

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

MAY 28, 2009

The Board of Regents met in session at 9:10 a.m. Thursday, May 28, 2009, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, 1201 North 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Artis Terrell, Jr. called the meeting to order. Executive Assistant Carolyn Blanchard called the roll and a quorum was established.

Present for the meeting were:

Jamey Arnette
Charlotte Bollinger
Robert Bruno
Richard D'Aquin
Maurice Durbin
Donna Klein
Ingrid Labat
W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr.
Mary Ellen Roy, Secretary
Victor Stelly
Harold Stokes
Artis Terrell, Jr., Chair
Roland Toups
Joseph Wiley

Absent for the meeting were:

Scott Brame
Robert Levy, Vice Chair

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

MINUTES APPROVEDAPPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF APRIL 23, 2009

On motion of Regent D'Aquin, seconded by Regent Stokes, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of April 23, 2009.

PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING STUDENT BOARD MEMBER, MR. JAMEY ARNETTE

Chair Artis Terrell, Dr. Sally Clausen, Commissioner of Higher Education, and Regent Richard D'Aquin presented a plaque from the Board of Regents to outgoing student Board member Jamey Arnette, representing the University of Louisiana System. Dr. Clausen thanked Mr. Arnette for his outstanding service, not only to the Board of Regents, but also to the 200,000 plus students that are served. She noted that he recently graduated from University of Louisiana at Lafayette with a degree in Communications and is looking for what he calls the "perfect job." She noted that Jamey has been active in student efforts to prevent guns on campus and to speak out about budget cuts. He was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, was elected as a Student Government Association (SGA) Senator, and elected SGA Vice-President and SGA President during his college career.

Regent Arnette expressed his gratitude to all Board members. He next introduced the recently-elected student member for the Board of Regents, Mr. Marc Guichard from Delgado Community College, who will be sworn in at the June Board meeting. Mr. Guichard thanked everyone and stated that it is a privilege to serve on the Board of Regents, and that he looks forward to the challenges ahead.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Klein, Vice Chair of the Sponsored Programs Committee, Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, moved to dispense with the reading of the report and approve the following motions “*in globo*.”

On motion of Regent Klein, seconded by Regent D’Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee as follows:

CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FROM LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY-BATON ROUGE FOR MATCHING FUNDS FOR PROPOSAL TO THE IDeA NETWORKS OF BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH EXCELLENCE (INBRE) PROGRAM OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

Approve a cash match from previously unspent monies in the Board of Regents Support Fund for the Louisiana State University NIH INBRE continuation proposal entitled “Louisiana Biomedical Research Network.” The amount of cash match provided annually shall be \$229,600, not to exceed \$1,148,000 for the five-year duration of the award. Matching funds are to be provided only if NIH INBRE funding is received.

CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FROM SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY-BATON ROUGE FOR MATCHING FUNDS FOR PROPOSAL TO THE NASA GROUP 5 UNIVERSITY RESEARCH CENTER (URC) PROGRAM

Approve a cash match from previously unspent monies in the Board of Regents Support Fund for the Southern University URC proposal entitled “Center for Coastal Zone Assessment and Remote Sensing.” The amount of cash match provided annually shall be \$100,000, not to exceed a total of \$500,000 for the five-year duration of the award. Matching funds are to be provided only if NASA URC funding is received.

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

Approve the LaSPACE consultants' report and funding recommendations in the amount of \$195,025 relative to the six top-ranked LaSPACE Research Enhancement Award (REA) projects recommended for funding, to be paid from Support Funds annually allocated to the LaSPACE Research Enhancement Awards program. 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 proposal. The alternate proposal shall also be funded if sufficient unexpended and/or returned NASA and Support Fund monies can be allocated.

REQUEST TO CHANGE PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR FOR POST-KATRINA SUPPORT FUND INITIATIVE PROJECT ENTITLED "THE LONI INSTITUTE: ADVANCING BIOLOGY, MATERIALS, AND COMPUTATIONAL SCIENCES FOR RESEARCH, EDUCATION, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT"

Approve the request from Louisiana State University to appoint Dr. Mark Jarrell as principal investigator of the Post-Katrina Support Fund Initiative project entitled "The LONI Institute: Advancing Biology, Materials, and Computational Sciences for Research, Education, and Economic Development."

