

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

JANUARY 25, 2007

The Board of Regents met in session at 9:05 a.m. Thursday, January 25, 2007, in the Louisiana Purchase Room of the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Pat Strong 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:

Pat Strong, Chair
Scott Brame, Vice Chair
Artis Terrell, Jr., Secretary
William Blake
Richard D'Aquin
Ingrid Labat
Robert Levy
W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr.
Mary Ellen Roy
William Clifford Smith
Harold Stokes

Absent for the meeting were:

Frances Henry
Roland Toups
Terry Landry, Jr.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Strong noted that no written requests were received for public comments and asked whether the audience had any comments at this time. There were none.

MINUTES APPROVED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 4, 2007

On motion of Regent Terrell, Seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of January 4, 2007.

**PRESENTATION TO MR. STANLEY JACOBS, FORMER MEMBER OF
THE BOARD OF REGENTS**

Chair Pat Strong presented a plaque of appreciation for services to higher education to Mr. Stanley Jacobs, former member of the Board of Regents. Regent Strong noted that Mr. Jacobs was a Regents' member from 2003-06 and was recently reappointed to the LSU Board of Supervisors. Regent Strong stated that Regent Toups, who was unable to attend the meeting, wanted Supervisor Jacobs to know that he enjoyed serving with him. Mr. Jacobs said it was an amazing three and one-half years and applauded the Regents' staff. He mentioned that each Regent on the board worked together as a group to improve higher education.

**WELCOME TO DR. JOE MAY, PRESIDENT, LOUISIANA COMMUNITY
AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM**

Chair Strong introduced Dr. Joe May, President, Louisiana Community and Technical College System. He noted that Dr. May had served as Senior Vice President of Best Associates, a Dallas based company specializing in educational solutions, and has had a career for over 25 years in higher education. Dr. May said it was an honor to be in Louisiana and be able to provide leadership to an outstanding college system.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Brame, Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Mr. Gerard Killebrew, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, presented motions from the

Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of January 24, 2007.

PROPOSED ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Baton Rouge Community College - A.S. in Nursing

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee for conditional approval of the proposed Associate of Science in Nursing program (CIP 51.1601) at Baton Rouge Community College. Prior to program implementation, College administrators shall meet with Mr. Donnie Vandal, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, and Mr. Gerard Killebrew, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, to discuss immediate funding needs and sources of such funding for the first year of program operation. The primary foci of these discussions shall be resource issues directly related to required NLNAC program accreditation and efforts by the College to afford such resources within existing state funding. Beginning January 15, 2008 and thereafter, the College shall submit an annual report to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs regarding the program's progress toward NLNAC accreditation.

Southern University-New Orleans - B.A. in Child Development and Family Studies

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee for conditional approval for the proposed B.A. program in Child Development and Family Studies (CIP Code 19.0701) at Southern University-New Orleans. Prior to program implementation, the University must hire an appropriately qualified Program Director. Once this person has been hired, University administrators shall meet with Mr. Donnie Vandal, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, and Mr. Gerard Killebrew, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, to discuss immediate funding needs and sources of such funding for the first year of program operations. The primary foci of these discussions shall be resource issues directly related to required AAFCS program accreditation and efforts by the University to afford such resources within existing state funding. Thereafter, beginning January 15, 2008, and on that same date until AAFCS program accreditation has been achieved, an annual report addressing these concerns shall be sent to Mr. Vandal and Mr. Killebrew and necessary follow-up meetings scheduled to resolve any outstanding issues.

PROPOSED DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAMSDelgado Community College - A.S. in Nursing

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to approve the request from Delgado Community College to seek authorization from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to offer its Associate of Science in Nursing (CIP Code 51.1601) program via distance learning technologies to the campus of Louisiana Delta Community College. Once SACS approval has been granted, a meeting between appropriate LDCC, DCC, LCTCS, and Regents' staff is required to finalize budget arrangements for this endeavor.

Southern University-Baton Rouge - M.S. in Rehabilitation Counseling

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, 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 seek authorization from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to offer its Master of Science in Rehabilitation Counseling (CIP Code 51.2310) program via distance learning technologies.

