

## **MINUTES**

### **BOARD OF REGENTS**

**August 26, 2004**

The Board of Regents met in regular session at 9:05 a.m., Thursday, August 26, 2004, in the Louisiana Purchase Room of the Claiborne Building, 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:**

William Blake  
Scott Brame  
Richard D'Aquin  
Reggie Dupré  
Frances Henry, Vice Chair  
Stanley J. Jacobs  
Robert Levy  
W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr.  
Pat Strong, Secretary  
Artis Terrell  
Roland Toups, Chair  
Jeraul Mackey, Student Member

#### **Absent:**

William Oliver  
Virgil Robinson  
Clifford Smith

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

Chair Toups introduced two special guests, Mr. Michael Olivier, recently appointed Louisiana's Secretary of Economic Development by Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, and Dr. Duane Blumberg, the newly-appointed Deputy Secretary of Economic Development.

Mr. Toups noted that Mr. Olivier has won praise from Louisiana business leaders. He continued by saying that his expertise in recruiting and reputation won him the position. Regent Toups said that, prior to returning to his home state of Louisiana, Mr. Olivier served over 17 years as the Executive Director and Chief Executive of the Harrison County Development Commission in the casino and industrial region of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Mr. Olivier thanked Governor Blanco for her leadership and aggressiveness to bring businesses to Louisiana. Secretary Olivier said his department will work with the universities in the state, and he requested support from higher education.

Chair Toups stated that Dr. Duane Blumberg has been at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette since 1970 and is currently serving as the Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies at the University. Dr. Blumberg said that higher education is a critical driver for economic development and that he will work to form alliances between higher education and economic development. Regent Toups pledged the Board's allegiance and support to both Mr. Olivier and Dr. Blumberg.

### **MINUTES APPROVED**

#### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JUNE 24, 2004**

**On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of June 24, 2004, as circulated.**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Toups, Chair of the Executive Committee, Mr. Donnie Vandal, Deputy Commissioner for Administration, presented motions from the Executive Committee Report of July 29, 2004.

**CONSIDERATION OF ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR HEALTH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

**On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee to accept the report on the Board of Regents 2004-2005 Healthcare Workforce Initiative and to approve the proposed allocation plan for the \$3 million dollars appropriated in the 2004 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature.**

**CONSIDERATION OF STAFF REORGANIZATION PLAN AND OPERATIONS FOR FY 04-05**

**On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee to authorize the Commissioner, in consultation with the Chair of the Board and Chair of the Personnel Committee, to proceed with implementation of staff reorganization and with reassignment of responsibilities and duties.**

**ADOPTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JULY 29, 2004**

**On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Executive Committee Meeting Report of July 29, 2004, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

**ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Henry, Vice 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 August 25, 2004.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS RELATIVE TO PHASE III: 2004 REVIEW OF LOW-COMPLETER PROGRAMS**

**On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee as follows: (Copies of Chart A-E on file in the Academic and Student Affairs Office.)**

1. **The unconditional maintenance of the 9 low-completer programs listed in Chart A.**
2. **The conditional maintenance of the 52 low-completer programs listed in Chart B through AY 2007-08. The Committee and the full Board of Regents shall reexamine these programs in Fall 2007 to determine whether projections for greater numbers of completers have been realized.**
3. **The temporary maintenance of the 14 low-completer programs listed in Chart C through AY 2005-06. As indicated in Staff Comments, the affected institutions shall submit a self-review document for each program within this category by March 1, 2005. Thereafter, appropriate external consultant/staff reviews shall be scheduled to determine the validity of institutional reasons for low-productivity and, further, what corrective measures are needed to make these programs productive.**
4. **The temporary maintenance of the 21 low-completer programs listed in Chart D through AY 2005-06. As indicated in Staff Comments, the affected institutions shall submit proposals for new, substitute programs for the existing low-completer programs by June 1, 2005. Thereafter, appropriate external consultant/staff reviews shall be scheduled to determine the relative need for and quality of the projected substitute programs.**
5. **The termination of the 18 low-completer programs listed in Chart E. These programs shall cease to enroll new students immediately. Affected institutions shall provide students currently enrolled adequate time to complete their program of studies.**

#### PROPOSED ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

A. Louisiana State University and A&M College - M.A. in Hispanic Studies

**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 conditional approval for the proposed M.A. in Hispanic Studies (CIP 16.0905) at Louisiana State University and A&M College, effective immediately, with the following stipulations:**

1. **The University shall appoint a Program Director who shall also serve as Associate Chair for the Department of Foreign Languages; and**

