

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

May 27, 1999

The Board of Regents met in regular session at 9:05 a.m., Thursday, May 27, 1999, in the Board of Regents' Auditorium, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Mary Ella Sanders called the meeting to order. Coordinator of Board Services, Ms. Helen Johnson, called the roll and a quorum was established.

Present for the meeting were:

Mary Ella Sanders, Chair
Scott Brame
Harold Callais
Richard D'Aquin, Vice Chair
Michael Dees
Reggie Dupré
Frances Henry
Ron Roberts, Secretary
Virgil Robinson, Jr.
Pat Strong
Roland Toups
Ryan Gatti, Student Member

Absent:

John Georges
Melvin Rambin
Norbert Simmons

JOINT FACULTY APPOINTMENTS PROGRAM AWARDS PRESENTATION

Dr. Jerry Draayer, Associate Commissioner for Sponsored Programs Development, gave a synopsis of the Joint Faculty Appointments Program. Chair Sanders recognized and presented plaques to the following professors:

Thomas Bishop, Thomas Wiese, James Matthews, J. Gregory Stacy, Kurt Schulz, Eyassu Woldesenbet and Miroslav Kubat.

MINUTES APPROVED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF APRIL 22, 1999

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of April 22, 1999, as circulated.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MAY 26, 1999

On behalf of Regent Dees, Chair of the Finance Committee, Mr. Marvin Roubique, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Facilities, presented the Finance Committee Meeting Report of May 26, 1999. He reported that a staff analysis of the general appropriations bill (HB #1) was presented.

ADOPTION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MAY 26, 1999

On motion of Regent Dees, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Finance Committee Meeting Report of May 26, 1999, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MAY 26, 1999

On behalf of Regent Roberts, Chair of the Facilities and Property Committee, Mr. Marvin Roubique presented motions from the Facilities and Property Committee Meeting Report of May 26, 1999.

CAPITAL PROJECTS COSTING LESS THAN \$300,000

NICHOLLS STATE UNIVERSITY

John L. Guidry Football Stadium Press Box Renovation
\$182,200 Other Funds

NORTHEAST LA. UNIVERSITY

Olin Hall/Garrett Hall Painting Project
\$167,000 Auxiliary Funds
\$ 20,000 State Funds

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the projects.

AMENDMENTS TO FY 1999-00 CAPITAL OUTLAY RECOMMENDATIONS

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the increase of the scope and budget consistent with the recommendations of the theater consultant for the Music and Dramatic Arts Building at LSU and A&M to \$19,137,269.

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve adding the project to construct a student union building at the LSU Medical Center in Shreveport to the self-generated category of the FY 1999-2000 capital outlay recommendation as SG #12.

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the project scope and estimate increase of \$5,040,000, for a total project cost of \$7,500,000 for the Steam Generator project at Louisiana Tech University. Utility savings will be used for the retirement of related revenue bonds. Final approval of this project is contingent upon approval of the University of Louisiana System.

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the Assembly Center project request for Nicholls State University be added to the FY 1999-2000 Capital Outlay Recommendation in the Continuing Category as project #18 with \$2,672,000 for planning.

ALTERNATE MEANS OF FINANCING - DELGADO STUDENT LIFE CENTER

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to alter the source of funding for the Student Life Center at Delgado Community College from Self-Generated Revenue Bonds to an alternative means of financing using the Foundation, with appropriate lease and lease back provisions.

DISCUSSION OF BOSSIER PARISH COMMUNITY COLLEGE SITE

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to reaffirm the downtown site, consistent with the current proposal of Bossier City, as the future home of Bossier Parish Community College, and further, reaffirm its recommendation that Bossier City conclude relevant negotiations and contracts with the appropriate management board for the site. Further, the University of Louisiana Board of Supervisors is urged to deal with this matter at its next meeting to prevent any further delays.

REQUEST TO ALTER PROJECTS PER FACILITIES POLICY

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve an increase from \$350,000 to \$466,700 for the Molecular Genetics Lab at the Pennington Biomedical Research Center using funding from the Pennington Medical Foundation.

