

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

December 6, 2001

The Board of Regents met in regular session at 9:08 a.m., Thursday, December 6, 2001, in the Board of Regents' Auditorium, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Richard D'Aquin called the meeting to order. Coordinator of Board Services, Ms. Helen Johnson, called the roll and a quorum was established.

Present for the meeting were:

Billy Blake
Scott Brame
Richard D'Aquin, Chair
Reggie Dupré
Frances Henry
Robert Levy
Ron Roberts, V. Chair
Pat Strong
Virgil Robinson, Jr.
Norbert Simmons
Roland Toups, Secretary

Absent:

Herschel Abbott
Clifford Smith
Steve Johnson, Student Member

MINUTES APPROVED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 25, 2001

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of October 25, 2001, as circulated.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 5, 2001

On behalf of Regent Dupré, Chair of the Technology Committee, Mr. Gerard Killebrew, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, presented motions from the Technology Committee Meeting Report of December 5, 2001.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS RELATIVE TO SELECTION AND FUNDING OF PROPOSALS THROUGH THE DISTANCE EDUCATION INITIATIVE (DEI) GRANTS PROGRAM-SUPPORTING ELECTRONIC LEARNING AND EDUCATIONAL TRANSITIONS (SELECT), FY 2001-2002

On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent Blake, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Technology Committee to award funding for 13 Distance Education Initiative (DEI) Grants as indicated in Appendix II of the committee report.

ADOPTION OF THE TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 5, 2001

On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Technology Committee Meeting Report of December 5, 2001, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 5, 2001

On behalf of Regent Toups, Chair of the Finance Committee, Mr. Marvin Roubique, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Facilities, presented motions from the Finance Committee Report of December 5, 2001.

FY 2001-2002 OPERATING BUDGET FOR LOUISIANA TECHNICAL COLLEGE

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the FY 2001-2002 operating budget for the Louisiana Technical College including the Faculty Salary Pay Plan.

REVIEW OF FIRST QUARTER ENERGY REPORT

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted

unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to request the management boards to work with their respective institutions to review the FY 2001-2002 first quarter actual utility rates with respect to the benchmark FY 1999-2000 utility rates and to make appropriate reductions in the student energy surcharge based on the Board of Regents' Guidelines adopted in July 2001. Further, that the management boards take the necessary steps to notify the students of the reductions in the energy surcharge.

ADOPTION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 5, 2001

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Finance Committee Meeting Report of December 5, 2001, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 5, 2001

On behalf of Regent Robinson, Chair of the Facilities and Property Committee, Mr. Marvin Roubique presented motions from the Facilities and Property Committee Report of December 5, 2001.

SMALL CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECT REPORT

On motion of Regent Robinson, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the Small Capital Outlay Project Report as presented by staff.

ALTERNATIVE FINANCING PLANS FOR FUNDING CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES

On motion of Regent Robinson, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the concept of developing a new campus for Bossier Parish Community College using an alternative means of financing by selling revenue bonds to the Louisiana Community and Technical College System as approved by the State Board of Community and Technical College System in December. Further, to approve the cooperative endeavor agreement, the ground lease, and facilities lease-back documents.

On motion of Regent Robinson, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted

unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the concept of developing a new campus for the South Louisiana Community College using alternative means of financing by selling revenue bonds. Further, to authorize the Louisiana Community and Technical College System to seek approval for the sale of the bonds at the State Bond Commission meeting in December, provided that Louisiana Community and Technical College System will present the cooperative endeavor agreement, the ground lease, and facilities lease-back documents to the Board of Regents for approval next month.

OTHER PROJECTS UTILIZING ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF FINANCING

On motion of Regent Robinson, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the project to construct the Homer L. Hitt Alumni and Visitor's Center at the University of New Orleans using alternative means of financing.

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 5, 2001

On motion of Regent Robinson, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Meeting Report of December 5, 2001, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 5, 2001

On behalf of Regent Strong, Chair of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee, Dr. Jimmy Clarke, Deputy Commissioner for Planning, Research and Performance presented motions from the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Report of December 5, 2001. Dr. Clarke reported that

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Brame, the Planning Research and Performance Committee amended its agenda to add an item concerning the Exceptional Performance and Gainsharing Incentive Program under Other Business.

LICENSURE

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Blake, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to renew the two-year operating license for Alcorn State University.

PROPRIETARY SCHOOLS

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve an initial operating license for Legally Speaking L.L.C., located in Ruston, Louisiana.

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve an initial operating license for New Wine Floral Design School, located in Shreveport, Louisiana.