2. **The University shall submit annual progress reports to the Commissioner of Higher Education which address other concerns specified in the staff analysis. The first of these reports shall be due on September 1, 2005.**

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

**On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the proposed M.S. in Criminal Justice (CIP 43.0104) at Southern University and A&M College, effective immediately, with the stipulation that the University be required to submit annual progress reports during the term of the desegregation settlement agreement to ensure appropriate program implementation and development. The first report shall be due on September 1, 2005.**

C. University of Louisiana-Lafayette - M.S. in Engineering - Petroleum

**On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the proposed M.S. program in Engineering - Petroleum (CIP Code 14.2501) at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, beginning Fall 2004, with the stipulation that, beginning September 1, 2005 and on an annual basis thereafter, the University shall submit a report to the Commissioner of Higher Education which addresses the following:**

1. **Past year numbers of program enrollees and graduates and projected numbers of each for the subsequent three-year period;**
2. **Teaching and advising loads for each Petroleum Engineering faculty;**
3. **Sponsored funding activity for the past year, including number, name, funding agency, status, and funding amount for each proposal/project; and**
4. **Amounts of monies generated by sponsored program activity being utilized for direct student support.**

D. Louisiana State University-Shreveport - B.S. in Computer Information Systems

**On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Mackey, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval of the proposed B.S. in Computer Information Systems (CIP Code 11.0101) at Louisiana State University at Shreveport, effective immediately. By September 1, 2006, the University shall submit a report to the Commissioner of Higher Education which addresses the following:**

1. **Hiring of one new Ph.D. in CIS/CIT to help staff the program beginning Fall, 2006; and**
2. **The status of evolving CAC/ABET accreditation standards for Information Technology programs and needed program changes to meet these standards.**

E. Southeastern Louisiana University - B.S. in Occupational Health, Safety and 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 proposed B.S. program in Occupational Health, Safety and Environment (CIP Code 15.0701) at Southeastern Louisiana University, effective immediately.**

F. Fletcher Technical Community College - A.S. in Nursing

**On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval of the proposed A.S. in Nursing program (CIP 51.1601) at L. E. Fletcher Technical Community College, with the following stipulations:**

1. **By January 15, 2005, the College shall update the Commissioner of Higher Education on the status of its application to SACS/CoC for institutional candidacy and the LSBN for program approval. These reports shall continue thereafter on a six-month basis until both processes are complete.**
2. **Once SACS/CoC has granted institutional candidacy and the LSBN has granted program approval, the Board of Regents shall consider a date for program implementation.**
3. **After program implementation is granted, annual reports regarding the program's progress toward NLNAC accreditation shall be required. The dates and contents of these reports shall be set when the Board considers a date for program implementation.**

PROPOSED LETTER OF INTENT - LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY-SHREVEPORT - MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

**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 the proposed Letter of Intent for the projected Master of Public Health (CIP Code 51.2201) at Louisiana State University-Shreveport.**

PROGRESS REPORTS ON CONDITIONALLY APPROVED PROGRAMSA. Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-New Orleans - Doctor of Audiology

**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 receive the AY 2003-2004 Progress Report from the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-New Orleans Relative to Implementation of the Doctor of Audiology Program. By June 1, 2005, the LSUHSC -New Orleans shall submit to the Commissioner of Higher Education a progress report indicating the hiring of additional faculty to staff the Doctor of Audiology program as required by previous Regents' action.**

B. Louisiana State University-Shreveport - B.S. in Community Health

**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 receive the AY 2003-04 Progress Report from Louisiana State University-Shreveport Relative to the Implementation of the B.S. Program in Community Health. A progress report addressing the final status of faculty qualifications and credentials shall be due on June 1, 2005.**

PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE REVISIONSA. University of Louisiana-Lafayette - Request to Change the Title and Purpose of the Education Technology Review Center to the Center for Innovative Learning and Assessment

**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 conditional, one-year approval for the proposed Center for Innovative Learning and Assessment at the University of Louisiana-Lafayette, effective immediately. As required by Board of Regents Academic Affairs Guidelines: Proposed New Centers, Institutes, and Other Academic/ Research Units, the University of Louisiana-Lafayette shall submit to the Commissioner of Higher Education a proposal for full approval of this center by September 1, 2005. If this proposal is not forthcoming by this date, the Board of Regents shall re-examine the need this center.**

B. University of New Orleans - Request to Change the Organization and Structure of the College of Education to Incorporate the Capdau Charter School

**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 request from the University of New Orleans to change the organization and structure of its College of Education and Human**

**Development to incorporate leadership and operations of the Pierre A. Capdau Middle School.**

Regent Toups stated that the Board applauds both Louisiana State University and A&M College and the University of New Orleans for adopting the Pierre A. Capdau Middle School and encouraged other institutions to do the same.

