

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

JUNE 25, 2009

The Board of Regents met in session at 9:15 a.m. Thursday, June 25, 2009, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, 1201 North 3rd 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:

Charlotte Bollinger
Scott Brame
Richard D'Aquin
Marc Guichard
Donna Klein
Ingrid Labat
W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr.
Mary Ellen Roy, Secretary
Victor Stelly
Harold Stokes
Artis Terrell, Jr., Chair
Roland Toups

Absent for the meeting were:

Robert Bruno
Maurice Durbin
Robert Levy, Vice Chair
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.

MINUTES APPROVED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MAY 28, 2009

On motion of Regent Raspberry, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of May 28, 2009.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Klein, Vice Chair of the Sponsored Programs Committee, Mr. John Wallin, Associate Commissioner for Sponsored Programs Administration, moved to dispense with the reading of the report and approve the following motion “*in globo.*”

On motion of Regent Klein, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee as follows:

FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIPS AND
ADDITIONAL ENDOWED CHAIRS SUBMITTED DURING THE FY 2008-09 CYCLE

Approve the expenditure of \$3,360,000 from the regular FY 2008-09 Support Fund [and \$60,000 from the Reserve Fund previously allocated to the “Inverse Ratio” initiative] to fund Endowed Professorship applications as outlined by the staff. The Board will revisit funding of additional chairs and/or professorships during the upcoming academic year.

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT OF JUNE 24, 2009

On motion of Regent Klein, seconded by Regent D’Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Meeting Report of June 24, 2009. (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, Acting Deputy Commissioner for Academic and Student Affairs, moved to dispense with the reading of the report and approve the following motions “*in globo.*”

On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Bollinger, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee as follows:

LICENSURE

Approve an initial operating license for Lamar University, located in Beaumont, Texas.

Approve the request for license renewal for Graceland University, located in Independence, Missouri.

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS UPDATE

Dr. Kim Hunter-Reed, Chief of Staff, presented a power point update at the Planning, Research and Performance Committee on Wednesday regarding hurricane preparedness. She reviewed the state emergency operations plan; sheltering needs of individuals; past support during Hurricanes Gustav and Ike in 2008; and current efforts in preparation for the upcoming 2009 hurricane season.

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF JUNE 24, 2009

On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Meeting Report of June 24, 2009. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Mary Ellen Roy, Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Mr. Gerard Killebrew, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, moved to dispense with the reading of the report and approve the following motions “*in globo.*”

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

PROPOSED PROGRAM TERMINATION

Terminate the B.S. in Hotel and Restaurant Management (CIP Code 520904) and the A.S. in Criminal Justice (CIP Code 430107) programs at Grambling State University, effective immediately.

PROPOSED ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATIVE REORGANIZATIONS

Grant approval for proposed academic administrative reorganizations at Louisiana State University-Eunice and Louisiana State University-Shreveport, as proposed. The changes are effective immediately.

PROGRESS REPORTS ON CONDITIONALLY APPROVED PROGRAMS AND UNITS**A. Fletcher Technical Community College - A.S. in Radiologic Technology**

Receive the June 2009 progress report relative to development of the A.S. program in Radiologic Technology at Fletcher Technical Community College. Due to a lack of available funding to afford necessary program resources, the staff further recommends indefinite deferral of further program consideration/reporting, pending receipt of institutional/system assurances of available and sustained program funding. Should such assurance not be provided soon, the Regents may reconsider current conditional approval status for this program.

B. Louisiana State University and A&M College - Center for Geoinformatics

Receive the April 2009 progress report from Louisiana State University and A&M College relative to the Center for Geoinformatics. By June 1, 2010, the University shall submit a progress report to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs detailing funding secured to-date to afford center operations

for the remaining time in the period of approval. Per the most recent Board action relative to this unit, the request for reauthorization of center status shall be due to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs no later than February 22, 2012. Should such a request not be received by the aforementioned date, the Board of Regents shall re-examine the need for this unit.

C. Louisiana State University-Alexandria - B.S. in Business Administration

Receive the AY 2008-2009 progress report from Louisiana State University-Alexandria relative to continuing development of its B.S. in Business Administration program. By June 1, 2010, the University shall report continuing efforts of the University to strengthen the program and progress toward AACSB accreditation.

D. Louisiana Technical College - Shreveport

1. A.A.S. in Culinary Arts and Occupations
2. A.A.S. in Office Systems Technology
3. A.A.S. in Drafting and Design Technology

Receive the June 2009 progress report relative to the implementation of the A.A.S. programs in Culinary Arts and Occupations, Office Systems Technology, and Drafting and Design Technology at the Louisiana Technical College-Shreveport. Subsequent progress reports for each aforementioned program, addressing previously mandated items and consistent with comments in the staff summary, shall be due to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs by June 1, 2010.