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT OF MAY 27, 2009

On motion of Regent Klein, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Meeting Report of May 27, 2009. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Stokes, Chair of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee, Dr. Larry Tremblay, Acting Deputy Commissioner for Academic and Student Affairs, moved to dispense with the reading of the report and approve the following motions "*in globo*."

On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee as follows:

LICENSURE

Authorize the staff to begin the process to amend the Rules for Registration and Licensure to require licensed institutions to adhere to Academic Affairs policy 2.13 regarding program accreditation.

To grant initial licensure for Delta International University of New Orleans, LA for a period of three years with the following stipulations:

- 1. Annually, beginning August 1 of the first year of institutional operation and on that date every year thereafter during the term of initial licensure, the University shall report to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs the status of its progress towards preparation and submission of an application for accreditation candidacy through ACICS. This report shall include, at a minimum, evidence of the attendance and participation of appropriate University officials at periodic ACICS workshops for pre-applicant institutions and annual general membership meetings.**
- 2. At the end of this period of initial licensure, the University shall provide evidence of submission of an application for ACICS candidacy. If accomplished, the Regents will consider another year of licensure. If not accomplished, the Board may deny the University further licensure.**
- 3. Within one year of submission of an application for ACICS candidacy, the University shall provide evidence of successful ACICS candidacy status. If granted, the Regents will consider extending licensure to allow for final, full accreditation review. If not granted, the Board may deny the University further licensure.**
- 4. Upon termination of the allotted time for final accreditation review, the University shall report its ACICS membership status. If ACICS accreditation has been granted, the Regents shall act to extend licensure appropriate to its term of accreditation. If not granted, the Board may deny the University further licensure.**

Approve an initial operating license to Strayer University, located in Washington, D.C.

Approve the request for license renewal for the University of Southern Mississippi, located in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

PROPRIETARY SCHOOLS

Approve an initial operating license for Oak Park School of Dental Assisting, LLC, located in Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Approve the Associate in Occupational Studies Degree program in Court Reporting at the Court Reporting Institute of Louisiana, Inc., located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Renew the licenses of the following proprietary schools (initial license date in parentheses):

A & W Healthcare Educators, LLC (03/25/04)
Academy of Acadiana, Inc. (03/22/06)
Ascension College (04/22/99)
At-Home Professions (04/22/99)
BAR/BRI - Baton Rouge (03/27/03)
BAR/BRI - New Orleans (03/21/02)
Blue Cliff College--Houma (03/24/05)
Blue Cliff College--Metairie (03/23/00)
Blue Cliff College--Shreveport (03/23/00)
Coastal College--Lafayette (04/23/98)
Coastal College--Monroe (03/28/96)
Delta College of Arts & Technology--Lafayette Branch (03/24/05)
Delta School of Business and Technology (05/06/80)
Delta Training Academy (04/23/98)
Kaplan, Inc. - Shreveport (04/21/93)
Lenora School of Phlebotomy (04/28/94)
Louisiana Culinary Institute (03/27/03)
N.O.D.C. School for Dental Assisting (03/24/05)
Rhema Training Center (04/25/96)
The Ruth Cook Computer and Medical Schools (04/27/95)
Sclafani's Cooking School (04/28/94)
Unitech Training Academy--Houma (03/22/06)
Unitech Training Academy (04/24/97)
Universal Technical Institute - Florida Branch (04/23/98)
Universal Technical Institute of Texas, Inc. (04/03/85)
Verbatim Academy of Court Reporting (04/27/89)
WyoTech--Pennsylvania Campus (03/27/03)
WyoTech--Wyoming Campus (03/27/03)

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF SUSPENSION OF MANDATORY GUIDELINES FOR THE CONDUCT OF OFF-CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Extend the suspension of the Mandatory Guidelines for the Conduct of Off-Campus Activities through the 2009-2010 academic year. The ad hoc committee will continue to assess the impact of the suspension on the delivery of services to Louisiana's citizens and report its findings and recommendations to the Board of Regents in spring, 2010.

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF MAY 27, 2009

On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Meeting Report of May 27, 2009. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Rasberry, Chair of the Facilities and Property Committee, Mr. Rich Griswold, Associate Commissioner for Facilities, moved to dispense with the reading of the report and approve the following motions "*in globo*."

