

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

December 11, 2014

The Board of Regents met in session at 11:03 a.m., Thursday, December 11, 2014, in the Thomas Jefferson Room 1-136, Sections A and B, Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr. called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Executive Assistant Carolyn Blanchard called the roll and a quorum was established.

Present for the meeting were:

W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr., Chair
William Fenstermaker, Vice Chair
Albert Sam II, Secretary
Mark Abraham
Maggie Brakeville
Raymond Brandt
Joel Dupré
Joseph Farr
Richard Lipsey
Roy Martin III
Joseph Wiley

Absent for the meeting were:

Charlotte Bollinger
Pamela Egan
Chris Gorman
Robert Levy
Edward Markle

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Rasberry 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 OCTOBER 22, 2014

On motion of Regent Sam, seconded by Regent Abraham, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of October 22, 2014.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Rasberry, Chair of the Executive Committee, Ms. Barbara Goodson, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, presented the Executive Committee Report of November 14, 2014.

CONSIDERATION OF WORKFORCE AND INNOVATION FOR A STRONGER ECONOMY (WISE) IMPLEMENTATION PLANS

On motion of Regent Martin, seconded by Regent Farr, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Executive Committee to approve the Workforce and Innovation for a Stronger Economy (WISE) Implementation Plans of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System, the Louisiana State University System, the Southern University System, the University of Louisiana System and the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium.

ADOPTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT OF NOVEMBER 14, 2014

On motion of Regent Martin, seconded by Regent Farr, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Executive Committee Report of November 14, 2014. *(Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)*

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Abraham, Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Dr. Karen Denby, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, presented the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of December 10, 2014.

PROPOSED PROGRAM TERMINATIONS

- *BS/Middle School Ed GR 4-8 & BS/Early Childhood Ed GR PK-3 - Nicholls*

On motion of Regent Wiley, seconded by Regent Fenstermaker, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval of the termination of the Bachelor of Science in Middle School Education: GR 4-8 and the Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education: GR PK-3 currently offered by Nicholls State University.

CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE

- A. Proposed New Centers of Excellence
 - 1. Industrial & Process Technology Center for Workforce Excellence (SOWELA TCC)
 - 2. Feist-Weiller Cancer Center (CRE, LSUHSC-Shreveport)

On motion of Regent Wiley, seconded by Regent Fenstermaker, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval of the proposed Industrial and Process Technology Center for Workforce Excellence at SOWELA Technical Community College and approval of the designation of the Feist-Weiller Cancer Center at LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport as a Center of Research Excellence.

- B. Continued Designation of Existing Center of Excellence
 - 1. Center of Workforce Excellence in Transportation Technology (BRCC)

On motion of Regent Wiley, seconded by Regent Fenstermaker, the Board voted unanimously to table the request for provisional designation of the Center of Workforce Excellence in Transportation Technology at Baton Rouge Community College until staff can return with a revised report and proposal.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Regent Wiley, seconded by Regent Fenstermaker, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as listed below:

- A. Reauthorization of Existing Research Centers/Institutes
 - 1. National Center for Advanced Manufacturing (LSU)
 - 2. Center for Rotating Machinery (LSU)
 - 3. Center for Internal Auditing (LSU)
 - 4. George W. and Jean H. Pugh Institute for Justice (LSU Law Center)
- B. Routine Staff Reports
 - 1. Staff Approval of Routine Academic Requests
 - 2. Progress Reports for Conditionally Approved Programs/Units
 - 3. Past Due Reports
 - 4. Letters of Intent/Proposals in the Queue

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT OF DECEMBER 10, 2014

On motion of Regent Wiley, seconded by Regent Fenstermaker, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of December 10, 2014. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Lipsey, Chair of the Facilities and Property Committee, Mr. Chris Herring, Budget Analyst for Facilities and Planning, presented the Facilities and Property Committee Report of December 10, 2014.

BOARD OF REGENTS' FACILITIES POLICY REVISION

On motion of Regent Farr, seconded by Regent Fenstermaker, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the revision to the Facilities Policy to incorporate changes contained in Act 701 of the 2014 Louisiana Legislature as it relates to Small Capital Projects.

AMENDMENT TO THE BoR FY 2015-2016 CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET RECOMMENDATION

On motion of Regent Farr, seconded by Regent Fenstermaker, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve an amendment to the BoR's FY 2015-2016 Capital Outlay Budget Recommendation to include a project submitted by the Louisiana State University System, on behalf of the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center, to renovate the Plant Pathology and Crop Physiology Teaching Laboratory.

