renew the licenses of the following proprietary schools (initial license date in parentheses):

Ascension College (4/22/99)
At-Home Professions (4/22/99)
Becker-Conviser Professional Review- Lafayette (4/22/99)
CBS Computer Training (5/23/02)
Clinton Technical Institute (4/23/98)
Coastal College-Lafayette (4/23/98)
CompUSA-Metairie (5/23/02)
Delta School of Business and Technology (5/6/80)
Delta Training Academy, Inc. (4/23/98)
Dental Dynamics, Inc. (4/25/96)
Diesel Driving Academy, Inc.-New Orleans (4/22/99)
Kaplan, Inc. - Shreveport (4/21/93)
Lenora School of Phlebotomy (4/28/94)
MedVance Institute (5/25/00)
Ouachita Truck Driving Academy, LLC (5/22/03)
Rhema Training Center (4/25/96)
Ruth Cook's School of Computer Operations, Inc (4/27/95)
Sclafani's Cooking School (4/28/94)
Southeast Career Academy (04/26/90)
Southern Security School, Inc. (04/23/98)
Unitech Training Academy (4/24/97)
Universal Technical Institute of Texas (4/20/84)
Verbatim Academy of Court Reporting (4/27/89)

Dr. Clarke also noted several additional items of interest that were presented:

- (1) Ms. Theresa Hay, Assistant Commissioner for Planning and Research, had reviewed TOPS data required by ACT 1202 of the 2001 Regular Session, including historical data from the Fall 1998 cohort;
- (2) Ms. Heather Devall, Louisiana's EPAS Coordinator, commented on the number of schools participating in the Regents' Scholar Program and number of certificates awarded;

- (3) The draft report regarding delivery of educational services in the Northshore area by Dr. Dennis Jones from NCHEMS will be distributed to the Board of Regents next week; and
- (4) The Planning, Research and Performance staff will participate in a Leadership Workshop in Alexandria on June 4-5, 2004, conducted by Noel-Levitz.

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MAY 26, 2004

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Blake, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Meeting Report of May 26, 2004, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

LEARNING CENTERS COMMITTEE

LEARNING CENTERS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MAY 26, 2004

On behalf of Regent Terrell, Chair of the Learning Centers Committee, Dr. Jimmy Clarke presented motions from the Learning Centers Committee Report of May 26, 2004.

COMPRESSED VIDEO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

On motion of Regent Terrell, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Learning Centers Committee to approve the compressed video policies and procedures.

REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

On motion of Regent Terrell, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Learning Centers Committee to approve the appointment of Myron Lawson and Dr. Bill Morrison to the Center's Regional Advisory Council.

REPORT FROM THE DEAN

Dr. Clarke noted that Dr. Marjorie Taylor, Dean of the Learning Center for Rapides Parish, discussed the following issues with the Committee.

- (1) An educational needs assessment project is being conducted in collaboration with the Louisiana Technical College;

- (2) Northwestern State University's summer classes began on May 17;
- (3) Louisiana Tech University held an informational meeting about its Master of Business Administration on May 20th;
- (4) The Center's marketing brochure; and
- (5) The Center received the Rotary Recognition from the Downtown Alexandria Rotary Club and honored as a tremendous asset for the Central Louisiana region.

ADOPTION OF THE LEARNING CENTERS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MAY 26, 2004

On motion of Regent Terrell, seconded by Regent Blake, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Learning Centers Committee Meeting Report of May 26, 2004, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Levy, Chair of the Legislation Committee, Mr. Donnie Vandal presented the Legislation Committee Report of May 26, 2004.

Mr. Vandal said an update was provided on the status of the state budget and a review was given of Senate Bill 629 (ACT 35 of the 2004 Regular Session), relative to authority for Regents to advertise for purposes of the Master Plan and for learning centers.

ADOPTION OF THE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MAY 26, 2004

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopted the Legislation Committee Meeting Report of May 26, 2004. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEEXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MAY 26, 2004

On behalf of Regent Henry, Vice Chair of the Executive Committee, Deputy Commissioner Vandal presented motions from the Executive Committee Report of May 26, 2004.

LOUISIANA OPTICAL NETWORK INITIATIVE UPDATE (LONI)

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Blake, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee as follows:

- (1) Recognize the completion of Phase I of LONI as evidenced by the signing of the National LambdaRail membership agreement and the scheduled completion of the NLR node in Baton Rouge;**
- (2) Approve the initiation of Phase II of LONI which will result in the establishment of a network designed to provide access to the National LambdaRail node to all designated research institutions in Louisiana, as well as the administrative support to complete and sustain the network; and**
- (3) Authorize the Commissioner of Higher Education to appoint the membership of the LONI governing body with input from the LONI Steering Committee.**

BOARD OF REGENTS' BYLAW AMENDMENT REGARDING STUDENT MEMBERSHIP ON THE BOARD

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee to amend its bylaws entitled *Rules for the Internal Operation and the Transaction of Business for the Board of Regents for the State of Louisiana* to reflect provisions regarding student membership on the Board. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

CONSIDERATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM CONTRACT POLICY

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee to approve the University of Louisiana System policy entitled *Authorizing Contracts Between the University and a Member of the Faculty, Research Staff, or Coaching*

Staff or a Company in which the Employee has an Interest Under Specified Circumstances. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

CONSIDERATION OF INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT WITH THE LOUISIANA STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE COMMISSION RELATIVE TO STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee to authorize the Commissioner of Higher Education and staff to conclude negotiations relative to an interagency agreement between the Board of Regents and the Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission for the purpose of allocating funds to institutions for financial assistance grants to needy students. The two members of the Board of Regents who are representatives on the Commission shall provide final approval of the agreement on behalf of the Board.

REGENTS' STAFF STRUCTURE REVIEW

Mr. Vandal said that due to several retirements in key staff positions, a restructuring of the staff organization is under review and consideration. He mentioned that specific plans and proposals would be brought to the Board at its next regular meeting.

UPDATE ON DESEGREGATION SETTLEMENT

Mr. Vandal said that an Executive Session was called to discuss desegregation issues. He mentioned that a roll call vote was taken. He reported that no motions were made and no votes were taken during the Executive Session.

ADOPTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MAY 26, 2004

On motion on Regent Blake, seconded by Regents D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Executive Committee Meeting Report of May 26, 2004, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER

Dr. Savoie reported on the following items:

- Adonis Ducre served as the Board of Regents' student member for 2003-2004 and was recognized for his efforts;

- Mr. Jeraul Mackey from the University of New Orleans was introduced, and he will become the new student member representative on the Board beginning June 1, 2004;
- Louisiana will receive a \$9 million grant from the National Science Foundation's Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (NSF EPSCoR). The new grant titled "Research Infrastructure Improvement Award" is the centerpiece to establish a research center of national eminence consisting of established scientists and engineers with state-of-the-art facilities. The project will include faculty from LSU A&M, LSU Health Sciences Center, Tulane University Health Sciences Center, and Xavier University of Louisiana.
- The next Committee and Board meetings will be June 23 and 24, 2004.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Blake, the meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.