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee as follows:

SMALL CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

Approve the Small Capital Projects Report as follows:

Louisiana State University and A&M College

School of Veterinary Medicine - Large Animal Teaching Facility Floor Repair - REAPPROVAL - Previously approved at \$180,000, reapproved at \$240,000 from State Funds.

McVoy Hall Replace Ceiling Lights - REAPPROVAL - Previously approved at \$200,000, reapproved at \$292,000 from Auxiliary Funds.

Hatcher Hall Space Enhancements - Basement, 2nd Floor, and 3rd Floor - \$380,000 from State Funds.

Music and Dramatic Arts Building, Site Improvement Project - \$335,000 from Auxiliary Funding (Athletic Department funding for campus beautification).

West Nicholson Apartments - Install Security Screens, Buildings J-P - \$260,000 from Auxiliary Funds.

Cox Center Second Floor Repair and Facility Enhancements - \$400,000 from Other Funds (Athletic Foundation).

Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans

Biochemistry Laboratory Renovation - \$370,000 from Self-Generated Funds.

Seventh Floor Laboratory Renovations - \$320,000 from Self-Generated Funds.

Morgue Upgrades - \$300,000 Restricted, Self-Generated Funds.

AMENDMENTS TO FY 2009-2010 CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET RECOMMENDATION

Southwest Center for Rural Initiatives

Approve the request from the Southern University System that the Board of Regents amend its FY 2009-2010 Capital Outlay Recommendation to include the Southwest Center for Rural Initiatives.

Parking Facilities at LSU and A&M

Amend its FY 2009-2010 Capitol Outlay Recommendation (self-generated category) to include the Parking Facility at Louisiana State University and A&M College, at a cost estimated at \$32,125,500.

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT OF MAY 27, 2009

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Meeting Report of May 27, 2009. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Stelly, Chair of the Legislation Committee, Dr. Kim Hunter-Reed, Chief of Staff, reviewed the report highlighting key legislation of interest.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

- SB 335 (Tax/Income/Personal): Retains the deduction for excess federal itemized personal deduction at 65% for 2009, 2010, and 2011; provides a 100% deduction on and after January 1, 2012.
- HB 720 (Amnesty Bill): Enacts the Louisiana Tax Delinquency Amnesty Act of 2009.
- HB 27 (Weapons/Firearms): Authorizes concealed handgun permit holders to carry concealed weapons on campuses.
- SB 285 (Articulation): Provides for a comprehensive system of articulation and transfer of credit between and among public secondary and postsecondary educational institutions.
- SB 139 (Meal Tax): Ends the "suspension" of the sales tax exemption granted for meals furnished to the staff, faculty, and students of educational institutions, makes it retroactive to January 1, 1998, and specifically includes meals paid for in advance pursuant to certain meal plans at such institutions.
- SB 392 (Meal Tax): Provides relative to the effectiveness of the state sales and use tax exemption on the sale of meals by certain institutions and organizations.
- SB 261 (Donahue Bill): Provides for streamlining state government.
- HB 794 (Commission Bill): Provides for a commission to review all aspects of postsecondary education in the state and report to the legislature.

ADOPTION OF THE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE REPORT OF MAY 27, 2009

On motion of Regent Stelly, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Legislation Committee Meeting Report of May 27, 2009. (*Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.*)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Stelly, Vice Chair of the Finance Committee, Mr. Donald Vandal, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, moved to dispense with the reading of the report and approve the following motions "*in globo*."

On motion of Regent Stelly, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee as

follows:

REVIEW OF BUDGET AND FUNDING ISSUES

Approve the LSU Board of Supervisors' BA-7 Number 7 to increase inter-agency transfer authority at LSU in the amount of \$619,248 to allow for Minimum Foundation dollars due from the State Department of Education to the LSU Laboratory School.