IEB SCOPE CHANGE: LSU HSC-S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

On motion of Regent Farr, seconded by Regent Fenstermaker, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the request from the Louisiana State University System, on behalf of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center – Shreveport, to petition the Interim Emergency Board for a scope change to the capital outlay project entitled Capital Improvements Project, to replace four elevators and re-roof sections of the Medical School Building.

CONSENT AGENDA (SMALL CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT)

On motion of Regent Farr, seconded by Regent Fenstermaker, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the Small Capital Projects Report as listed below.

- 1. Louisiana Tech University – A.E. Phillips Lab School: Addition of Classrooms – Ruston, LA**
- 2. Louisiana State University A&M – E. Kirby Smith: Replace Existing**

- Chiller – Baton Rouge, LA
3. Louisiana State University A&M – East Campus Apartments, Replace Split Direct Expansion Air Conditioning Equipment, Buildings 5-14 – Baton Rouge, LA
 4. Louisiana State University A&M – Fire and Emergency Training Institute Administration Building Roof Project – Baton Rouge, LA
 5. Louisiana State University A&M – Old President’s House Interior Renovation: Window and Door Replacement, Including Hazardous Materials – Baton Rouge, LA
 6. Louisiana State University A&M – Geology Building: Replace Air Handler Units #s 3511 & 3512 – Baton Rouge, LA
 7. South Louisiana Community College – Ardoin Building Renovation: Workforce Development & Office Suite – Lafayette, LA
 8. SOWELA Technical Community College – Aviation Maintenance Technology Hangar Renovation – Lake Charles, LA
 9. University of Louisiana - Monroe – New Water Ski Team Facility – Monroe, LA

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT OF
DECEMBER 10, 2014

On motion of Regent Farr, seconded by Regent Fenstermaker, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Report of December 10, 2014. *(Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)*

PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Wiley, Chair of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee, Dr. Larry Tremblay, Deputy Commissioner for Planning, Research and Academic Affairs, presented the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Report of December 10, 2014.

Dr. Tremblay explained that at the joint meeting held earlier this morning, it was mentioned that millions of dollars of federal student aid money went unspent because high school students did not fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form. Dr. Tremblay wanted the Board to know that the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) sponsored a FAFSA College Application Month in October. He suggested that Dr. Sujuan Boutté, Executive Director of LOSFA, be invited to the next Planning, Research and Performance Committee meeting to explain what LOSFA is doing to assist high school students.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Regent Sam, seconded by Regent Fenstermaker, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve the items listed under the Consent Agenda:

A. R.S. 17:1808 (Licensure)

1. Initial Licenses

- a. Auburn University**
- b. Brandman University**
- c. Loyola University Chicago**
- d. University of Michigan – Flint**
- e. University of Mississippi**
- f. University of Texas at El Paso**
- g. University of West Florida**

2. License Renewals

- a. Arkansas State University**
- b. Grantham University**

B. Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission

1. Initial Licenses

- a. Allied Prep Technical Institute, LLC**
- b. Divine Touch Healthcare Training, LLC**

2. License Renewals

- **Academy of Interactive Entertainment (09/22/10)**
- **Acadiana Area Career College--A Division of Blue Cliff College (09/28/12)**
- **American School of Business (09/24/09)**
- **Ayers Career College (10/25/90)**
- **Becker Professional Education--Baton Rouge (10/24/96)**
- **Becker Professional Education--New Orleans (10/24/96)**
- **The Captain School, LLC (09/22/11)**
- **Career Technical College (09/28/06)**
- **Career Technical College of Shreveport (09/28/06)**
- **Carvas College (09/27/07)**
- **Coastal College--Baton Rouge (09/28/00)**
- **Compass Career College (09/23/04)**
- **Crosby Court Reporting Center (10/28/93)**
- **Delta College, Inc. (10/26/95)**
- **Delta College, Slidell Branch (09/23/04)**
- **Diesel Driving Academy--Shreveport (06/21/73)**
- **Eastern College of Health Vocations (10/28/99)**
- **Nursing Assistant Network Association (10/27/94)**
- **Pelican Chapter, Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc., Training Center—Baton Rouge Campus (09/27/12)**
- **Pelican Chapter, Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc., Training Center—Southwest Campus (09/27/12)**
- **Saint Agatha Career School, LLC (09/22/11)**
- **Spartan College of Aeronautics and Technology (09/26/13)**

- Sparx Welding & Technology Institute (08/26/10)
- Thomas Training & Development Center, Inc. (10/26/95)
- Unitech Training Academy, West Monroe (09/23/04)
- The World's Only Tattoo School, LLC (09/27/07)

RESPONSE TO 2014 STUDY RESOLUTION OF LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE (HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 21)

On motion of Regent Sam, seconded by Regent Fenstermaker, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve the response to House Concurrent Resolution 21 of 2014 regarding the “Pay it Forward” (PIF) Programs and authorize the Deputy Commissioner of Planning, Reserch and Academic Affairs to submit the response to the appropriate legislative committees on behalf of the Board of Regents.