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve the addition of an Associate in Occupational Studies degree program in Radiology Technology at MedVance Institute, located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

On motion of Regent Strong, 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:

**Acadiana Area Career College
Ayers Institute, Inc.
Becker Conviser Professional Review - Baton Rouge
Becker Conviser Professional Review - New Orleans
Coastal College--Lake Charles
Crosby Court Reporting Centre
Delta College, Inc.
Diesel Driving Academy--Shreveport
Eastern College of Health Vocations
Education America--Southeast College of Technology
H & R Block, Inc.
 Alexandria
 Baker
 Baton Rouge (3)
 Bossier City (2)**

**Chalmette
Hammond
Kenner
Lafayette (2)
Lake Charles
Leesville
Metairie (2)
Monroe (2)
New Orleans (3)
Rayne
Shreveport
Terrytown
Thibodaux**

**Herzing College
In Touch Bodyworks Institute, Inc.
New Orleans Career Development Center, Inc.
Nursing Assistant Network Association
Professional Institute of Court Reporting
South Louisiana Institute of Massage, L.L.C.
Thomas Training & Development Center, Inc.**

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve renewal of the operating license for the National Driving Academy, Inc. with the stipulation that the institution submit to the Board of Regents, semiannually, a compiled financial statement, beginning in December, 2001.

REPORT FROM THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to authorize the staff to review the final report from Noel-Levitz and to prepare and disseminate Requests for Proposals (RFP) emanating from Noel-Levitz's recommendations. The responses to any RFPs would be disseminated to the Board of Regents for appropriate action at its late-January meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to authorize the Commissioner to receive, review and forward appropriate proposals under the Exceptional Performance and

Gainsharing Incentive Program to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget on behalf of the Board of Regents.

PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 5, 2001

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Blake, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Meeting Report of December 5, 2001, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 5, 2001

On behalf of Regent Henry, Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Mr. Gerard Killebrew presented motions from the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Report of December 5, 2001.

PROPOSED ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

A. Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center (LSUHSC) - Master of Nursing - Nurse Anesthesia Option

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the proposed Master of Nursing - Nurse Anesthesia Option at the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center (CIP Code 51.1604), to be implemented beginning January, 2002, with the following stipulations:

- 1. Prior to submittal of a request to the Louisiana Legislature for a tuition increase to support this program, appropriate staff of the Board of Regents and representatives from the LSUHSC shall meet to review the program budget and recommend a proposed tuition increase. The tuition increase recommendation shall take into account additional expenses incurred as a result of program implementation as compared to additional revenues generated by a required tuition increase to meet the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) average for similar programs.**
- 2. Upon agreement of a proposed tuition increase, the Board of Regents shall consider requesting from the Legislature necessary action needed to increase**

tuition levels for the program consistent with average costs for similar programs in the SREB region. This request shall be consistent with the recommended goal of a 70-30 ratio of cost sharing between the State and the student. If the Legislature elects not to grant this increase, the Regents shall reconsider the program in light of available funding.

3. Beginning August 1, 2002, and for four years thereafter, LSUHSC shall submit an annual report to the Commissioner of Higher Education which updates efforts to fully implement the proposed program and provides a complete annual budget for each upcoming academic year.

- B. Nicholls State University (Cooperative with River Parishes Community College) - A.S. in Chemical Laboratory Technology

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the proposed Associate of Science in Chemical Laboratory Technology program (CIP Code 41.0301) at Nicholls State University, effective from January 1, 2002 through August 15, 2005. As plans are to eventually transfer this program to River Parishes Community College by the date above, beginning June 1, 2002 and on that date thereafter through June 1, 2005, River Parishes Community College shall submit an annual progress report to the Commissioner of Higher Education documenting progress toward acquiring the necessary infrastructure needed to offer the program. Upon receipt of the 2005 report, the Board of Regents shall determine whether River Parishes Community College is ready to assume full program control; if not, the program shall be automatically terminated.

- C. Louisiana Technical College - Sowela Campus - A.A.S. in Construction Equipment Technology

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the proposed Associate of Applied Science in Construction Equipment Technology (CIP Code 47.0302) at Louisiana Technical College-Sowela, effective immediately.

- D. Delta Community College

1. Associate of General Studies

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to approve the proposed Associate of General Studies program at Delta Community College (CIP Code 24.0102), effective immediately.

2. A.A. in Liberal Arts

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to approve the proposed Associate of Arts program in Liberal Arts at Delta Community College (CIP Code 24.0199), effective immediately.