ADOPTION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF MAY 27, 2009

On motion of Regent Stelly, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Finance Committee Meeting Report of May 27, 2009.
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**THE CENTER FOR ADULT LEARNING IN LOUISIANA
(CALL) STRATEGIC PLAN PRESENTATION**

Dr. Tremblay introduced Mr. Luke Dowden, Executive Director of the Center for Adult Learning in Louisiana (CALL) to discuss the strategic plan for the Center and seek the Board's approval. Dr. Tremblay noted the mission of the Center is to provide a focused and centralized infrastructure to enhance adult learning opportunities for citizens of the state through expanded programs and services offered by public higher education institutions. He next provided a brief history of the Center. It began as an initiative in northwest Louisiana in Fall 2006 with 2 institutions -- Bossier Parish Community College and Northwestern State University. In 2007 four additional institutions were added to the Center -- McNeese State University, Louisiana State University at Eunice, Southeastern Louisiana University, and the University of Louisiana at Monroe. The Center launched its first Adult Learning Campaign with the assistance of the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB). He noted that 45 graduated from CALL programs in May 2008. Last summer, the Board approved restructuring the consortium into the Center and

established the Center's operations at the Learning Center of Rapides Parish in Alexandria (LCRP). To date, there have been 150 graduates from CALL's fast-track programs.

Mr. Dowden stated that it was an honor to have served the Regents over the past year as the Executive Director. He said he would present a national, southern regional and state perspective on adult learning. He noted that online enrollments are not slowing down. Louisiana, Kentucky and Oklahoma are the leading models in the Southeast United States region in adult learning.

Mr. Dowden then introduced Dr. Bruce Chaloux, Director of Student Access Programs and Services, at SREB.

Dr. Chaloux informed the Board that there are two states in the SREB region – Kentucky and Oklahoma – where more money and time has been spent in this initiative but they have not had as good a result as Louisiana. He applauded the efforts and support of the Regents, Dr. Tremblay, Mr. Dowden and the 6 institutions for CALL's success. He said the nation must do a better job of attracting students who finished high school but never completed their college degree back into postsecondary education. There is no state in the country that has 50 percent of its working age adults with at least an associate degree or higher. He remarked that the CALL model works, and other states want to look at the model.

Mr. Dowden reminded the Regents that part of the approval of CALL was its charge to return in one year and present a working plan for Board approval. He proceeded to discuss the ten Strategic Plan elements: (1) Mission Critical Components; (2) Role of CALL; (3) Governance and Administration; (4) Program Expansion; (5) Budget Considerations; (6) Evaluation; (7) Prior Learning Assessment; (8) Adult Learning Campaigns

(www.YOURCALLLA.ORG); (9) Support Services and Structures and (10) Policy Efforts.

Dr. Tremblay concluded, that simply speaking, CALL is a strategic investment to attract, enroll, retain and graduate more Louisiana adult learners, and the Center's annual report was in the Board packet today.

Board members followed with questions and answers. Regent Bollinger requested that Louisiana hire the best professors for on-line courses to entice more CALL participants, and this could prove to be cost-effective for the state. Dr. Tremblay said it is important to identify faculty that are willing to redesign courses and assume an additional load of teaching.

Regent D'Aquin inquired about the Adult Literacy Program. Dr. Tremblay noted there is no GED component of CALL at the moment, but Dr. Clausen said outreach to the GED programs is possible.

Regent Roy inquired about the kind of degree programs of the 150 graduates. Mr. Dowden said the students have pursued general studies, business administration, computer information systems, nursing and criminal justice. Ms. Roy agreed with Ms. Bollinger that it is important to hire the best lecturer in a particular course and have them teach every student on-line in the state for that particular course. Dr. Clausen said this has been looked at for some time, and Louisiana has some of the better professors that choose to teach on-line.

On motion of Regent Klein, seconded by Regent Bollinger, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Strategic Plan for the Center for Adult Learning in Louisiana (CALL) as presented.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Dr. Clausen shared a power point presentation that was presented on April 21, 2009 to

the House Appropriations Committee. She said in the past two weeks there have been 93 newspaper articles, 41 opinion pieces and 9 letters written to the editors on the gun bill, tuition bill, and articulation. She thanked the Council for a Better Louisiana (CABL) and Public Affairs Research, Inc. (PAR) for being great support groups. Some of the items discussed were:

- Jobs by Education Level -- In 1973, only 28% of existing jobs required postsecondary education, and today more than two-thirds of new jobs will require postsecondary education;
- The United States will have 3 million more jobs requiring a bachelor's degree and there are not enough graduates to fill them;
- Workforce Demographics Shift - White 4%; Black 28%; Hispanic 70%; Asian 73%; and
- Louisiana Postsecondary Education - State funding per FTE student; tuition fee revenue per FTE student; total funding per FTE student;

Dr. Clausen then discussed Louisiana's return on investment. She noted the following:

- The number of students graduating from high school with CORE has increased from 56.5% in 2003 to 65.8% in 2007;
- ACT average scores of first-time freshmen have gone up from 19.4 in 1996 to 20.7;
- Fewer first-time freshmen are enrolling in developmental education courses at four-year institutions;
- Graduation rates have increased at four-year institutions;
- Educational attainment for all racial/ethnic groups would increase annual personal income in Louisiana;
- Degrees awarded at public institutions have increased; and
- Dual enrollment has been a success.

