

# MINUTES

## BOARD OF REGENTS

February 24, 2017

*Earlier in the morning, the Board of Regents honored a long-time public servant and advocate of higher education, Mr. Ben Nevers, Chief of Staff for Governor John Bel Edwards. His wife Ann and grandson Drake accompanied him to today's meeting. Chair Lipsey noted that Mr. Nevers is retiring on February 28, 2017, after a career in state government that has spanned over thirty years. A plaque and resolution were presented to him.*

The Board of Regents met in session at 12:14 p.m., Friday, February 24, 2017, in the Louisiana Purchase Room 1-100, Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Richard Lipsey called the meeting to order.

### INSTALLATION FOR 2017

Vice Chair Edward Markle was sworn in by Dr. Uma Subramanian, Deputy Commissioner for Legal and External Affairs, as Vice Chair for 2017 and as a member of the Executive Committee. Regent Collis Temple III was also sworn in at this time as a member of the Executive Committee.

### ROLL CALL

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

#### Present for the meeting were:

Richard Lipsey, Chair  
Edward Markle, Vice Chair  
Marty Chabert, Secretary  
Claudia Adley  
Blake David  
Benson Kinney

#### Absent from the meeting were:

Thomas Henning  
Darren Mire  
Jacqueline Wyatt

#### Present for the meeting (continued):

Robert Levy  
Roy Martin III  
Charles McDonald

W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr.  
T. Jay Seale III  
William Gray Stream  
Collis Temple III

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Lipsey 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 JANUARY 9, 2017

**On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Temple, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of January 9, 2017.**

## REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

**On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to approve all Committee recommendations from the February 24, 2017 Committee meetings.**

## ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

### PROPOSED NEW PROGRAMS

*Bachelor of Science in Entrepreneurship at Louisiana State University*

**Conditionally approve the proposed Bachelor of Science in Entrepreneurship (CIP 52.0701) at Louisiana State University, with a progress report due by June 1, 2018.**

*Graduate Certificate in Teaching in the Health Professions at Louisiana State University*

**Approve the Graduate Certificate in Teaching in the Health Professions (CIP 51.9999) at Louisiana State University.**

## PROGRAM RECONFIGURATION

**Approve the proposed Master of Science and Ph.D. in Agricultural and Extension Education (CIP 01.0801) at Louisiana State University with a progress report on implementation under the new configuration due on June 1, 2018.**

## CONSENT AGENDA

**Approve the items on the Consent Agenda as listed below:**

### **A. Routine Staff Reports**

- 1. Staff Approvals**
- 2. Progress Reports**
- 3. Letters of Intent/Proposals in the Queue**

## **FACILITIES AND PROPERTY**

### SMALL CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

**Approve the items on the Consent Agenda as listed below:**

**LSU A&M: Dub Robinson Stadium Beach Volleyball Renovations (Budget Increase) with cost of \$229,100 from auxiliary revenues.**

**LSU A&M: School of Veterinary Medicine Equine Recovery Renovations with cost of \$390,000 through “other” funds (private donations).**

**SUAREC: Child Development Laboratory Renovations with cost of \$284,400 through “other” funds (USDA/NIFA Grant).**

### LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER IN NEW ORLEANS LAND ACQUISITION

**Approve the project submitted by the Louisiana State University Board of Supervisors, on behalf of Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans, to purchase the available parcel of land located at 1800 Gravier Street in New Orleans as well as the future purchase of parcels located at 1824 and 1828 Gravier Street, 512 and 516 South Roman Street, and 531 and 535 South Derbigny Street as they become available.**

## SPONSORED PROGRAMS

### CONSENT AGENDA

Approve the items on the Consent Agenda as listed below:

- A. Refocusing of Endowed Chairs: University of New Orleans
- B. Appointments of Endowed Chairholders without National Search
  - 1. LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans
  - 2. Loyola University New Orleans
  - 3. University of New Orleans
- C. Conversion of Matched Endowed Chair to Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarship: Pennington Biomedical Research Center

## STATEWIDE PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

### CONSENT AGENDA

Approve the items on the Consent Agenda as listed below:

- A. Authorize Publication of Final Rule
- B. Authorize Publication of Rule Repealing LASFAC Bylaws and Adopting Bylaws for the LOSFA Advisory Board
- C. Approval of Exceptions

## PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE

### CONSENT AGENDA

Approve the items on the Consent Agenda as listed below:

- A. R.S. 17:1808 (Licensure)
  - 1. Initial Licenses
    - a. Touro University
  - 2. License Renewals
    - a. Bellevue University
    - b. Brandman University
- B. State Authorization Reciprocal Agreement (SARA) Institutional Renewal
  - 1. Louisiana State University
  - 2. McNeese State University
  - 3. Northwestern State University
  - 4. University of Holy Cross

STATE AUTHORIZATION RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT (SARA) INSTITUTIONAL APPLICATION

**A. Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-Shreveport**

**Approve the initial Application for Institutional Participation in SARA for Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-Shreveport, and authorize staff to submit the approved application to NC-SARA for final approval of SARA membership.**

FINAL STAFF DRAFT OF BOARD OF REGENTS' RESPONSE TO ACT 619 OF THE 2016 REGULAR SESSION OF THE LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE

**Approve the Board of Regents' Response to Act 619 of 2016 as amended to remove recommendation 5.9 and all associated language and authorize the Commissioner of Higher Education to make final edits and submit the report to the appropriate Committees of the Louisiana Legislature on behalf of the Board of Regents.**

OTHER BUSINESS

A. Accrediting Council on Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS)

In December 2016, the US Secretary of Education finalized the process of revoking the USDoE's recognition of ACICS as an accreditor. USDoE allows institutions that held accreditation with ACICS to sign a Provisional Program Participation Agreement (PPPA) to maintain eligibility to participate in Title IV programs for up to 18 months while seeking recognition with another accreditor.

One ACICS academic degree-granting institution decided to discontinue its bachelor's program and subsequently withdraw its license. The other academic institution and all six proprietary schools accredited by ACICS submitted signed copies of their PPPA with USDoE and intend to seek accreditation with another entity.

## REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Commissioner of Higher Education Joseph C. Rallo gave brief remarks regarding:

- (1) Dr. Jeanne Burns, Associate Commissioner for Teacher and Leadership Initiatives, is working with the State Higher Education Executive Officers (SHEEO) to increase the number of underrepresented minority male teachers. SHEEO was recently awarded a three-year grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to fund *Project Pipeline Repair: Restoring Minority Male Participation and Persistence in Educator Preparation Programs (Project PR)*. The project will engage state policy leaders, educator preparation programs at HBCUs, and partner schools to achieve goals and objectives of the \$1.5 million award.
- (2) Dr. Rallo said the 2017 Spring Forum in Alexandria, Louisiana, on February 1 and 2, 2017, was very successful and well attended. The first day consisted of a diverse group of academic and student affairs staff including enrollment managers, registrars, academic advisors, deans of students, career counselors, recruiters and IR/data managers. The second day included one to two faculty members from each school's academic colleges/departments. Dr. Rallo acknowledged that Chair Richard Lipsey and Board Member Roy Martin III attended the forum.

### OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Lipsey mentioned that the next Board meeting will be held on Monday, March 20, 2017.

Regent Chabert thanked the Governor and the Legislature for sparing higher education from major budget cuts during the special session. He said the Governor has on his priority list to fully fund the TOPS program.

Chair Lipsey also requested that it be read into the minutes that repairs must be made in the Louisiana Purchase Room. The chairs need to be replaced along with an upgrade to the audio/visual equipment so the audience and those on the dais can hear each other.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:26 p.m.