PROPOSED LETTER OF INTENT - UNIVERSITY OF NEW ORLEANS - B.A. IN WOMEN'S STUDIES

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to approve the proposed Letter of Intent for a projected B.A. program in Women's Studies (CIP Code 05.0207) at the University of New Orleans. If a similar program at LSU A&M currently under consideration by the Board of Regents is approved, then the University of New Orleans shall in its program proposal specifically address the need for another such program in the state.

PROPOSED DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAM - NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY- B.S. IN PSYCHOLOGY

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to approve the request from Northwestern State University to seek authorization from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to offer the Bachelor of Science program in Psychology via distance learning technologies.

PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE AND CURRICULAR REVISIONS

A. University of New Orleans - Request to Change the Name of the College of Education to the College of Education and Human Development

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to approve the request from University of New Orleans to change the name of the College of Education to the College of Education and Human Development, effective immediately.

B. Louisiana State University - Request to Terminate the Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to approve the request from Louisiana State University and A&M

College to terminate the Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology program (CIP Code 15.0603), effective immediately.

- C. Nicholls State University - Request to Terminate the A.S. in Office Information Systems

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to approve the request from Nicholls State University to terminate the A.S. program in Office Information Systems (CIP Code 52.0401), effective the end of the spring semester, AY 2001-2002.

- D. Southern University - Baton Rouge - Request to Terminate the A.A.S. in Electronics Engineering Technology

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to approve the request from Southern University-Baton Rouge to terminate the A.A.S. program in Electronics Engineering Technology (CIP Code 15.0303), effective the end of the spring semester, AY 2001-2002.

- E. Southern University-Shreveport - Request to Terminate the A.A.S. in Physical Therapy Assistant and A.A. in Legal Assistant Programs

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to approve the request from Southern University-Shreveport to terminate the A.A.S. program in Physical Therapy Assistant (CIP Code 52.0806), effective immediately, and the A.A. program in Legal Assistant (CIP Code 22.0103), effective August 16, 2002.

- F. Delgado Community College - Request to Change the Name of the A.A.S. in Construction Engineering Technology-Civil Engineering Technology to the A.A.S. in Civil Construction Technology

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to approve the request from Delgado Community College to change the name of the A.A.S. program in Construction Engineering Technology-Civil Engineering Technology to the A.A.S. in Civil Construction Technology, effective immediately.

REPORTS OF THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the November 1, 2001 Progress Report from Louisiana

State University-Eunice Relative to the Implementation of the Certificate Program in Diagnostic Medical Sonography. The program is hereby authorized for implementation, beginning Summer, 2002.

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 5, 2001

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Report of December 5, 2001, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 5, 2001

On behalf of Regent Roberts, Chair of the Sponsored Programs Committee, Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, presented motions from the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of December 5, 2001.

PRESENTATION RELATIVE TO A PROPOSED ENGINEERING PROJECT FROM LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY-BATON ROUGE AND GLOBAL CONTAINER GROUP, LLC

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Dupré, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the provision of \$25,000 from previously unspent monies to the Louisiana State University-Baton Rouge College of Engineering for the project with Global Container Group, LLC. The \$25,000 shall be returned to the Support Fund in the event that the project attains funding from the federal government.

CONSIDERATION OF THE FY 2002-03 BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT FUND (BoRSF) PLAN AND BUDGET

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Dupré, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve a Pilot Set-Aside BoRSF Enhancement Program for Two-Year Institutions. The \$1 million formerly budgeted for the Federal Matching Grants (FMG) program will instead be budgeted during FY 2002-03 for a pilot Enhancement Program for two-year institutions, with the following understandings: (1) after FY 2002-03, the \$1 million budgeted for the pilot

program will revert to the FMG program; (2) campuses eligible for participation in the pilot program are Baton Rouge Community College, Bossier Parish Community College, Delgado Community College, Louisiana Delta Community College, LSU-Eunice, Nunez Community College, River Parishes Community College, South Louisiana Community College, and Southern University-Shreveport; (3) funds will be expended for the pilot program only if the community college system (LCTCS) participates in developing rigorous criteria that are reviewed and approved by the Board; (4) criteria in the RFP for the pilot Enhancement Program will parallel, to the degree feasible, the extant Enhancement criteria; (5) through a competitive process, only proposals that meet standards of rigorous criteria will be funded; (6) any funds unexpended will revert to the Traditional Enhancement Program; and (7) after a year of funding, the Planning Committee, the Advisory Committee, and the Board of Regents will reassess whether a continuing Enhancement set-aside program for two-year campuses is needed.

