

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

DECEMBER 8, 2005

The Board of Regents met in session at 10:10 a.m., Thursday, December 8, 2005, in the Thomas Jefferson Room A & B, 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:

Billy Blake
Scott Brame
Richard D'Aquin
Reggie Dupré
Stanley Jacobs
Ingrid Labat
Robert Levy
W. Clinton Rasberry
Harold Stokes
Pat Strong, Secretary
Artis Terrell
Roland Toups, Chair
Chris Jividen

Absent for the meeting were:

Frances Henry, Vice Chair
Virgil Robinson
Clifford Smith

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

MINUTES APPROVED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 27, 2005

On motion of Regent D'Aquin, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of October 27, 2005.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Brame, 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 December 7, 2005.

PROPOSED MORATORIUM ON THE CONSIDERATION OF NEW DEGREE PROGRAMS/UNITS

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Blake, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for a Moratorium on the Consideration of New Academic Programs and Units, as follows:

- 1. The moratorium shall be in effect through the 2006-2007 fiscal year. Prior to expiration of this term, the Board of Regents shall reconsider the need for continuance and/or possible changes.**
- 2. This moratorium shall apply to all existing and anticipated proposals for new programs and units, with the following exceptions:**
 - a. Programs/units required by legal mandates (e.g. Desegregation Settlement Agreement and/or any subsequent legal mandate);**
 - b. Programs/units which have completed all levels of review except final consideration by the Board of Regents (e.g. Ed.D. in Educational Leadership - ULL and SLU, Master of Occupational Therapy - ULM);**
 - c. Programs/units deemed essential to immediate and long-term economic recovery after recent hurricane damage (e.g. B.S. in Transportation Studies - UNO; B.S. in Disaster Management - LSU A&M, technical/workforce programs at institutions within the LCTCS or other community colleges);**
 - d. Programs/units deemed essential to completing program development required for institutional accreditation of emerging**

new institutions (e.g. LSU-A, BRCC, Delta CC, Fletcher TCC, South Louisiana CC, SOWELA TCC); and

- e. Programs/units deemed essential to continue ongoing teacher education reform efforts.

Considerable and definitive evidence will be required should an affected institution request review of a proposed new program/unit under any one of the circumstances outlined above.

3. Projected program Letter of Intent or proposals for proposed programs/units currently on file which do not fit one of the exemptions above will remain current for three years after the term of the moratorium has expired.
4. Colleges and universities may continue to submit proposed Letters of Intent for projected new programs which do not fit into one of the exemptions above with the understanding that approved Letters of Intent will not become active until after the moratorium has been lifted and will remain current for three years after the term of the moratorium has expired.

PROPOSED REVIEW OF UNACCREDITED PROGRAMS MANDATED TO BE ACCREDITED, AS REQUIRED BY THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS POLICY 2.13 AND THE 2001 MASTER PLAN FOR POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION IN LOUISIANA

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to authorize the staff of the Board of Regents to proceed with the Review of Unaccredited Academic Programs Mandated to Be Accredited as described in the staff summary.

PROPOSED ACADEMIC PROGRAM - SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY-BATON ROUGE - MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

On motion of Regent Brame, 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 Master of Business Administration program (CIP 52.0201) at Southern University-Baton Rouge, effective immediately and subject to the following stipulations:

1. By March 1, 2006, a Progress Report demonstrating resolution of outstanding concerns listed below shall be due to the Commissioner of Higher Education:

- a. **Development of admission criteria consistent with observations in the staff summary;**
 - b. **Revision of the academic probation policy and mechanism for its distribution to students admitted into the program;**
 - c. **Development of a schedule, instructions and uniform assessment tools for evaluating the capstone project as the comprehensive examination and an explanation of its role in student matriculation;**
 - d. **Establishment of any unique academic requirements for students concentrating in International Business and Trade;**
 - e. **Development of a schedule for faculty SAP training;**
 - f. **Establishment of a schedule for graduate student access to computer labs after class hours;**
 - g. **Development of a revised budget reflecting line items for SAP training, program promotion and student placement services, as well as realistic salaries for AACSB credentialed faculty. This budget shall be developed and approved consistent with staff observations in the previous section; and**
 - h. **Identification of members and a proposed schedule for topics/activities of the MBA Advisory Board.**
- 2. Additionally, by August 1, 2006, a Progress Report demonstrating resolution of outstanding concerns listed below shall be due to the Commissioner of Higher Education:**
- a. **Evidence of hiring of a full-time permanent program director, administrative assistant and one full-time faculty in accountancy for Fall 2006; and**
 - b. **Evidence of placement services for MBA graduates – funding for this service must be delineated.**
- 3. Additionally, by August 1, 2007, a Progress Report demonstrating resolution of outstanding concerns listed below shall be due to the Commissioner of Higher Education:**
- a. **Evidence of hiring of a second full-time faculty in accountancy**

for Fall, 2007 and plans for the advertisement and employment of two additional full-time graduate faculty during AY 2007-08; and