PROPOSED NEW ACADEMIC/RESEARCH UNITSUniversity of Louisiana-Lafayette - Institute for Coastal Ecology and Engineering

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the proposed Institute for Coastal Ecology and Engineering at the University of Louisiana -Lafayette for a period of one year. If a proposal for full approval for the Institute is not received by the Commissioner of Higher Education by February 1, 2008, the Board of Regents shall reexamine ongoing need for the Institute.

Grambling State University - Center for Mathematical Achievement in Science and Technology

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student

Affairs Committee to approve the Center for Mathematical Achievement in Science and Technology at Grambling State University for a period of four years.

PROPOSED CURRICULAR REVISION - UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE - M.S. IN HUMAN RESOURCES

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to terminate the M.S. program in Human Resources (CIP Code 19.0101) at the University of Louisiana-Lafayette, effective immediately. Students currently enrolled in the program shall be provided an appropriate opportunity to complete their program of studies.

PROGRESS REPORTS ON CONDITIONALLY APPROVED PROGRAMS

Southern University-Baton Rouge

Master of Engineering

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Roy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the AY 2005-06 Progress Report Relative to the Implementation of the Master of Engineering program at Southern University-Baton Rouge. The next progress report addressing concerns cited in the staff summary shall be due to the Commissioner of Higher Education by August 1, 2007.

Master of Business Administration

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Roy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the Third Progress Report Relative to Implementation of the Master of Business Administration Program at Southern University-Baton Rouge. The University shall submit an interim progress report by March 15, 2007, to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs concerning progress toward ultimate solution of issues 2 and 3 in the staff summary. Beyond this deadline, the next progress report shall be due by August 1, 2007, as previously

required.

Louisiana State University and A&M College - Center for Biomodular Systems

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Roy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the Progress Report from the Center for Biomodular Microsystems at Louisiana State University and A&M College. No further reports are required until the Center applies for reauthorization by January 1, 2009.

University of Louisiana-Lafayette

M.S. in Engineering-Petroleum Option

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Roy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the AY 2005-06 Progress Report Relative to Implementation of the Petroleum Engineering Option in the Master of Science in Engineering at the University of Louisiana-Lafayette. No further reports are required. The program is hereby granted full approval.

Center for Structural and Functional Materials

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Roy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the AY 2005-06 Progress Report from the University of Louisiana-Lafayette Relative to Implementation of the Center for Structural and Functional Materials. The Center is hereby granted continued approval through September 1, 2010. Thereafter, the University shall submit a proposal for Center reauthorization.

Northwestern State University

B.A. in Heritage Resources

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Roy, the Board

voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the Progress Report Relative to the Implementation of the Bachelor of Arts in Heritage Resources at Northwestern State University. A subsequent progress report addressing program enrollment shall be submitted to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs by December 1, 2007.

B.S. in Addiction Studies

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Roy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the Interim Progress Report from Northwestern State University Relative to Implementation of the B.S. Program in Addiction Studies. A subsequent progress report, addressing the need for additional full-time faculty, shall be submitted to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs by August 1, 2007.

Louisiana Technical College - Ascension Campus - A.A.S. in Process Technology

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Roy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the AY 2005-2006 report relative to the implementation of the A.A.S. in Process Technology at the Louisiana Technical College-Ascension. A subsequent progress report, documenting student enrollment and completers, shall be submitted to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs by June 1, 2007.

Southern University-Shreveport - A.S. in Human Services

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Roy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the Progress Report from Southern University Shreveport Relative to Implementation of the A.S. in Human Services Program. No further reports are required. The program is hereby granted full approval.

Sowela Technical Community College - Associate of General Studies

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Roy, the Board voted

unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the Progress Report from Sowela Technical Community College Relative to Implementation of the Associate of General Studies Program. The next report shall be due upon pending SACS action on the College's request for candidacy.