E. Louisiana Delta Community College - A.S. in Nursing

Receive the June, 2009 progress report relative to development of the A.S. program in Nursing at Louisiana Delta Community College and authorize program implementation beginning Fall 2009. A subsequent progress report addressing the following issues shall be due to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs by June 1, 2010:

1. **Progress toward institutional and program accreditation;**
2. **Accessibility to clinical facilities; and**
3. **Transfer/articulation agreements with proximate B.S.N. programs.**

F. South Louisiana Community College - A.A.S. in Emergency Health Science

Receive the April 2009 progress report from South Louisiana Community College relative to the implementation of the A.A.S. in Emergency Health Science program. A subsequent progress report detailing final action of the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the EMS Professions (CoAEMSP) shall be due to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs by January 1, 2010.

G. Baton Rouge Community College

1. **A.S. in Computer Information Systems**

Receive the June 2009 progress report relative to implementation of the A.S. program in Computer Information Systems at Baton Rouge Community College. A subsequent progress report, addressing previously mandated items and consistent with staff comments above, shall be due to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs by June 1, 2010.

2. **A.S. in Nursing**

Receive the June 2009 progress report relative to NLNAC accreditation of the A.S. program in Nursing at Baton Rouge Community College. A subsequent progress report, addressing previously mandated items and consistent with comments in the staff summary, shall be due to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs by January 1, 2010.

3. **A.A.S. in Entertainment Technologies**

Receive the June 2009 progress report relative to implementation of the A.A.S. program in Entertainment Technologies at Baton Rouge Community College. A subsequent progress report, addressing previously mandated items and consistent with comments in the staff summary, shall be due to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs by June 1, 2010.

H. Fletcher Technical Community College/Nicholls State University - A.S. to B.S. in

Nursing Articulation Plan

Receive the joint report from Fletcher Technical Community College and Nicholls State University addressing an articulation plan assuring maximum transfer of credits between Fletcher's A.S. in Nursing program and Nicholls' B.S. in Nursing program. Upon attainment of SACS institutional accreditation and NLN program accreditation at Fletcher, both institutions will revisit this issue to determine if further refinements are possible.

I. University of New Orleans - Hospitality Research Center

Receive the April 2009 progress report from the University of New Orleans relative to the budget for the Hospitality Research Center. Per the most recent Board action relative to this unit, the request for reauthorization of center status shall be due to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs no later than January 1, 2012. Should such a request not be received by the aforementioned date, the Board of Regents shall re-examine the need for this unit.

J. Nicholls State University - B.S. in Manufacturing Engineering Technology

Receive the AY 2008-2009 Progress Report from Nicholls State University relative to implementation of the B.S. Program in Manufacturing Engineering Technology. The University is hereby instructed to submit all subsequent ABET/TAC materials immediately upon their receipt for staff assessment. The Regents will revisit this matter when additional relevant information has been received.

K. Louisiana Tech University**1. Post-Baccalaureate Certificate (PBC) in Information Assurance**

Receive the April 2009 progress report from Louisiana Tech University relative to the implementation of the Post-Baccalaureate Certificate (PBC) in Information Assurance. As all stipulations associated with initial, conditional program approval by the Board of Regents have been fulfilled, the staff recommends full program approval.

2. Ph.D. in Industrial/Organizational Psychology

Receive the June 2009 progress report relative to development of the Ph.D. program in Industrial/ Organizational Psychology at Louisiana Tech University. By August 1, 2010, the University shall submit a subsequent progress report to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs addressing remaining resources concerns and reporting student numbers.

3. Center for Applied Teaching and Learning to Yield Scientific Thinking (CATALYST)

Receive the May 2009 progress report from Louisiana Tech University relative to the Center for Applied Teaching and Learning to Yield Scientific Thinking (CATALYST). Given significant concerns regarding the unit's ability to sustain its activities beyond December 31, 2009, by that date, the University shall submit to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs a progress report detailing funding secured by that time.

L. Southeastern Louisiana University - B.S. in Sport Management

Receive the 2008-2009 Progress Report from Southeastern Louisiana University relative to implementation of the B.S. program in Sport Management. A subsequent progress report addressing the same issues shall be submitted to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs by June 1, 2010.