- b. Because SUBR's College of Business is scheduled for re-accreditation by AACSB during 2007, a copy of any communication from AACSB pertinent to the MBA program should be included in the report
4. Based upon information provided in the required Progress Reports, subsequent additional reports addressing any continuing unresolved concerns the External Review Committee may be required. Because of the importance of the development of a Master of Business Administration program of high quality at Southern University - Baton Rouge, additional consultation with external consultants may be needed.

REQUEST TO TERMINATE EXISTING ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

University of Louisiana-Lafayette - B.S. in Mechanical Engineering-Computer-Aided Design and Manufacturing

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to terminate the B.S. in Mechanical Engineering-Computer-Aided Design and Manufacturing program (CIP Code 14.1901) at the University of Louisiana-Lafayette, effective immediately.

University of Louisiana-Monroe - B.S. in Pharmacy

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to terminate the B.S. in Pharmacy program (CIP Code 51.2001) at the University of Louisiana-Monroe, effective immediately.

PROPOSED LETTERS OF INTENT - GRAMBLING STATE UNIVERSITY

M.S. in Nursing - Geriatric Nurse Practitioner

On motion of Regent Brame, 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 Letter of Intent for a projected M.S. in Nursing - Geriatric Nurse Practitioner program at Grambling State University. Any option proposal forthcoming as a result of this Letter of Intent shall specifically address adequate and sustained state/external funding needed for the initial five-years of option operation.

Upon submittal of an option proposal, the staff shall engage the services of appropriately qualified external consultants to assess the prospective quality of and need for the proposed option.

M.S. in Nursing - Pediatric Nurse Practitioner

On motion of Regent Brame, 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 Letter of Intent for a projected M.S. in Nursing - Pediatric Nurse Practitioner program at Grambling State University. Any option proposal forthcoming as a result of this Letter of Intent shall specifically address: a) need for additional trained professionals in this area of nursing expertise; b) insufficient enrollment capacity of and graduate production by Northwestern State University's existing similar option; and c) adequate and sustained state/external funding needed for the initial five-years of option operation. Upon submittal of an option proposal, the staff shall engage the services of appropriately qualified external consultants to assess the prospective quality of and need for the proposed option.

PROPOSED NEW RESEARCH CENTER - GRAMBLING STATE UNIVERSITY - CENTER FOR MATHEMATICAL ACHIEVEMENT IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant one-year, conditional approval for the Center for Mathematical Achievement in Science and Technology at Grambling State University. As required by Board of Regents Academic Affairs Guidelines: Proposed New Centers, Institutes, and Other Academic/Research Units, Grambling State University shall submit to the Commissioner of Higher Education a proposal for full approval of the Center by December 1, 2006. If this proposal is not forthcoming by this date, the Board of Regents shall reexamine the need for this center.

PROGRESS REPORTS ON CONDITIONALLY APPROVED PROGRAMS

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee for receipt of progress reports addressing the following conditionally approved programs.

- A. Louisiana State University and A&M College - M.A. in Hispanic Studies
No further progress reports are required. Full approval granted.
- B. Louisiana State University-Shreveport - Master of Health Care

Administration

Additional progress report shall be due August 1, 2006.

- C. Northwestern State University - B.S. in Addiction Studies
Additional progress report shall be due June 1, 2006.**
- D. Sowela Technical Community College - Associate of General Studies
Additional progress report shall be due July 1, 2006.**
- E. Southern University-Shreveport - A.S. in Nursing
An additional progress report shall be due August 1, 2006.**
- F. Southern University-Baton Rouge - M.S. in Criminal Justice
An additional progress report shall be due March 1, 2006.**

TEACHER EDUCATION INITIATIVES**Evaluation of Redesigned Initial Teacher Preparation Programs and Graduate Programs for Teachers and Education Leaders**

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the following redesigned teacher preparation programs and graduate programs for teachers and leaders, effective immediately:

- 1. B.A. in Art Education – Grades K-12 (CIP Code 13.1302), B.M.E. in Vocal Music Education – Grades K-12 (CIP Code: 13.1312), B.M.E. in Instrumental Music Education – Grades K-12 (CIP Code: 13.1312), B.S. in Health and Physical Education – Grades K-12 (CIP Code: 13.1314), B.A. in French Education - Grades K-12 (CIP Code: 13.1325), and B.A. in Spanish Education – Grades K-12 (CIP Code: 13.1330) programs at Southeastern Louisiana University.**
- 2. B.A. in Art Education – Grades K-12 (CIP Code: 13.1302), B.M.E. in Music Education-Vocal – Grades K-12 (CIP Code: 13.1312), B.M.E. in Music Education-Instrumental – Grades K-12 (CIP Code: 13.1312), B.S. in Health and Physical Education – Grades K-12 (CIP Code: 13.1314), B.A. in French Education - Grades K-12 (CIP Code: 13.1325), and B.A. in Spanish Education – Grades K-12 (CIP Code: 13.1330); and multiple M. Ed. programs in Curriculum and Instruction (CIP Code: 13.0301) in Science Education – Grades 4-8, General Science Education – Grades 6-12, Mathematics Education – Grades 4-8, Mathematics Education – Grades 6-12, Political Science Education – Grades 6-12, History Education – Grades 6-12, Adult Education, Biology Education – Grades**

6-12, Chemistry Education – Grades 6-12, Early Childhood Education, Economics Education – Grades 6-12, Educational Technology, Elementary Education – Grades 1-5, English Education – Grades 6-12, Physics Education – Grades 6-12, Reading Education at Southern University and A&M College.

- 3. Non-Master's/Certification-Only Alternate Program in Health and Physical Education –Grades K-12, Biology Education – Grades 6-12, English Education – Grades 6-12, Social Studies Education – Grades 6-12, and Mathematics Education – Grades 6-12 at Louisiana State University-Alexandria.**
- 4. M.Ed. in Educational Leadership (CIP Code: 13.0401) program and Teacher Leader Endorsement at the University of New Orleans.**
- 5. M.Ed. in Educational Leadership (CIP Code: 13.0401) program and Teacher Leader Endorsement at Louisiana State University – Shreveport.**
- 6. M.Ed. in Educational Leadership (CIP Code: 13.0401); B.S. in Middle School Education – Grades 4-8 (13.1203) in English and Mathematics; and multiple M.Ed. programs in Curriculum and Instruction (CIP Code: 13.0301) in Reading, Early Childhood Education, Technology Facilitator, and Educational Technology Leadership at Grambling State University.**

Proposed Core Structure for the Projected Associate of Science in Teaching Program

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to forward recommendations of external evaluators for the proposed core structure of the projected Associate of Science program in Teaching to the Louisiana Community and Technical College System for its use in expected program proposals anticipated later.

REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER

Mr. Killbrew updated the Board on the following items:

- A. Louisiana's Participation in the American Diploma Project;
- B. Statewide Review of Existing Licensed Practical Nursing Programs;
- C. Status of Reviews of Conditionally Approved Programs;
- D. Schedule of Reviews for Proposed Programs/Units; and
- E. Staff Approval of Routine Academic Requests.

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

REPORT OF DECEMBER 7, 2005

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Blake, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Report of December 7, 2005. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Blake, Vice Chair of the Finance Committee, Mr. Donald Vandal, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, presented the Finance Committee Report of December 7, 2005.

Mr. Vandal informed the Committee that the Governor had issued Executive Order KBB-2005-82 which directed the Board of Regents to formulate a plan to reduce Postsecondary Education \$66,599,093 in state general fund appropriations and to reduce several statutory dedicated funds appropriated to the institutions by 5% for an additional savings of \$4,824,0987.

Mr. Vandal then explained the methodology that the Board of Regents and the postsecondary system offices used to devise the plan to allocate the general funds cuts mandated by Executive Order KBB-2005-82. He continued by saying that a schedule had been prepared which summarized all mandatory budget reductions.

ADOPTION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 7, 2005

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Finance Committee Meeting Report of December 7, 2005. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

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 December 7, 2005.

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 Galliano Training Center, LLC, located in Galliano, Louisiana.

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee to approve a change-of-ownership application for Blue Cliff College, located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Jacobs, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee to approve a change-of-ownership application for Houston Marine Training Services, located in New Orleans, Louisiana.