**TEACHER EDUCATION INITIATIVES - PROPOSED LOUISIANA VALUE-ADDED TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM ASSESSMENT MODEL**

Regent Toups noted there was an article in today's Advocate regarding teacher assessment and complimented both Dr. Jeanne Burns, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs for Teacher Education at the Board of Regents, and Dr. George Noell, Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, LSU A&M College, for their hard work. Commissioner Savoie noted that Louisiana is at the forefront, nationally, in the development and implementation of a comprehensive system of teacher preparation program assessment.

**CONSTITUTION FOR THE COUNCIL OF FACULTY ADVISORS**

**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 the proposed Constitution for the Council of Faculty Advisors.**

**REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER**

Mr. Killebrew briefly mentioned several issues: (1) SHEEO/NCHEMS meetings; (2) schedule of program reviews; and (3) staff approval of routine academic requests.

**ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF AUGUST 25, 2004**

**On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Report of August 25, 2004, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**



**FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Henry, Chair of the Facilities and Property Committee, Mr. Rich Griswold, Associate Commissioner for Facilities, presented motions from the Facilities and Property Committee Report of August 25, 2004.

**SMALL CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT**

**On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Mackey, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the following small capital projects report as presented by staff.**

**Renovation of the Sixth Floor, Suite 609 - Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans  
\$300,000 in State Funds.**

**Bicycle Paths - University of Louisiana at Lafayette  
\$280,000 from a DOTD Grant.**

**Creamery Renovations - University of Louisiana at Lafayette  
\$330,000 from a DOTD Grant.**

**Renovate Bursar's Office into New Faculty Offices - Delgado Community College  
\$350,000 from State Funds.**

**LSU Union - Information Center Renovation (Reapproval) - Louisiana State University and A&M College  
\$225,000 from Auxiliary Services Funds.**

**Closure of the East End of the John M. Parker Show Barn - Louisiana State University and A&M College  
\$175,000 from Research and Technology Foundation Funds.**

**Renovation of the Sixth Floor, Suites 653, 654, 723, 723A, 747, 748, 752, 754A, 755 - Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans.  
\$227,620 from State Funds.**

CAPITAL OUTLAY STATUS REPORT

Mr. Griswold noted that after investigating previously reported projects that received an appropriation in Act 2 of 2004 without the Board of Regents' recommendation, there were nine projects that required no action by the Committee.

Mr. Griswold continued by saying that eight projects should be submitted in the FY 2005-2006 Capital Outlay Budget Request as listed below:

**On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to advise the relevant systems and institutions to submit the projects as recommended by staff in their FY 2005-2006 Capital Outlay Budget Request.**

**East Baton Rouge Parish Cooperative Extension Service - Louisiana State University Agricultural Center \$100,000 in P-2, \$450,000 in P-4, and \$450,000 in P-5.**

**Fire and Emergency Training Institute Major Repairs, Renovation, and Equipment - Louisiana State University and A&M College \$85,000 in P-2.**

**Veterinary Medicine Diagnostic Laboratory - Louisiana State University and A&M College \$1,490,000 in P-2.**

**Delgado Hall Auditorium Renovation - Delgado Community College \$1,244,000 in Self-Generated Funds.**

**Maritime Fire and Industrial Training Center - Delgado Community College \$500,000 in P-2 and \$5,000,000 in P-5.**

**Campus Facilities, Inc. Athletic Fields for Bossier Parish Community College - Private Developer \$300,000 in P-2, \$193,000 in P-3, \$193,000 in P-4, \$200,000 in P-5, and \$390,000 in General Fund Cash.**

**Eddie Robinson Museum - Grambling State University \$300,000 in P-2, \$2,100,000 in P-3, \$2,100,000 in P-4, and \$1,000,000 in P-5.**

**Wyly Tower Renovations and Repairs - Louisiana Tech University \$1,700,000 in P-2.**

Mr. Griswold then noted that three projects should be recommended for approval should actual funding materialize.