PROPOSED STATEWIDE NATURAL SCIENCES ARTICULATION MATRIX

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Roy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the proposed AY 2006-07 Statewide Natural Sciences Course Articulation Matrix.

TEACHER EDUCATION INITIATIVES

Evaluation of Redesigned Initial Teacher Preparation Programs and Graduate Programs for Teachers and Leaders

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Roy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the following redesigned teacher education programs:

- 1. Master of Education in Special Education with a Concentration in Early Interventionist (Birth to Five) (CIP Code: 13.1015) at Grambling State University;**
- 2. Master of Arts in Teaching in Early Interventionist (Birth to Five) (CIP Code: 13.1015) and Master of Arts in Teaching in Visually Impaired (CIP Code: 13.1009) at Louisiana Tech University;**
- 3. Master of Education in Gifted Education (CIP Code 13.1004) and Master of Education in Special Education (CIP Code 13.1001) with a Concentration in Educational Diagnostician at Louisiana State University and A&M College;**
- 4. Master of Education in Special Education (CIP Code 13.1001) with Concentrations in Gifted Education and Mild/Moderate Special Education at Northwestern State University; and**
- 5. Master of Arts in Teaching in Early Interventionist (Birth to Five) (CIP**

Code 13.1015) at Southeastern Louisiana University.

REPORTS OF THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER

Mr. Killebrew updated the Committee on the following items:

- A. Louisiana’s Participation in the American Diploma Project;
- B. Status of Reviews of Conditionally Approved Programs;
- C. Status of Review for Proposed Programs/Units; and
- D. Staff Approval of Routine Academic Requests.

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT OF JANUARY 24, 2007

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Roy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of January 24, 2007. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Rasberry, 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 January 24, 2007.

SMALL CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Blake, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the Small Capital Projects as listed:

**Miller Hall - Upgrade Electrical Service to Rooms - Phase II - Louisiana State University and A&M College
\$225,000 from Auxiliary Funds**

**Broussard Hall - Replace Air Handlers (Main and West Annex) - Louisiana State University and A&M College
\$349,000 from Auxiliary Funds**

Evangeline Hall - Replace Air Handlers -
Louisiana State University and A&M College
\$349,000 from Auxiliary Funds

Tennis Courts - Replace Existing Lighting -
Louisiana State University and A&M College
\$235,000 from Auxiliary Funds

Veterinary School Emergency Power -
Louisiana State University and A&M College
\$349,000 from State Funds

Chimes Street Pedestrian Corridor and Tree Protection -
Louisiana State University and A&M College
\$250,00 from Environmental Impact Fee (\$1 surcharge on each football and basketball ticket sold to provide for campus beautification)

Circle of Excellence - Plaza -
Louisiana State University in Shreveport
\$150,000 from LSU-S Foundation Funds

Highland Road Plaza -
Paul M. Hebert Law Center
\$125,000 from State Funds

Allied Health Parking Lot Expansion -
Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in Shreveport
\$235,000 from Auxiliary Funds

Renovation of Allied Health Facility -
L. E. Fletcher Technical Community College
\$171,700 from State Funds

Conference Center Shower Repairs -
University of Louisiana at Lafayette
\$330,000 from Auxiliary Funds

ACT 959 PROJECTS

On motion of Regent Raspberry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted

unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the construction of a new Child Care Facility at Delgado Community College under the provisions of Act 959 of 2003. The project is estimated to cost \$1,250,000.

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the construction of an Industrial Technology Building at SOWELA Technical Community College under the provisions of Act 959 of 2003. The project is estimated to cost \$2,106,000 of which \$2,000,000 will come from a ConocoPhillips donation, and \$106,000 will come from the Riverboat Casino Head Tax, a statutorily dedicated tax specifically for SOWELA for non-recurring facility needs. A condition of the approval is that the source of the \$106,000 must be determined to qualify under the provisions of Act 959 of 2003. If it fails to qualify, the project must (1) be reduced in scope to eliminate that source of funding, (2) obtain an increase in funding from the approved source (ConocoPhillips), or (3) provide substitute funding from a qualified source.