M. Southern University- New Orleans - B.A. in Public Administration

Receive the June 2009 progress report relative to implementation of the B.A. program in Public Administration at Southern University-New Orleans. The next progress report, including relevant student completion and graduate placement data, shall be due to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs by June 1, 2010.

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT OF JUNE 24, 2009

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Report of June 24, 2009. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Stelly, Chair of the Legislation Committee, Ms. Connie Koury, General Counsel, reviewed the report highlighting key legislation of interest.

LEGISLATION AND LEGISLATIVE ISSUES FOR 2009

- HB 1** This bill determines the budget for each entity.
- HB 27** The legislation to allow guns on campuses was defeated soundly by the House of Representatives by a vote of 86-18.
- HB 720** This is the Tax Amnesty bill that provided for several deductions including higher education.
- HB 189** This is one of the meal tax bills that Regents was tracking.
- SB 335** This is a bill authored by Senators Jackson and Broome. The House ruled that this as a tax bill. The Senate amended HB 689 to include the text of this bill.
- HB 511** This bill proposed a constitutional amendment that authorized the management boards to manage tuition and exempt tuition and fees from the 2/3 vote requirement currently in the constitution.
- SB 183** This bill proposed a constitutional amendment much the same as 511 but it was amended to limit tuition increases to 5%.
- SB 261** Established the Streamlining State Government Commission in law.
- SB 211** Established the Louisiana Innovation Council under the direction of Economic Development.
- HB 794** Established the Postsecondary Education Review Commission.
- SB 285** This bill will require intense work from the Board of Regents to develop a statewide articulation plan by the next legislative session.
- SB 195** This is an ethics provision that provides for additional disclosure by agency heads and appointees to boards and commissions requiring disclosure of any contribution, loan, etc. made to the statewide elected official who appointed them. The effective date on the Act is August 15, 2009.

HB 673 Service credit for certain furloughed members of the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System and the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana.

HB 872 Graduate program tuition bill which will benefit higher education.

ADOPTION OF THE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE REPORT OF JUNE 24, 2009

On motion of Regent Stelly, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Legislation Committee Meeting Report of June 24, 2009. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Brame, Chair of the Finance Committee, Mr. Donald Vandal, Deputy Commissioner for Finance, moved to dispense with the reading of the report and approve the following motions "*in globo*."

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Finance Committee as follows:

REVIEW OF BUDGET AND FUNDING ISSUES

Approve the distribution of \$189,700,000 in ARRA funds and the distribution of \$29 million State general funds provided as replacement for previously allocated ARRA funds as reflected in House Bill 1 as enrolled with contingencies.

APPROVAL OF BA-7's

Approve the LSU Board of Supervisors' three BA-7 requests (no. 8 in the amount of \$1,164,010, no. 9 in the amount of \$1,748,397, and no. 10 in the amount of \$664,991), respectively) for budget adjustments for the current fiscal year, FY 2008-09, on behalf of the LSU Health Sciences Center - Shreveport, E.A. Conway Medical Center and Huey P. Long Medical Center.

ADOPTION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF JUNE 24, 2009

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Finance Committee Meeting Report of June 24, 2009.
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Several Board members asked questions referencing the Governor's veto message on House Bill 1. Mr. Vandal stated several items relative to higher education were included in the message such as the supplemental funding for endowed chairs, GO Grant, and dual enrollment. Board members were concerned that the Regents are not scheduled to meet in July and budgetary actions would be necessary before its August meeting. After further discussion,

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to charge the Executive Committee with the power necessary to make decisions for the Board of Regents on budget allocations as outlined in House Bill 881.

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

Dr. Sally Clausen, Commissioner of Higher Education, noted that Speaker of the House Jim Tucker had sponsored legislation to create a commission to oversee the restructuring of higher education. She stated that the recent Master Plan established two fundamental goals: to increase educational attainment of the state's population and to increase strategic investment in university research. These goals, she indicated, are consistent with national trends in strategic higher education investment.

Dr. Clausen stressed that attaining these goals will not be easy during this depressed economic climate, but that both are critical to the success of higher education in Louisiana. It

was suggested that the Board affirm these Master Plan goals and share them with the commission upon its creation:

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board voted unanimously to affirm the Master Plan goals as follows: (1) increase the educational attainment of the state's population, and (2) invest strategically in university research. It was further recommended that the Board's action to affirm these goals be communicated to the new higher education review commission upon its creation.

