

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

OCTOBER 25, 2006

The Board of Regents met in session at 2:40 p.m. Wednesday, October 25, 2006, in the Louisiana Purchase Room of the 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:

Roland Toups, Chair
Frances Henry, Vice Chair
Pat Strong, Secretary
William Blake
Scott Brame
Richard D'Aquin
Stanley Jacobs
Ingrid Labat
Robert Levy
W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr.
Mary Ellen Roy
William Smith
Harold Stokes
Terry Landry, Jr.

Absent for the meeting was:

Artis Terrell, Jr.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

MINUTES APPROVED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2006

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of September 28, 2006.

APPROVAL OF 2007 SCHEDULE OF BOARD OF REGENTS' MEETINGS

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2007 schedule of Board of Regents' meetings (attached).

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Before consideration of the committee reports, Chair Toups requested a motion to dispense with the reading of each Committee report but, rather adopt the minutes and the reports and entertain the motions contained in each in *globo*.

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to dispense with the reading of each Committee report and minutes and that the reports and minutes be accepted *in globo* and that the recommended actions and motions contained therein are approved *in globo*.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF OCTOBER 20, 2006

The Finance Committee met on October 20, 2006, and discussed the operating budgets for FY 2006-07. Each system had been provided in advance a list of key issues to be addressed in presentations to the Committee.

ADOPTION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF OCTOBER 20, 2006

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Finance Committee Report of October 20, 2006.

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TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT

INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED SELECT GRANTS AWARDS

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Technology Committee to grant approval for the Supporting E-Learning and Essential Campus Transitions (SELECT) Grants Program, FY 2006-2007 in the amount of \$397,138.

ADOPTION OF THE TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT OF OCTOBER 25, 2006

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Technology Committee Report of October 25, 2006.
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ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

PROPOSED LETTER OF INTENT - NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY - B.S. IN UNIFIED PUBLIC SAFETY AND ADMINISTRATION

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to approve the proposed Letter of Intent for a projected B.S. program in Unified Public Safety Administration (CIP Code 30.9999) at Northwestern State University. Any forthcoming proposal submitted as a result of this Letter of Intent shall address concerns expressed in the staff summary.

CURRICULAR REVISION - UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA LAFAYETTE - REQUEST TO TERMINATE THE M.S. PROGRAM IN ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to terminate the M.S. program in Engineering and Technology Management (CIP Code 15.1501) at the University of Louisiana

Lafayette, effective end of Spring Semester, 2007.

PROGRESS REPORTS ON CONDITIONALLY APPROVED PROGRAMS

A. NICHOLLS STATE UNIVERSITY

1. M.S. in Marine and Environmental Biology

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the AY 2005-06 AY Progress Report from Nicholls State University Relative to Implementation of the Master of Science program in Marine and Environmental Biology. By August 1, 2007, the University shall submit to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs an additional progress report addressing continuing concerns as expressed in the staff summary.

2. M.S. in Community and Technical College Mathematics

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the AY 2005-06 Progress Report from Nicholls State University Relative to Implementation of the M.S. in Community and Technical College Mathematics. By August 1, 2007, the University shall submit to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs an additional progress report addressing continuing concerns as expressed in the staff summary.

3. B.S. in Geomatics

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the AY 2005-06 Progress Report from Nicholls State University Relative to the Implementation of the Bachelor of Science program in Geomatics. By August 1, 2007, the University shall submit to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs an additional progress report addressing continuing concerns as expressed in

the staff summary.

B. LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AND A&M COLLEGE

1. Louisiana Bird Resource Center

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant full approval for the Louisiana Bird Resource Center at Louisiana State University and A&M College for a period of five years, effective immediately.

2. Hearne Institute for Theoretical Physics

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the Proposed Budgets for AYs 2006-11 for the Hearne Institute for Theoretical Physics at Louisiana State University and A&M College. These budget projections shall be used to assess the efficacy of the future Center operations.