Mr. Donnie Vandal, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, stated that it had been determined that the \$106,000 would come from a local governing authority fee which had been dedicated to SOWELA.

HURRICANE STATUS REPORT

Mr. Griswold stated that an updated hurricane status report was given. Dr. Victor Ukpolo, Chancellor of Southern University-New Orleans, presented a detailed plan for the recovery of the Southern University-New Orleans campus.

EMERGENCY APPROVAL REPORT

Mr. Griswold stated that immediate approval was needed for a request by Delgado Community College to seek funding in the amount of \$2,827,000 from the Interim Emergency Board (IEB) for chiller replacements. He said this project had been in the Emergency Category of the Board of Regents' Capital Outlay Recommendation since 2003 and there needed to be

action on this matter.

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT OF JANUARY 24, 2007

On motion of Regent Raspberry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Report of January 24, 2007. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Levy, Chair of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee, Dr. Larry Tremblay, Acting Deputy Commissioner for Academic and Student Affairs, presented motions from the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Report of January 24, 2007.

LICENSURE

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to extend the deadline for Capra College to deposit the necessary funds (\$150,000) until December 31, 2007. If the deposits are not forthcoming, the Board of Regents may revoke the license of Capra College.

PROPRIETARY SCHOOLS

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Blake, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve the recommendations as submitted by its Advisory Commission, including:

- 1. An initial operating license for Remington College - Shreveport, located in Shreveport;**
- 2. An Associate in Occupational Studies in Dental Assisting program at Blue Cliff College - Metairie;**
- 3. License renewals of the following proprietary schools (initial license date in parentheses):
American Commercial College (12/05/02)**

Blue Cliff College–Baton Rouge (12/08/05)
Blue Cliff College–Lafayette (01/27/00)
Cameron College (06/29/03)
Diesel Driving Academy–Lafayette Branch (01/27/05)
Galliano Training Center, LLC (12/08/05)
Herzing College (12/07/95)
High-Tech Institute–Orlando (12/05/02)
Houston Marine Training Services (12/08/05)
IAMN Computer Training Center (12/11/03)
Infinity Hypnosis Institute, Inc. (12/05/02)
ITI Technical College (01/27/00)
Kenner health Careers Institute, LLC (12/11/03)
LaFourche Merchant Marine Training Services, Inc. (12/14/89)
Legally Speaking (12/06/01)
Louisiana School of Bartending, LLC (01/22/04)
Martin International, Inc. (12/16/82)
NASCAR Technical Institute (12/05/02)
National Driving Academy, Inc. (12/05/96)
ProScribe Voice Reporting Institute (09/24/03)
Southland School of Taxidermy (01/27/94)
Southwest Paralegal College (12/07/00)
Vortex Helicopters, Inc. (12/08/05); and

4. A license renewal for TransportSafe Training Center, Inc. (12/07/05). However, prior to resuming classes, the institution must have completed the following tasks:

- a. submitted for staff approval a plan detailing steps to be taken to reopen; and**
- b. submitted to staff copies of the necessary permits/clearances from the appropriate local/state officials.**

In addition, a site visit from the Board of Regents' Proprietary School Section Staff will be undertaken within 30 days of the school's reopening.

THE PUBLIC AGENDA

Dr. Tremblay noted that updates were given regarding the following items: (1) the development of a new Master Plan; (2) a brief presentation on short-term and long-term strategies addressing a broad public agenda; highlights on the decline in high school graduates, the high

number of adults without college education, and the need for a state need based financial aid program; and (3) Dr. Karen Denby will be joining the Regents' staff on January 29th as Senior Policy Analyst.

REPORT FROM THE ACTING DEPUTY COMMISSIONER.

Dr. Tremblay said updates were given on the following items: (1) Return-to-Learn Initiative; and (2) HealthWorks Commission.

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF JANUARY 24, 2007

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Report of January 24, 2007. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Rasberry, Chair of the Nominating Committee, Mr. Donald Vandal, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, presented motions from the Nominating Committee Report of January 24, 2007.