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MAY 26, 1999

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Dees, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Meeting Report of May 26, 1999, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

Chair Sanders recognized Regent Callais who commented on the integrity of the Capital Outlay process. Regent Roberts also commented on the importance of the process.

On motion of Regent Callais, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to send a letter to the Senate Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Committee requesting that capital outlay projects be funded in the priority approved by the Board of Regents and submitted to the Legislature.

Regent Roberts then introduced a new facilities and property policy that will be distributed to all postsecondary institutions. This proposed policy will be discussed at the June meeting.

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MAY 26, 1999

On behalf of Regent Henry, Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Dr. Carolyn Hargrave, Deputy Commissioner for Academic Affairs, presented motions from the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Report of May 26, 1999.

PROPOSED LETTER OF INTENT - LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY-SHREVEPORT - M.S. in COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the proposed Letter of Intent for the projected M.S. program in Counseling Psychology (CIP Code 42.0601) at Louisiana State University-Shreveport, with the stipulation that any proposal resulting from this Letter of Intent shall include significant cooperative arrangements with the existing Ph.D. program in Counseling Psychology at Louisiana Tech University.

PROPOSED CURRICULAR REVISION - LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY - REQUEST TO TERMINATE THE DOCTOR OF ENGINEERING PROGRAM

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the request from Louisiana Tech University to terminate the Doctor of Engineering program, effective immediately.

FOLLOW-UP REPORTS ON CONDITIONALLY APPROVED PROGRAMS

A. Baton Rouge Community College - A.A.S. in Process Control Technology

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the following:

- 1. The Board of Regents directs the staff to continue to monitor closely the implementation of the A.A.S. program in Process Control Technology**

at Baton Rouge Community College to assure compliance with all stipulations of approval placed on this program by the Board of Regents in March 1998. The College is hereby directed to provide the staff with a comprehensive plan for addressing resource needs of the curriculum which will take into account all possible sources of support and necessary contingency plans should these resources not be made available. The Regents shall assess the College's response at its June meeting and take additional actions, as needed, to assure the quality of the program.

- 2. The Board of Regents directs the staff to conduct a statewide needs assessment of educational programs in Process Control Technology. This study shall assess:**
 - a. services provided by existing programs;**
 - b. the prospects for additional programs and, if such programs are required, the appropriate degree level for each; and**
 - c. the resources needed to offer an appropriate complement of programs to meet proven needs of state industries.**

B. Southern University-Baton Rouge - B.S. in Criminal Justice

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for Southern University-Baton Rouge to implement the new B.S. Program in Criminal Justice, beginning Fall 1999.

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MAY 26, 1999

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Report of May 26, 1999, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Dees, Vice-Chair of the Sponsored Programs Committee, Mr. John Wallin, Assistant Commissioner for Sponsored Programs Administration, presented the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of May 26, 1999.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS BASED ON CONSULTANTS' REVIEWS OF POTENTIAL OR EXISTING CONTRACTS

On motion of Regent Dees, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee that prospective funds for Proposal #097A be withdrawn and used to support the highest ranked as yet unfunded FY 1998-99 Priority I proposal in the Research Competitiveness Subprogram.

On motion of Regent Dees, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee that Dr. Yan Chen be allowed to replace Dr. Billie Collier as principal investigator on LEQSF(1997-99)-RD-B-01.

On motion of Regent Dees, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee that LEQSF(1998-01)-RD-B-10 be terminated and that the funds made available go to support the highest ranked as yet unfunded FY 1998-99 Priority I proposal in either of the Research and Development subprograms. The Committee further recommended that LSU-BR be instructed to return all funds unexpended and unencumbered as of January 6, 1999, the effective resignation date of the principal investigator, to the Board with the final expenditures report no later than July 1, 1999.

FUNDING RECOMMENDATION FOR NSF EPSCoR JOINT FACULTY APPOINTMENTS PROJECT

On motion of Regent Dees, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve funding for the Joint Faculty Appointments Program proposal entitled "Development of Southern University/Louisiana State University Joint Engineering Research and Education Program in Materials and Materials Testing." The project will be funded by \$340,000 from Board of Regents Support Fund money approved under the Federal Matching Grants Program for the NSF EPSCoR Program and \$120,000 from NSF funds provided

to the Board under Cooperative Agreement EPS-9720652 between the Board and NSF, for a total of \$460,000.

ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIP APPLICATIONS APPROVED FOR FUNDING IN
FY 1998-99

On motion of Regent Dees, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the Louisiana State University System's request to extend the deadline until May 31, 1999, for completing documentation relative to an endowed professorship application from Louisiana State University-Alexandria.

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF
MAY 26, 1999

On motion of Regent Dees, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Meeting Report of May 26, 1999, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE REPORT OF MAY 26, 1999

On behalf of Regent Henry, Chair of the Legislation Committee, Mr. Rodney Braxton, Associate Commissioner for Governmental Affairs, presented the Legislation Committee Meeting Report of May 26, 1999.

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MAY 26, 1999

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Legislation Committee Meeting Report of May 26, 1999, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF
MAY 26, 1999

On behalf of Regent Toups, Chair of the Planning, Research and Performance

Committee, Dr. James Clarke, Interim Deputy Commissioner for Planning, Research and Performance, presented motions from the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Report of May 26, 1999.

REPORT ON CREDIT-PRODUCING OFF-CAMPUS INSTRUCTION, 1998-99

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to adopt the Report on Credit-Producing Off-Campus Instruction, 1998-99.

PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MAY 26, 1999

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Meeting Report of May 26, 1999, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MAY 26, 1999

On behalf of Regent Strong, Chair of the Technology Committee, Dr. Carolyn Hargrave presented the Technology Committee Meeting Report of May 26, 1999. Dr. Hargrave reported that a brief demonstration of the Statewide LSU Agricultural Center Technology Initiative had been conducted.

ADOPTION OF THE TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MAY 26, 1999

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Technology Committee Meeting Report of May 26, 1999, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MAY 26, 1999

On behalf of Regent Dupré, Chair of the Personnel Committee, Mr. Donald Vandal, Deputy Commissioner for Administration, presented motions from the Personnel Committee Meeting Report of May 26, 1999.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

On motion of Regent D'Aquin, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Personnel Committee to approve the appointments of Mrs. Heather Devall and Mr. Chris Leavins effective May 27, 1999 and the hiring of Mr. Eugene Fields III effective May 27, 1999, or as soon thereafter as possible.

ADOPTION OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MAY 26, 1999

On motion of Regent D'Aquin, seconded by Regent Gatti, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Personnel Committee Meeting Report of May 26, 1999, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MAY 26, 1999

On behalf of Chair Sanders, Mr. Vandal presented the Executive Committee Meeting Report of May 26, 1999.

UPDATE ON DESEGREGATION SETTLEMENT

Mr. Vandal reported that at 4:42 p.m. Chair Sanders announced that the Executive Committee would enter into Executive Session.

On motion of Regent Dees, seconded by Regent Roberts, the Executive Committee voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with R.S. 42:6.1(2), to discuss Civil Action #80-3300A.

A roll call vote was taken.

Yes: (6) Mary Ella Sanders, Richard D'Aquin, Ron Roberts,
Harold Callais, Michael Dees, Pat Strong

No: (0) Abstain: (0)

Absent: (1) John Georges

ADOPTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MAY 26, 1999

On motion of Regent Sanders, seconded by Regent Dees, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Executive Committee Meeting Report of May 26, 1999, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER

Mr. Vandal reported for Commissioner Savoie who had to leave to testify at the Legislature. Mr. Vandal said that the budget process continues and will be constantly monitored by the Commissioner and appropriate staff. He reported that higher education's budget remains in good posture at the present time and asked members of the Board of Regents, members of the management boards, and system heads to remain actively engaged in the legislative process.

OTHER BUSINESS

On motion of Regent Dees, seconded by Regent Roberts, the Board voted to delegate to the Chair, the Chair of the Legislative Committee, and to the Commissioner the task of formulating a list of principles the Regents would like to see included in the use of the Tobacco Settlement money.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Sanders declared the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

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