C. UNIVERSITY OF NEW ORLEANS - PONTCHARTRAIN INSTITUTE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant continued approval for the Pontchartrain Institute for Environmental Sciences at the University of New Orleans for a five-year period. By August 1, 2009, the University shall submit to the Commissioner of Higher Education a report updating activities of the Institute, including a summary of the operational budgets for FYs 2006-2009 and proposed budgets for FYs 2009-2011.

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT OF OCTOBER 25, 2006

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of

October 25, 2006. *(Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)*

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

FY 2007-2008 CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET RECOMMENDATION (FINAL)

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the FY 2007-2008 Capital Outlay Budget Recommendation as presented.

REQUEST TO SEEK INTERIM EMERGENCY BOARD APPROVAL

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the request of the University of Louisiana System, on behalf of Northwestern State University, to seek approval of the Interim Emergency Board to change the name and scope of the East and West Caspari Renovations project. Approval is contingent upon approval of the University of Louisiana System Board of Supervisors at its meeting on October 26, 2006.

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT OF OCTOBER 25, 2006

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Report of October 25, 2006. *(Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)*

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF OCTOBER 25, 2006

FY 2006-07 OPERATING BUDGET CONSIDERATION

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the FY 2006-07 Operating Budget submissions.

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE AND ACADEMIC LEARNING CENTER DEVELOPMENT

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the FY 2006-07 distribution of funding for Community and Technical College and Academic Learning Center Development.

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDING FOR POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS FOR UNCERTAIN ENROLLMENT, FINANCIAL STABILITY AND RECOVERY EFFORTS

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the FY 2006-07 distribution of funding for Postsecondary Institutions for uncertain enrollment, financial stability, and economic recovery.

ADOPTION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF OCTOBER 25, 2006

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Finance Committee Report of October 25, 2006. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

LICENSURE

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to renew the license of ITT Technical Institute, located in St. Rose, Louisiana.

BOARD OF REGENTS' OPERATIONAL PLAN, 2007-08

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve the Board of Regents' Operational Plan, 2007-08.

STAFF DRAFT OF PUBLIC AGENDA

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and

Performance Committee to endorse the concepts included in Louisiana Postsecondary Education's Public Agenda.

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF OCTOBER 25, 2006

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee Report of October 25, 2006. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

GRAMBLING STATE UNIVERSITY NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, et al vs. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM, et al

An Executive Session was called to discuss litigation issues. Chair Toups mentioned that a roll call vote was taken. He reported that no motions were made and no votes were taken during the Executive Session.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Executive Committee agenda was amended to add a discussion about communications to the Board of Supervisors for the Louisiana State University System regarding the state hospital system.

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee to empower the members of the Board of Regents to send a letter regarding the state hospital system to Mr. Rod West, Chair of the Board of Supervisors for the Louisiana State University System.

ADOPTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT OF OCTOBER 25, 2006

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Executive Committee Report of October 25, 2006. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

Chair Toups called attention to two items for the next Board meeting: (1) a facility report reflecting a complete overview on the affected institutions from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita providing work priorities and time lines for rebuilding; and (2) the need to appoint a Nominating Committee so appointments can be received for new officers for the Board of Regents for 2007.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Savoie reported on the following items:

- Several new members of the Regents' staff were introduced: (1) Ms. Melissa Champion, Coordinator of Information, Publications, and Productions, with Models for Change - MacArthur Foundation; (2) Ms. Marisa Naquin, Administrative Coordinator, with Models for Change - MacArthur Foundation; (3) Ms. Elizabeth Bourgeois, Auditor, Finance Division; and (4) Ms. Deesi Kirkland, Finance Specialist, Finance Division.
- An earlier meeting was held with representatives from ThyssenKrupp, a major steeling manufacturing company in Germany.
- The next Board meeting will take place on December 6th and on December 7th. A joint BoR/BESE meeting will be held on December 7th.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Levy, there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.