

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

MARCH 22, 2006

The Board of Regents met in session at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 22, 2006, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Roland Toups 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:

Scott Brame
Richard D'Aquin
Frances Henry
Stanley Jacobs
Ingrid Labat
Robert Levy
W. Clinton Rasberry
Mary Ellen Roy
William Smith
Pat Strong
Harold Stokes
Artis Terrell
Roland Toups
Chris Jividen

Absent for the meeting was:

William Blake
Virgil Robinson, Jr.

MINUTES APPROVED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 23, 2006

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of February 23, 2006.

**PRESENTATION BY MR. ALBERT STROINK, PLANT MANAGER,
CHALMETTE REFINING (EXXONMOBIL), REGARDING THE A.A.S. IN
INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM AT NUNEZ COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Chair Toups introduced Dr. Tommy Warner, Chancellor of Nunez Community College. Chancellor Warner thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak about the A.A.S. in Industrial Technology Program at Nunez. He stated that the college is surrounded by refineries that are searching for qualified employees. He said that in April 2005, Chalmette Refinery gave resource assistance to Nunez Community College for a period of two to three years to set up the PTEC based Operator Training Program.

Next, Chancellor Warner introduced Mr. Albert Stroink, Plant Manager, Chalmette Refinery, who initiated the support for the program.

Mr. Stroink noted that a partnership was created between Nunez Community College and seven companies – Chalmette Refinery, Murphy Oil Refinery, Connoco-Phillips Refinery, Domino Sugar Refinery, Air Products, Entergy Power, and Folgers Coffee – to develop a program that would train PTEC operators. He said that Hurricane Katrina halted the program when it struck on August 29, 2005. He explained that all refineries were flooded at that time but have resumed operations. Mr. Stroink stated that ExxonMobil agreed to pay the salary for the instructor of the program, and Mr. Larry Goodman was hired for the position.

Mr. Goodman said it was necessary to look beyond the storm and work for the community. He noted that the industry partnership has contributed over \$1.5 million to support the A.A.S. in Industrial Technology program. Mr. Goodman noted that the first class started in February 2006 with 25 to 30 participants. Mr. Goodman noted that work will continue in the following areas: (1) growth of the program from 60 to 100 students by September 2006 which

will be consistent with the annual local industry demands; (2) work to obtain PTEC certification by September 2006; and (3) continue to align with other GNOC initiatives. He mentioned that Mr. Stroink, presented a \$100,000 check from the ExxonMobil Foundation to the St. Bernard Economic Development Commission Foundation to benefit the St. Bernard Citizens Recovery Committee. He said the contribution will be used to help fund the creation of a “master plan” for the redesign and redevelopment of the parish.

Chair Toups stated that an open house and press conference were held on February 7th at the college. He said that each of the seven industry partners were in attendance at the event and gave testimony of what the community college means to the community and their industry. He also thanked Chancellor Warner, Mr. Stroink, and Mr. Goodman for their remarks. Chair Toups also recognized Dr. Jerry Pinsel of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System for her work with Nunez Community College.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Toups noted that one written request for public comment had been received from Ms. Lacey Spencer, President, Student Government Association of Louisiana State University at Shreveport (LSU-S) and student representative on the LSU Board of Supervisors. Ms. Spencer said she would like to speak to the Board during the discussion of the Louisiana State University-Alexandria softball complex project. Chair Toups also asked if the audience had any other comments at that time. There were none.

REMARKS BY MS. CONNIE COOPER, PRESIDENT OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (SGA) OF LSU-ALEXANDRIA

Chair Toups introduced Ms. Connie Cooper, SGA President of LSU-Alexandria. Ms. Cooper thanked the Board for allowing her to speak regarding the establishment of an intercollegiate sports program at LSU at Alexandria and to request an amendment to the 2006-07 Capital Outlay Budget Request to include a baseball and softball sports complex. Ms. Cooper stated that students at LSU-Alexandria recognize the impact that Hurricane Katrina has had on the state economy and higher education in Louisiana. She continued by saying that the students understand the need for the Board of Regents to exercise fiscal responsibility during this time of recovery. Ms. Cooper said a petition was circulated among the student body in an effort to ascertain whether the students at LSU-A still endorse supporting an athletic program with a self-assessed fee. She noted that 800 signatures were received on the petition from an enrollment of 3,000 students on the campus.

Chair Toups recognized Ms. Lacey Spencer, SGA President from LSU-Shreveport and student member of the LSU Board of Supervisors. Ms. Spencer noted that students from LSU-S shared the same views of the students from LSU-Alexandria. Ms. Spencer urged that the Board rescind its action from the February 2006 Board meeting and allow the proposal to advance without reaffirmation through a student referendum.

Regent Brame thanked everyone for their comments. He noted that due to the additional information given today and the fact that students reaffirmed their support for the project, he would be supportive of the baseball and softball complex.

Ms. Cooper was also questioned about the fact that a petition was used instead of the referendum as recommended at the February 2006 meeting of the Board of Regents. Dr. E.

Joseph Savoie, Commissioner of Higher Education, informed the Board that Ms. Cooper called him for guidance, and he agreed that a petition could be offered to students instead of a referendum. Regent Levy inquired if there was a record of the number of those not signing the petition. SGA President Cooper said that no record was kept of those who were approached and may have declined. Regent Strong said his initial problem was the date of the original referendum (September 2004) and whether students had changed their mind about the athletic program due to fiscal constraints. He was also concerned about maintenance fees for the complex.