BOARD OF REGENTS' 2014 TOPS REPORT

On motion of Regent Sam, seconded by Regent Fenstermaker, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve the “Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) Report: Analysis of the TOPS Program from 2003-2014” and authorize the Deputy Commissioner for Planning, Research and Academic Affairs to submit the response to the appropriate legislative committees on behalf of the Board of Regents.

OTHER BUSINESS (STATE AUTHORIZATION RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT - SARA)

Dr. Tremblay said the Committee had been informed that the Regents' staff hosted a statewide SARA informational meeting on December 3, 2014.

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF DECEMBER 10, 2014

On motion of Regent Sam, seconded by Regent Fenstermaker, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Report of December 10, 2014. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Martin, Chair of the Sponsored Programs Committee, Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, presented the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of December 10, 2014.

PROPOSED BoRSF ENDOWED: TWO-YEAR STUDENT WORKFORCE SCHOLARSHIPS SUBPROGRAM

On motion of Regent Sam, seconded by Regent Farr, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the concept of a statewide and competitive BoRSF Endowed Two-Year Student Workforce Scholarships subprogram, to begin FY 2015-16*, which targets four- and five-star job openings. The Board charges the Sponsored Programs staff, in collaboration with affected systems and campuses, to propose details relative to this subprogram by May 2015.**

MASTER PLAN GOAL: RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STATEWIDE REVIEW PANEL

On motion of Regent Sam, seconded by Regent Farr, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to advocate implementation of the review panel's recommendations to current and future Governors, the Legislature, the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, and the Louisiana Innovation Council, along with academic and business leaders. Within this context, the Regents endorse and advance the following:

- 1. Specific short- and long-term State and private investments in the priority university research areas which the MPRAC Task Forces and review panel identified, especially the top three: Advanced Manufacturing and Materials, Life Sciences and Bioengineering, and Digital Media and Enterprise Software;**
- 2. MPRAC, in collaboration with the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, Technology Transfer Officers, and interested research and economic development organizations, develop statewide recommendations regarding the following, with an update to the Board of Regents by April 1, 2015:**
 - Competitive Proof of Concept funding; and**
 - Framework for common standards in university-based technology transfer;**
- 3. Board of Regents staff, in collaboration with MPRAC, develop, by June 1, 2015, two websites which: a) highlight Task Force priorities for research innovation; and b) provide a portal to university technology transfer offices and the Association of University Technology Managers' (AUTM's) Global Technology Portal***;**

* This program will replace the Enhancement Subprogram for Two-Year Institutions, budgeted at \$1.1 million, beginning FY 2015-16.

** Inclusive of nursing and allied health fields.

*** The AUTM Global Technology Portal provides a searchable databank of the latest university technologies available for licensing worldwide.

4. **Engagement of a full-time research commercialization and technology transfer manager within the Sponsored Programs unit. This individual will coordinate for the Regents, in collaboration with MPRAC and the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, higher education's involvement in industry-related matters pertaining to such directions as proof-of-concept funding, technology transfer, and the Regents' research priorities and portal websites;**
5. **Allocation of the 20% of Workforce and Innovation for a Stronger Economy program (WISE) research dollars to target research priorities identified in #1 above; and**
6. **Approval of the review panel's report as presented, including the recommendation that respective Task Forces continue to address outstanding issues.**

REQUEST FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT LAFAYETTE TO DIVIDE A BORSF-MATCHED ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIP

On motion of Regent Sam, seconded by Regent Farr, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the division of the Contractors Educational Trust Fund/LEQSF Professorship in Art and Architecture into two Professorships, each with a corpus value of \$100,000.