Dr. Clausen informed the Board of its charge to appoint two individuals to represent the Regents on the commission. She recommended Mr. Mark Musick and Dr. David Longanecker, two strong leaders in the field of higher education in the country . She continued by noting that Mr. Musick currently holds the James H. Quillen Chair of Excellence in Education and Teaching at East Tennessee State University and is president emeritus of the Southern Regional Education Board. Mr. Musick was appointed by three U.S. Secretaries of Education to chair the Governing Board of the National Assessment of Educational Progress that directs the program known as the *Nation's Report Card*. In 2008, he was named as a member of the ten-member Board of Advisors for the newly created Institute for College and Career Readiness. The Institute will work with universities and schools to increase high school graduation rates and college attendance/graduation rates.

Dr. David Longanecker, President, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, received his Doctor of Education in Administration and Policy Analysis in Higher Education from Stanford University. Dr. Longanecker was Assistant Secretary of Postsecondary Education, U.S. Department of Education; Executive Director of the Colorado Commission on Higher

Education; Executive Director of the Minnesota Higher Education Coordinating Board; and served in the U.S. Congressional Budget office.

After further discussion,

On motion of Regent Raspberry, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board voted unanimously to recommend the appointments of Mr. Mark Musick and Dr. David Longanecker to represent the Board of Regents on the commission to oversee the restructuring of higher education.

The Commissioner said financial compensation had not been discussed with the appointees at this time until final approval for creation of the commission, but the amount of travel expenses and compensation would be reasonable.

Dr. Clausen next stated that Mr. Barry Erwin, President and CEO, for the Council for a Better Louisiana (CABL), was in attendance and she requested that he speak to the Board. Dr. Kim Hunter-Reed introduced Mr. Erwin. She said he has been passionate about the issues that are facing higher education and has been a valuable partner for Regents throughout the session.

Mr. Erwin said that CABL believes in the role and critical importance of higher education. He said the legislature had difficult decisions to make before the session ended on Thursday, June 25. He said some legislators had been pushing for higher budget cuts and wanted to see a downsizing in higher education. Mr. Erwin said that CABL wants to be involved in higher education's outcome. He said that CABL's message is that any period of downsizing for higher education should be based on priorities of the state – the need of workforce, the need for a flagship institution, and a need to have institutions our children can attend in Louisiana. Mr. Erwin reemphasized CABL's commitment to higher education. Dr. Clausen thanked Mr. Erwin for CABL's efforts for higher education during this legislative

session.

Dr. Clausen next introduced Dr. Gordon Davies, Senior Advisor for the Lumina Foundation, who has served the Regents as an advisor on many occasions. She said Dr. Davies would lead a discussion of the upcoming work of the Tucker Commission and offer suggestions for guiding the conversation that will be ongoing for the next several months while the Commission reviews postsecondary education.

Dr. Davies emphasized that higher education deserves a special focus and noted that colleges and universities are the nation's number one asset which drives our economy.

Dr. Davies mentioned that many other states are having worse financial problems than Louisiana. But Louisiana has a proposal to create a commission to review postsecondary education and provide guidance over the next several budget sessions. He stressed the advantage of the collaborative nature of this commission. Dr. Davies said it would be important to stress to the commission that it place service first and savings second. Several challenges facing Louisiana are to increase access and success within its higher education systems without diminishing quality and reviewing the duplication of services.

He mentioned that the commission could look at some steps being considered in several other states such as: (1) encouraging more enrollment in the community college system because it is the least expensive per student and a large number of upcoming jobs will require either an associate's degree or certificate; (2) focusing research activity in just a few universities, rather than adhering to the common practice of regarding research as part of every university faculty member's job description; (3) sharing administrative systems and support functions across institutions to reduce costs; (4) shifting substantial portions of the curriculum to on-line

instruction (and requiring students to complete a portion of their programs on-line; and (5) limiting the number of credit hours for which the state will pay as a student pursues a degree or certificate.

Dr. Davies urged the Regents to view this commission as a platform for collaboration that will eventually make a difference for the state and its citizens. A question and answer session followed.

Dr. Clausen stated that it is important to continue raising standards for our students. She said the tools we use to teach our students to be successful is critical and carefully monitored. She emphasized the importance of having properly trained teachers in education. She contributed this success to Dr. Jeanne Burns, Associate Commissioner for Teacher Initiatives, and Ms. Mary Ellen Roy, member of the Board of Regents, in leading the way to redesign teacher education programs in the state.

Chair Terrell recognized Mr. Jim Henderson from the Louisiana Community and Technical College System who will become the new Chancellor of Bossier Parish Community College on July 1st. Dr. Clausen thanked all the system heads and the Regents' staff for their tireless work during this legislative session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Terrell adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.