After further discussion,

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted to rescind the motion from the February 23, 2006, Board of Regents' meeting concerning the FY 2006-07 Capital Outlay Budget Recommendation to include a project to construct a baseball and softball complex at Louisiana State University at Alexandria.

Regent Toups requested a show of hands:

yea - (Brame, D'Aquin, Henry, Jacobs, Labat, Rasberry, Roy, Smith, Stokes, Terrell, Toups)

Nay - (Jividen, Levy, Strong)

Motion passes.

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted to accept the motion as presented by staff on February 23, 2006, to amend the FY 2006-07 Capital Outlay Budget Recommendation to include a project to construct a baseball and softball complex at Louisiana State University at Alexandria. The project, estimated to cost \$1,725,000 from self-assessed student fees and funding from the institution, would be added to the end of the self-generated category.

Regent Toups requested a show of hands:

yea - (Brame, D'Aquin, Henry, Jacobs, Labat, Rasberry, Roy, Smith, Stokes, Terrell, Toups)

Nay - (Levy, Strong, Jividen)

Motion passes.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Levy, Chair of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee, Dr. Larry Tremblay, Associate Commissioner for Planning and Research, presented motions from the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee Report of March 22, 2006.

LICENSURE

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to renew the licenses of the following institutions:

- 1. Alcorn State University**
- 2. Central Texas College**

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to issue an initial license to Walden University, located in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

PROPRIETARY SCHOOLS

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve an initial operating license for Academy of Acadiana, Inc., located in New Iberia, Louisiana.

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve an initial operating license for Unitech Training Academy, located in Houma, Louisiana.

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to renew the licenses of the following proprietary schools (initial license date in parentheses):

Blue Cliff College--Lafayette (01/27/00)
Career Technical College (01/24/02)
Coastal College--Hammond (02/23/89)
Court Reporting Institute of Louisiana (01/27/00)
Creative Floral Design School of New Orleans (02/27/86)
Culinary Institute of New Orleans (02/27/97)
Dryades YMCA School of Commerce (02/27/97)
Gretna Career College (12/19/91)
ITI Technical College (01/27/00)
Kaplan, Inc., Baton Rouge (02/06/85)
Kaplan, Inc., New Orleans (02/06/85)
Louisiana Dental Assistant School, LLC (01/27/05)
Metropolitan School of Mortgage Finance & Paralegal Careers (02/27/97)
Remington College, Baton Rouge Campus (01/27/00)
Remington College, Lafayette Campus (01/25/01)

SECONDARY TO POSTSECONDARY ARTICULATION: 2005 ANNUAL REPORT

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to adopt the Secondary to Postsecondary Articulation: The 2005 Annual Report, authorize staff to include any final edits, and forward the report to the Legislature on behalf of the Board of Regents.

REPORT FROM THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER

Dr. Tremblay updated the Board on the following items:

- (1) resolution of issues with the contractor on imaging student records from closed proprietary schools;
- (2) vacancy on the Proprietary School Advisory Commission;
- (3) the Board of Regents' Statewide Student Profile System master file for the Fall, 2005 term has been built; and
- (4) continuation of working on implementation of various strategies resulting from

the enrollment recovery workshop.

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF MARCH 22, 2006

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Report of March 22, 2006. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE REPORT

On behalf of Regent Levy, Vice Chair of the Legislation Committee, Ms. Connie Koury, General Counsel, presented motions from the Legislation Committee Report of March 22, 2006.

PREVIEW OF THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION OF 2006

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Legislation Committee, in keeping with traditional practice, to authorize the Commissioner of Higher Education in consultation with the Chairman of the Board and Chairman of the Legislation Committee, be given the latitude to respond to the various changes that may be offered to the bills concerning postsecondary education before the next meeting of the Legislation Committee, in a manner consistent with the interest of postsecondary education and in keeping with the Board's historically-stated positions.

ADOPTION OF THE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE REPORT OF MARCH 22, 2006

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Legislation Committee Report of March 22, 2006. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Labat, Chair of the Technology Committee, Mr. Mike Abbiatti, Associate Commissioner for Information and Learning Technology, presented the Technology Committee Report of March 22, 2006.

REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER FOR INFORMATION AND LEARNING TECHNOLOGY

Mr. Abbiatti stated that representatives from the four management boards of higher education gave a brief presentation about the status of postsecondary education disaster preparedness in preparation for the start of the hurricane season on June 1, 2006. Mr. Abbiatti said he introduced Mr. Bill Bollier, consultant for the Board of Regents/Southern Regional Education Board Disaster Preparedness.

ADOPTION OF THE TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT OF MARCH 22, 2006

On motion of Regent Labat, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Technology Committee Report of March 22, 2006.
(Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Toups, Chairman of the Executive Committee, Mr. Donald Vandal, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, presented the Executive Committee Report of March 22, 2006.

UPDATE ON DESEGREGATION SETTLEMENT

Mr. Vandal said that an Executive Session was called to discuss desegregation issues. He mentioned that a roll call vote was taken, no motions were made, and no votes were taken during the Executive Session.

ADOPTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT OF MARCH 22, 2006

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Executive Committee Report of March 22, 2006. *(A copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)*

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Savoie reported on the following items:

- An open house will be held at LUMCON in Chauvin on March 25th;
- Regular session will begin on March 27th;
- Next Committee and Board meetings will held on April 26 and 27, 2006; and
- The annual Conference of Louisiana Colleges and Universities will be held on April 27, 2006 immediately following the Board of Regents' meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent Strong, there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.