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Dupré, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve suggested revisions to the BoRSF Endowed Professorships Program as follows: Two Endowed Professorships for each of the 28 four-year campuses will continue to be reserved. For each of the nine eligible two-year institutions (Baton Rouge Community College, Bossier Parish Community College, Delgado Community College, Louisiana Delta Community College, LSU-Eunice, Nunez Community College, River Parishes Community College, South Louisiana Community College, and Southern University-Shreveport), one Endowed Professorship will be reserved. A total of \$360,000 from the Support Fund will be allotted for these nine Endowed Professorships. In the event an eligible two-year institution cannot secure the required match to fund one Professorship, another eligible two-year institution may receive more than one Professorship, with no upper limit on the number of Endowed Professorships any eligible two-year institution can acquire, until the \$360,000 is fully expended. Any unexpended funds from the \$360,000 pool will revert to the Traditional Enhancement Program. This will be implemented in such a manner as not to conflict with Section IV.D of the Endowed Professorships policy adopted by the Board on December 7, 2000.

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Dupré, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the the FY 2002-03 Board of Regents Support Fund Plan and Budget as recommended by the Planning and Advisory Committees. (See Appendix B of the committee report.)

2002 BUDGET FOR THE LaCEPT OFFICE OF EVALUATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT LAFAYETTE

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Dupré, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the transfer of \$217,500 in BoRSF cost-sharing funds to LaCEPT's Office of Evaluation at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, to be expended in accord with the budget outlined. (See Appendix C of the committee report.)

OTHER BUSINESS

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Dupré, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the development and dissemination of appropriate publications regarding the respective components of the Support Fund (Eminent Scholars, Research and Development, Recruitment of Superior Graduate Students, Enhancement) and the overall Support Fund. These publications will be planned and developed in collaboration with the Board of Regents' Public Affairs Office.

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 5, 2001

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Dupré, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Meeting Report of December 5, 2001, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT OF DECEMBER 5, 2001

Regent Henry, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented motions from the Nominating Committee Meeting of December 5, 2001.

NOMINATION OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2002

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee to approve the following slate of officers:

Chair: Richard D'Aquin
Vice Chair: William T. "Ron" Roberts, Jr.
Secretary: Roland Toups

NOMINATION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2002

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

Regent Richard D'Aquin, Chair
Regent William T. "Ron" Roberts, Jr., Vice Chair
Regent Roland Toups, Secretary
Regent Reggie Dupré
Regent Frances Henry
Regent Virgil Robinson, Jr.
Regent Pat Strong

NOMINATION OF THE LOUISIANA STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE COMMISSION (LASFAC) FOR 2002

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee to approve Regent Frances Henry and Regent Pat Strong to serve as the Regents' representatives on the Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission (LASFAC).

ADOPTION OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 5, 2001

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Nominating Committee Meeting Report of December 5, 2001, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT OF DECEMBER 5, 2001

On behalf of Regent Brame, Chair of the Personnel Committee, Mr. Donald Vandal, Deputy Commissioner for Administration, presented motions from the Personnel Committee Meeting of December 5, 2001. Mr. Vandal reported that

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 3:30 p.m., in accordance with R.S.

42.6.1, to discuss the Commissioner's Evaluation/Compensation Review.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Yes (3) - Chair Brame, Regent Blake, Regent Toups
No (0)

ANNUAL ASSESSMENT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Personnel Committee that the Commissioner be commended for his service and job performance, that his continued tenure as the state's Commissioner of Higher Education be assured, with a salary adjustment limited to the Board's previously authorized 4% adjustment for all Board professional staff.

ADOPTION OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 5, 2001

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Personnel Committee Meeting Report of December 5, 2001, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER

Commissioner E. Joseph Savoie reported on the first *Fish or Cut Bait* Conference sponsored by UNO and the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce held October 30, 2001. He thanked the more than 420 business and postsecondary education leaders from across the state who participated in person or by video conference. The next statewide *Fish or Cut Bait* meeting will be held in February, 2002.

The Commissioner then reported on a very productive meeting with the new Department of Economic Development team and Secretary Don Hutchinson. He stated that staff will continue working with DED to identify ways that postsecondary education can assist in its major goal to diversify the state's economy.

Commissioner Savoie continued by reporting that the Association of Louisiana Faculty

Senates met on November 10 with approximately 50 members attending. He also noted that the Council of Enrollment Management Officers will hold its first meeting on December 13.

He concluded his comments by recognizing and congratulating Mr. Lawson Swearingen, President of the University of Louisiana at Monroe, on his upcoming retirement.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman D'Aquin referred members to the schedule of meeting dates for 2002. He concluded by briefly reviewing some of the Board's activities during 2001. He stated that "it was an excellent year both fiscally and in new initiatives that will help provide better and broader opportunities for our people and for economic development in our state."

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman D'Aquin declared the meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.