**On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve projects for construction as recommended by staff should actual funding materialize.**

**Southern University Baseball Stadium Improvements - Southern University and A&M College \$345,000 in P-1.**

**Baseball and Track Complex - Northwestern State University \$250,000 in P-1 and \$840,000 in P-5.**

**Track and Field Facility - Southeastern Louisiana University \$900,000 in P-5 and \$100,000 in General Fund Cash.**

#### ACT 959 PROJECTS

Mr. Griswold stated that three projects at LSU and A&M College would be performed under the provisions of Act 959 of 2003: (1) construction of a new Women's Softball Facility, (2) renovation of Williams Hall Laboratory, and (3) renovation of the Himes Hall basement to construct a Center for Assessment and Evaluation.

**On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the three projects as presented by staff to be performed under the provisions of Act 959 of 2003 at Louisiana State University and A&M College.**

#### VFA BUILDING CONDITION ASSESSMENT PRESENTATION

Mr. Griswold stated that the conditions of post-secondary education facilities are being assessed by a national leader in the field, VFA of Boston. He said that Mr. Jerry Jones, Director of Facility Planning and Control, provided the background, development, and anticipated benefits and uses of the project. Mr. Griswold continued by saying that Mr. Dan Durkee, VFA Project Manager,

discussed the post-secondary facility assessments performed to date for post-secondary education in Louisiana, and how the program and data can be used to establish future budget projects.

Regent Henry said this assessment will help prioritize needs of all campuses in Louisiana.

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT OF AUGUST 25, 2004

**On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Report of August 25, 2004, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Strong, Chair of the Finance Committee, Mr. Vandal presented motions from the Finance Committee Report of August 25, 2004.

DISTRIBUTION OF LIBRARY, INSTRUCTIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT FUNDS

**On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the distribution of the \$7.4 million in capital outlay funding for library, instructional and scientific equipment in accordance with the schedule included as Appendix B. (Appendix B on file in the Finance office.)**

DISTRIBUTION OF GOVERNOR'S INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE FUNDS

**On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the distribution of \$2.7 million in capital outlay funding for the Governor's Information Technology Initiative in accordance with the schedule included as Appendix C. (Appendix C on file in the Finance office.)**

UPDATE ON PLAN FOR ALLOCATION OF HEALTH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FUNDS

Deputy Commissioner Vandal said that an update was provided on the implementation of the plan approved by the Executive Committee on July 29, 2004, for the Health Workforce Development funding provided in FY 2004-05.

ADOPTION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF AUGUST 25, 2004

**On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Finance Committee Meeting Report of August 25, 2004, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

**SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Brame, Chair of the Sponsored Programs Committee, Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, presented motions from the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of August 25, 2004.

RECOMMENDATIONS RELATIVE TO THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL EDUCATION BOARD (SREB) MINORITY DOCTORAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM

**On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve Louisiana's continued participation in the SREB Minority Doctoral Scholars Program by allocating BoRSF money for this purpose in accord with guidelines in Appendix B. (Appendix B on file in the Sponsored Programs office.)**

MATCHING FUNDS REQUEST FOR PRELIMINARY PROPOSAL TO THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

**On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Mackey, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve a cash match from previously unspent monies in the Board of Regents Support Fund for the Tulane University MRSEC proposal entitled "Polymer-Based Nanocomposites for Hydrogen Storage and Separation." The amount of cash match provided shall be five percent (5%) of the annual amount of requested NSF funding, not to exceed \$125,000 per year, for a total of \$750,000 for the initial six-year duration of the award. The remainder of the required matching funds will be provided by Tulane University. Matching funds are to be provided only if NSF MRSEC funding is received.**

UPDATE: LOUISIANA GAINING EARLY AWARENESS AND READINESS FOR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS (LA GEAR UP)

Dr. Davidson reminded the Board that the Louisiana Systemic Initiatives Program (LaSIP) began administering Louisiana's 5-year, \$12.5 million LA GEAR UP program granted from the

U.S. Department of Education in 2002. Dr. Davidson said that Ms. Diane Pedigo, LA GEAR UP Communications and Public Relations Coordinator, explained the Rewards for Success (RFS) Scholarship initiative, and Dr. Glenn Beer, Project Director for LA Tech/LA GEAR UP 2003 and 2004 Summer Camps, described operations of the Summer Learning Camps.

Regent Brame noted that the LA GEAR UP is an outstanding program which assists poor students who attend under-performing schools. Regent Toups requested that Dr. Davidson send a letter thanking both Ms. Pedigo and Dr. Beer for their hard work.

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF AUGUST 25, 2004

**On motion of Regent Brame, second by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of August 25, 2004, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

**PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Dupré, Vice Chair of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee, Dr. Jimmy Clarke, Deputy Commissioner for Planning, Research and Performance, presented motions from the Planning, Research and Performance Report of August 25, 2004.