NASA LASPACE REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION OF BORSF MATCHING

On motion of Regent Sam, seconded by Regent Farr, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to commit a cash match from the Board of Regents Support Fund for the NASA LaSPACE continuation proposal. The amount of cash match provided shall not exceed \$250,000 per fiscal year for the three-year duration of the award. Matching funds are to be provided only if NASA Space Grant funding is received.*

APPROVAL OF TULANE UNIVERSITY'S APPOINTMENT TO THE MASTER PLAN RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

On motion of Regent Sam, seconded by Regent Farr, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve Tulane University's nomination of Dr. Michael Cunningham to the Master Plan Research Advisory Committee.

* To accommodate matching funds needed in FY 2015-16, the BoRSF Plan and Budget as approved by the Board in September 2014 shall be adjusted as follows: The allocation for Federal matching shall increase from \$1,425,000 to \$1,675,000 and the allocation for Traditional Enhancement shall decrease from \$4,026,770 to \$3,776,770. The net total allocated for the Enhancement program shall remain unchanged.

SURVEY: FY 2013-14 ENDOWED CHAIRS AND ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIPS
VACANCY RATES

On motion of Regent Sam, seconded by Regent Farr, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to consider a limited exemption for public research campuses to compete for FY 2014-15 Endowed Chairs, pending Board review and assessment of responses from each affected president/chancellor which include the following: (1) steps to achieve, campus-wide, unified coordination relative to alignment of new Endowed Chair requests with institutional priorities and donor intent; (2) effective internal strategies to fill Chairs previously matched, while maintaining vacancy rates of two years or longer below 20% for the future; and (3) plans to explore with donors alternative ways to flexibly use Endowed Chair funds to achieve current institutional, college, or departmental priorities (e.g., combine for larger Chairs or convert to Endowed Professorships or Endowed Graduate Student Scholarships).

Communications regarding this matter from affected presidents/ chancellors must be submitted to the Commissioner of Higher Education by January 5, 2015.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Farr, Vice Chair of the Nominating Committee, Dr. Uma

Subramanian, Deputy Commissioner for Legal and External Affairs, presented the Nominating Committee Report of December 10, 2014.

NOMINATION OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2015 (CHAIR, VICE CHAIR AND SECRETARY)

On motion of Regent Wiley, seconded by Regent Sam, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Nominating Committee to accept the nomination of the following Board officers for 2015:

**Regent Roy Martin III, Chair
Regent Richard Lipsey, Vice Chair
Regent Joseph Farr, Secretary**

NOMINATION OF FOUR NON-OFFICER MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2015

On motion of Regent Wiley, seconded by Regent Sam, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Nominating Committee to accept the nomination of the following non-officer members to serve on the Executive Committee for 2015:

**Regent William Fenstermaker
Regent Robert Levy**

**Regent Edward Markle
Regent Joseph Wiley**

LUMCON COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Wiley, Chair of the LUMCON Committee, Dr. Uma Subramanian presented the LUMCON Committee Report of December 10, 2014.

UPDATE ON ONGOING LITIGATION (*Babin v. LUMCON et al.* 19th JDC, Docket No. 595,383 Sec. 22)

Dr. Subramanian mentioned that the LUMCON Committee met in executive session on Wednesday, December 10, 2014, to discuss the ongoing litigation of *Babin vs. LUMCON, et al.* 19th JDC, Docket No. 595,383, Sec. 22. She said no action or votes were taken in executive session.

OTHER BUSINESS

Other business introduced by Chair Rasberry included:

- ✓ Congratulations to two staff members – Mr. Terrence Ginn who was selected as a *2014 Top 40 Under 40* recipient by the Baton Rouge Business Report and Dr. Katara Williams, who is a 2014 Leadership Louisiana Graduate and was also appointed to the Louisiana Educational Television Authority Board by the Governor.
- ✓ The next meeting of the Board will be held on January 12, 2015 for the installation of officers along with Committee business. The Board meeting on January 21, 2015, has been cancelled.
- ✓ Congratulations to an impressive slate of officers for 2015.

- ✓ The Board of Regents has been asked to develop a statewide policy on campus sexual assault. Staff has been meeting with system representatives to identify the issues and minimum requirements of such a policy. Regents Joe Wiley, Bob Levy and Maggie Brakeville have attended one of the meetings. At the appropriate time, the Board will receive a draft policy for review and approval. The goal is to have a uniform policy by the end of February so legislative efforts on this issue can be undertaken in 2015.

Chair Rasberry expressed his gratitude for being able to serve as Chair of the Board of Regents for the past two years. He reminded the Board that it is best when the Board speaks with one voice. He said he would cherish the memorable experiences while serving as Chair.

Regents Lipsey, Fenstermaker and Martin thanked Chair Rasberry for his leadership and the solid foundation he provided to the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.