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee to approve Associate in Occupational Studies Degree programs in Advanced Manager-in-Training, Healthcare Technology, and Radiography Technology at Career Technical College, located in Monroe, Louisiana.

Dr. Tremblay stated that due to the impacts of the hurricanes and the recommendations of the Board of Regents, the Advisory Commission's recommendations for license renewals would be presented in two categories. The first category would include schools not impacted by the hurricanes.

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, 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):

**Acadiana Area Career College (10/22/97)
American School of Business (09/27/01)
Art Instruction Schools, Inc. (09/21/74)
Ayers Institute, Inc. (10/25/90)
Baton Rouge School of Computers (08/28/97)
Becker Professional Review--Baton Rouge (10/24/96)
Camelot College (08/28/86)
Career Technical College of Shreveport (08/26/04)**

Central LA School of Therapeutic Massage (09/24/03)
Coastal College--Alexandria (08/28/97)
Coastal College--Baton Rouge (09/28/00)
Compass Career College (formerly Northshore Career College) (09/23/04)
Crescent City Coders (08/28/03)
Delta College, Inc. (10/26/95)
Delta College, Slidell Branch (09/23/04)
Diesel Driving Academy--Shreveport (06/21/73)
H & R Block, Inc. (Alexandria, Baton Rouge (2), Ruston, W. Monroe, Winnfield) (08/26/93)
Medical Training College (08/22/96)
MedVance Institute of Baton Rouge (09/27/01)
PeachTree School of Dental Assisting (08/22/02)
Professional Chef's School of the South (09/27/01)
Professional Institute of Court Reporting (10/27/94)
Proscribe Voice Reporting Institute (09/24/03)
Southern Medical Corporation School of Ultrasound (06/26/97)
South Louisiana Institute of Massage, L.L.C. (10/28/99)
Thomas Training & Development Center, Inc. (10/26/95)
Training Academy for Dental Assistants (08/23/04)
Unitech Training Academy of West Monroe (09/23/04)

Dr. Tremblay stated that the second category of institutions included those proprietary schools which had complete and compliant applications, but remained closed due to the impact of the hurricanes.

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Blake, 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). However, any proprietary school listed below, prior to resuming classes must have completed the following tasks:

- a. submitted for staff approval a plan detailing steps to be taken to reopen; and**
- b. submitted to staff copies of the necessary permits/clearances from appropriate local/state officials.**

A site visit from Board of Regents' Proprietary School Section Staff will be undertaken within 30 days of school's reopening.

Becker Professional Review--New Orleans (10/24/96)
Bryman College (09/30/95)
Crescent City School of Gaming & Bartending (09/14/83)

Crosby Court Reporting Centre (10/28/93)
Eastern College of Health Vocations (10/28/99)
H & R Block, Inc., (Marrero, New Orleans, Slidell, Sulphur) (08/26/93)
Mercy Educational Institute (08/25/94)
Metropolitan Community College (08/26/93)
Nursing Assistant Network Association (10/27/94)
Professional Technology "Pro Tech" (08/22/96)
Remington College--New Orleans Campus (10/24/96)

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

REPORT FROM THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER

Dr. Tremblay reported on two matters:

- A The spring 2006 schedule of classes for the Learning Center for Rapides Parish
- B. Noel-Levitz will facilitate an Enrollment Recovery Workshop to be held in Baton Rouge on January 31 and February 1, 2006.

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 7, 2005

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Meeting Report of December 7, 2005. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Rasberry, Chair of the Sponsored Programs Committee, Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, presented motions from the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of December 7, 2005.

BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT FUND (BoRSF) PLANNING COMMITTEE AND EPSCoR SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP NOMINATIONS

Nomination of Ms. Fran Gladden, Deputy Secretary, Louisiana Department of Economic Development, to Serve on the Planning Committee and the Nomination of Mr. Brian Chapman, Economist, Louisiana Department of Economic Development, to Serve on the

EPSCoR Subcommittee

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the nominations from the Louisiana Department of Economic Development for the two replacements of Dr. Duane Blumberg: Ms. Fran Gladden as DED's representative on the BoRSF Planning Committee, and Mr. Brian Chapman as DED's representative on the BoRSF EPSCoR Subcommittee.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STAFF AND PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR REDUCTIONS IN THE BoRSF FY 2005-06 PLAN AND BUDGET MANDATED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER KBB 2005-82

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve reductions in the FY 2005-06 Board of Regents Support Fund Plan and Budget as indicated.