2003-2004 STUDENT OPINION SURVEY

Dr. Clarke said an overview was provided of the results of the Student Opinion Survey which highlighted academic and environmental indicators.

BOARD OF REGENTS' INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**On motion of Regent Dupre', seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to receive the report from its International Education Advisory Committee.**

DISTRIBUTION OF LOSFA NEED-BASED STUDENT AID

Dr. Clarke mentioned that the Board of Regents and the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) had entered into an Interagency Agreement regarding the allocation of certain surplus federal funds to institutions for grants to needy students. He continued by stating that the staff has developed an allocation formula and a recommended plan of distribution of the funds by LOSFA.

LICENSURE

**On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent Mackey, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to issue an initial operating license to East Texas Baptist University, located in Marshall, Texas.**

PROPRIETARY SCHOOLS

**On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve an initial operating license for Career Technical College of Shreveport.**

**On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent Mackey, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve an Associate in Occupational Studies Degree program in Medical Assisting at Blue Cliff College, located in Shreveport, Louisiana.**

**On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent Mackey, 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):**

**Baton Rouge College-Baton Rouge (6/26/86)  
Baton Rouge College-Hammond (6/22/95)  
Baton Rouge College-Metairie (6/24/93)  
Cameron College (6/29/83)  
Central LA Medical Academy (6/24/99)  
Delta College of Arts & Technology (6/25/92)  
Diesel Driving Academy-Baton Rouge (6/25/87)  
High-Tech Institute-Atlanta (5/22/03)  
High-Tech Institute-Nashville (5/22/03)**

**John Casablanclas Modeling & Career Center (6/23/83)**  
**Lafayette General Medical Center School of Health Sciences (6/27/96)**  
**Louisiana Institute of Massage Therapy (6/25/92)**  
**New Horizons Computer Learning Center-Lafayette (7/13/00)**  
**New Horizons Computer Learning Center- New Orleans (5/25/00)**  
**New Horizons Computer Learning Center-Shreveport (5/25/00)**  
**Southern Medical Corporation School of Ultrasound (6/26/97)**

REPORT FROM THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

Dr. Clarke mentioned several updates: (1) the recent hiring of Ms. Kelly Papania, Higher Education Planning Specialist, who will be working on the development and expansion of the Board's EPAS program; (2) a meeting held on August 4<sup>th</sup> to share with and seek input from stakeholders involved in the NCHEMS report Assessment of Needs for Postsecondary Education on the Louisiana North Shore; and (3) all reports indicate that the Learning Center for Rapides Parish will again record increased enrollment over the previous fall.

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF AUGUST 25, 2004

**On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee Meeting Report of August 25, 2004, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Brame, Vice Chair of the Personnel Committee, Mr. Vandal presented motions from the Personnel Committee Report of August 25, 2004.

UPDATE ON STAFF REORGANIZATION PLAN AND OPERATIONS FOR FY 04-05

**On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Personnel Committee to authorize Commissioner Savoie to proceed with an unclassified staff merit pay plan limited to an overall average of 3%; to utilize 5.5% to 6% of the 8% savings from the reorganization plan for new positions; and to use 2% to 2.5% of the 8% salary savings from the reorganization plan to address salary equity issues, additional workload and responsibilities, and particular instances of outstanding**



**performance. The implementation of the salary savings plan shall occur in consultation with the chair of the Board and the chair of the Personnel Committee.**

ADOPTION OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF AUGUST 25, 2004

**On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Personnel Committee Meeting Report of August 25, 2004. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER**

Dr. Savoie reported on the following items:

- The Louisiana Community and Technical College System Leadership Conference was held in New Orleans. There were over 1,300 personnel from the system in attendance;
- Endowed Chair and Capital Outlay presentations are continuing to take place and encouraged Board members to participate;
- LONI forum at Pennington on September 2-3, 2004;
- The Adult Learning Task Force will meet on September 21, 2004, of which the Commissioner has been appointed Chair;
- Nicholls State University and Fletcher Technical Community College signed an articulation agreement;
- Southeastern Louisiana University and River Parishes Community College will be signing an articulation agreement as well in the near future;
- Tour of the LSU Vet School on August 25, 2004;
- Next Committee and Board meetings will take place on September 22-23, 2004.

Regent Henry noted that Louisiana Tech University was listed in the U.S. News and World Report as one of the top five institutions which gets a “huge bang for the buck.” She also recognized Dr. Dan Reneau, President of Louisiana Tech University, and she commended him for his students always being prepared.

ADJOURNMENT

**There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Brame, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.**

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