Dr. Clausen also noted that Louisiana has received an A for its "21st Century Teaching Force" and for being a pace setter in redesigning principal preparation programs. Louisiana higher education progress has improved in the following areas:

- High school graduation rates
- Chance for college
- ACT scores
- Retention rates
- Graduation rates

- Program accreditation
- Federal research awards
- Certified teachers
- Degrees awarded
- Educational attainment of workforce

Dr. Clausen said that 2,401 low-completer programs have been reviewed with 864 programs terminated. She continued by stating that higher education is committed to increasing the number of students who transfer from Louisiana's community colleges to its four-year institutions. A projected budget reduction of \$219 million for FY 2009-10 will seriously jeopardize this commitment.

Dr. Clausen said that Ms. Anna Beggs, a senior student at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette (ULL), who was accompanied by other students, wanted to offer public comments to the Board regarding the elimination of the Philosophy program at ULL. Since this item was not on the agenda, Dr. Clausen offered to let the students speak at the end of the meeting. Ms. Beggs expressed concern from students and community leaders that cutting ULL's Philosophy program is a mistake. She said that "Philosophy, as the core and origin of the traditional liberal arts, is essential to the University." The elimination of the program is inconsistent with the University's mission statement.

She remarked that the B.A. in Philosophy is and has been a low-completer program, but nationwide, the number of B.A.'s in Philosophy and Religious Studies has increased over the

past decade. She said growth in this program at ULL has increased from 5 students in 1992 to thirty-one students currently.

Ms. Beggs requested that the Board of Regents reconsider the decision to cut the program, not only for the sake of ULL's current and future students, but also for the sake of the University as a whole and for the value of philosophy itself.

Regent Roy, as Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, thanked Ms. Beggs for representing the ULL students in the Philosophy program at the university. She said the Board has had to make some painful decisions due to the current budget crisis. She encouraged the students to contact their elected officials and let them know the impact these budgetary concerns will have on their lives. She urged them not to give up on getting their degree no matter what happens.

Dr. Joseph Abraham, President of the American Public School Endowments, asked what savings would come from cutting the program. Ms. Roy said it is difficult to estimate the short-term cost of cutting the program, but over the long-term, it will save money. Six hundred fifty-eight (658) programs are being reviewed and 87 have been terminated, so this has to save money. Dr. Abraham said this country does not exist without philosophy. This is the only philosophy program in the University of Louisiana System. He said there is no proven savings and would like to see this program continue.

Chair Terrell said what affects the students is very important to this Board, but the data provided causes the Regents to have to make tough decisions. Commissioner Clausen thanked Dr. Abraham and the students for appearing before the Regents today. There was no action that on this matter.

Dr. Clausen informed the Board that Mr. Gene Fields, Associate Commissioner for Information Services and Data Management, has accepted a new position at the University of Louisiana Lafayette as the Chief Information Officer. Mr. Fields was instrumental in creating comprehensive data systems for the Board of Regents. She congratulated Mr. Fields for his years of dedicated service to the Regents and noted he would remain a valuable partner in education. Mr. Fields has generously offered to assist in training the individual selected for his position.

OTHER BUSINESS

Regent Bruno distributed several newspaper articles regarding facility planning on campuses. He also had questions about the status of an advisor at Southern University-New Orleans. Regent Terrell stated that the Board would follow-up on the two items.

Chair Terrell said the Board of Regents received some high profile support from business and community leaders across the state who are concerned about the deep cuts to higher education proposed in the state budget. He said that copies of letters from business and community leaders in support of Senate Bill 335 were in today's Board packet. It was noted that the Senate Finance Committee would convene at 1:00 p.m. for public comment on education. Board members were invited to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

There be no further business to come before the Board, Regent Terrell adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.