RECOMMENDATIONS RELATIVE TO STRATEGIC PLANNING AND THE BoRSF FY 2006-07 PLAN AND BUDGETPost-Katrina Support Fund Initiative

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Blake, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to establish the Board of Regents Post-Katrina Support Fund Initiative. No funds shall be expended for the Initiative until the Board has approved a specific plan and parameters during the spring or summer of 2006.

Recommendation for Revision in the Existing Policy for Estimating Available Funds

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Jividen, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to use the estimate provided by the Revenue Estimating Conference in developing the FY 2006-07 Board of Regents Support Fund Plan and Budget. (The FY 2006-07 base point is thus \$35,650,000.)

Recommendations for FY 2006-07 Plan and Budget Expenditures by Program

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the BoRSF FY 2006-07 Plan and Budget as itemized, revised to incorporate the recommendation of the BoRSF Advisory Committee.

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 7, 2005

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Meeting Report of December 7, 2005. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Brame, Chair of the Nominating Committee, Mr. Vandal presented motions from the Nominating Committee Report of December 7, 2005.

NOMINATION OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2006

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Terrell, the Board voted unanimously to accept the nominations of the Nominating Committee for officers for 2006:

**Chair: Roland Toups
Vice Chairman: Frances Henry
Secretary: Pat Strong**

NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2006

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Terrell, the Board voted unanimously to accept the nominations of the Nominating Committee for the Executive Committee as follows for 2006:

**Regent Roland Toups, Chair
Regent Frances Henry, Vice Chair
Regent Pat Strong, Secretary
Regent Richard D'Aquin
Regent Stanley Jacobs
Regent Robert Levy
Regent Artis Terrell**

NOMINATION OF MEMBER(S) TO SERVE ON THE LOUISIANA STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE COMMISSION (LASFAC) FOR 2006

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Terrell, the Board voted unanimously to accept the nominations of the Nominating Committee that Regent Frances Henry and Regent Pat Strong serve as the Regents' representatives on the Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission (LASFAC) for 2006.

Chair Brame noted that after speaking with Ms. Connie Koury, Legal Counsel for the Board

of Regents, it is recommended that the Regents' bylaws be amended at the January 2006 meeting to allow the current officers to serve one more year.

Ms. Koury noted that the minutes reflecting this verbal notice would serve as formal written notice of the Nominating Committee's intentions to ask the Board to amend its bylaws at the January 2006 meeting.

ADOPTION OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 7, 2005

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Terrell, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Nominating Committee Report of December 7, 2005.
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Toups, Mr. Vandal presented motions from the Executive Committee Report of December 7, 2005.

APPROVAL OF 2006 SCHEDULE OF BOARD OF REGENTS' MEETING

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee to approve the 2006 schedule of meetings for the Board of Regents.

UPDATE ON DESEGREGATION SETTLEMENT

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee to empower the officers of the Board of Regents (i.e., the Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary) collectively to act on issues that may arise prior to the next regularly scheduled board meeting that relate to land grant issues in the Desegregation Settlement Agreement.

ADOPTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 7, 2005

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Executive Committee Report of December 7, 2005.
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REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Savoie report on the following items:

- Students in Louisiana and Mississippi whose lives and education have been disrupted by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita may now apply for up to \$1,000 in financial assistance due to a \$2 million grant awarded this week to the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) by the Lumina Foundation for Education.
- Dr. Norman Francis and Dr. Tim Ryan were pleased to have a visit from former Presidents George Bush and Bill Clinton at the University of New Orleans Lakefront campus on Wednesday, December 7, 2005, to announce gifts to more than 30 universities and colleges from the Bush/Clinton Katrina Fund Foundation.
- On December 10, 2005 the Commissioner will speak to the Association of Louisiana Faculty Senate at LSU-Alexandria.
- Visits on selected Louisiana Technical College campuses will be conducted on December 12 and 13, 2005 with Dennis Jones, NCHEMS consultant, regarding House Bill 505.

OTHER BUSINESS

Regent Toups reminded Board members to sign the Regents' resolution to be sent to Congress urging passage of a bill on financial assistance.

Dr. Sally Clausen, President, University of Louisiana System, thanked the Board of Regents staff on behalf of the UL System for all their hard work and dedication to higher education. She also presented a personally signed book from Congressman John Kerry and an Education Forum CD to Dr. Savoie.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Regent Toups declared the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

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