NOMINATION OF MEMBER TO SERVE ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2007

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee to appoint Regent Roland Toups to fill the vacancy on the Executive Committee for 2007.

NOMINATION OF MEMBER TO SERVE ON THE LOUISIANA STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE COMMISSION (LASFAC) FOR 2007

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee to

appoint Regent Roland Toups to serve as one of the Regents' representatives on the Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission (LASFAC) for 2007.

ADOPTION OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT OF JANUARY 24, 2007

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Smith, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Nominating Committee Report of January 24, 2007.

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SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Rasberry, Chair of the Sponsored Programs Committee, Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, presented motions from the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of January 24, 2007.

CONSIDERATION OF THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR THE FY 2006-07 POST-KATRINA SUPPORT FUND INITIATIVE

Primarily Research Subprogram (PRS) Request for Proposals (RFP)

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Post-Katrina Support Fund Initiative (P-KSFI) Primarily Research Subprogram (PRS).

Primarily Education Subprogram (PES) Request for Proposals (RFP)

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Post-Katrina Support Fund Initiative (P-KSFI) Primarily Education Subprogram (PES).

FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE RESEARCH ENHANCEMENT AWARDS (REA) PROGRAM COMPONENT OF THE JOINTLY SPONSORED (REGENTS/NASA) LaSPACE PROGRAM

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted

unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the LaSPACE consultants' report and funding recommendations in the amount of \$152,198 relative to the five top-ranked LaSPACE Research Enhancement Award (REA) projects recommended for funding, to be paid from Support Fund monies annually allocated to the LaSPACE Research Enhancement Awards program, and unexpended funds from previous competitions as necessary. Projects shall be funded in the order, amounts, and with any stipulations recommended in the consultants' report. If an award is declined, that award shall be offered to the alternate proposals in the order indicated in the report. *(Copy on file in the Office of the Board of Regents.)*

CONSIDERATION OF REVISIONS TO THE BoRSF ENDOWMENT POLICIES AND THE ENDOWED CHAIRS AND PROFESSORSHIPS STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICY AND OBJECTIVES

On motion of Regent Raspberry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve suggested changes to the Louisiana Board of Regents Endowed Chair and Endowed Professorship Programs Statement of Investment Policy and Objectives. *(Copy on file in the Office of the Board of Regents.)*

On motion of Regent Raspberry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve suggested changes to the Board of Regents Endowed Chair Program Policy. *(Copy on file in the Office of the Board of Regents.)*

On motion of Regent Raspberry, seconded Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve suggested changes to the Louisiana Board of Regents Endowed Professorship Program Policy. *(Copy on file in the Office of the Board of Regents.)*

OTHER BUSINESS

Board of Regents Support Fund (BoRSF) Advisory Committee Membership Nomination

On motion of Regent Raspberry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the replacement of Dr. Gary Talarchek with Dr. George Capowich, Director of Grants and Research at Loyola University, as LAICU's

sole representative on the BoRSF Advisory Committee.

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT OF JANUARY 24, 2007

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of January 24, 2007. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

SWEARING IN CEREMONY FOR 2007

Ms. Connie Koury, General Counsel for the Board of Regents, administered the oath of office to Regent Artis Terrell as Secretary to the Board and a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Regents.

RATIFICATION OF COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Regent Strong informed the Board that committee assignments were not complete at this time, but he hoped it would be completed by the February Board meeting.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Savoie reported on the following items:

- Meeting with the Louisiana Congressional Delegation and representatives from the Council of Student Body Presidents (COSBP) in Washington, DC on February 6-7, 2007, to discuss federal issues that affect students in Louisiana.
- Public Hearings regarding CDBG will be held in New Orleans on February 9, 2007.
- The next Committee and Board meetings will be on February 21-22, 2007.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Vandal mentioned that copies of an article from the *Advocate* entitled “Louisiana Works to Build Research Alliance” along with a printout of information on the Georgia Research Alliance was in the Board’s folder for their review.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent D’Aquin, there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.