

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

March 20, 2017

The Board of Regents met as a Committee of the Whole at 2:08 p.m., Monday, March 20, 2017, in the C. B. Pennington Conference Center, 6400 Perkins Road, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Vice Chair Edward Markle called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Executive Assistant Carolyn Blanchard called the roll, and a quorum was established.

Present for the meeting were:

Edward Markle, Vice Chair
Claudia Adley
Blake David
Thomas Henning
Benson Kinney
Robert Levy
Charles McDonald
Darren Mire
W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr.
T. Jay Seale III
William Gray Stream
Collis Temple III

Absent from the meeting were:

Richard Lipsey, Chair
Marty Chabert, Secretary
Roy Martin III
Jacqueline Wyatt

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 24, 2017

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent David, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of February 24, 2017.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

LETTER OF INTENT

After some discussion on the General Studies degree,

On motion of Regent Temple, seconded by Regent Adley, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve the Letter of Intent to develop a proposal for a Bachelor of General Studies at Grambling State University.

PROPOSED NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

On motion of Supervisor Yarborough, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to conditionally approve the proposed B.S. in Chemistry (CIP 40.0501) at Louisiana State University at Alexandria, with a progress report due by December 1, 2018, and a PBC in Library Science (CIP 25.0301) at Louisiana State University and A&M College, with a progress report due by August 1, 2018.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Regent Kinney, seconded by Regent McDonald, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as listed below:

Previously Approved Centers and Institutes

- 1. Hospitality Research Center at the University of New Orleans**
- 2. Pontchartrain Institute for Environmental Sciences at the University of New Orleans**

Routine Staff Reports

- 1. Staff Approvals**
- 2. Progress Reports**
- 3. Letters of Intent/Proposals in the Queue**

FINANCE

REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE FY 2017-2018 FUNDING RECOMMENDATION

Mr. Terrence Ginn, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, reviewed the FY 18 Executive Budget and noted there was an \$18.4M reduction to colleges, universities, specialized institutions and boards in order to balance the estimated \$400M shortfall in the state general fund. The scholarship program of TOPS and the need-based aid program of Go Grants

were not reduced in the FY 18 Executive Budget but remain short by \$81.8M for TOPS and \$34.8M for Go Grants. He said that once the final Fall 2016 and peer data are received in April, the outcomes-based funding formula models will be applied to the 2- and 4-year institutions. The final distribution will be determined by the funds appropriated in the enrolled version of the appropriations bill (HB 1) and will be presented for approval at the June 2017 meeting.

On motion of Regent Kinney, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve the preliminary funding recommendations for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

Regent Seale requested that the Finance Committee of the Regents review the process and methodology of the formula well in advance of the June Board meeting.

LEGISLATIVE

2017 REGULAR SESSION UPDATES

- A. 2017 Session Calendar
- B. Bills Directly Impacting BoR Higher Education
- C. Bills Being Monitored

Dr. Uma Subramanian, Deputy Commissioner for Legal and External Affairs, spoke briefly regarding the upcoming legislative session. The session will begin on Monday, April 10, 2017, and adjourn on Thursday, June 8, 2017. Each legislator is limited to 5 non-fiscal (“general”) bills. Dr. Subramanian stated that updates will be provided regularly to Board members on key developments. She mentioned that House Bill 34 (Pugh) was filed to abolish all five higher education boards and to create the “Louisiana Postsecondary Education Board of Trustees.”

UPDATES

Mr. Matt Adams, Assistant Commissioner for Policy and Legislative Affairs, gave a brief overview of what could be expected during the 2017 regular legislative session.

OTHER BUSINESS

A. Authorization for 2017 Legislative Session

On motion of Regent Seale, seconded by Regent Temple, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to authorize the Commissioner and Staff to develop and pursue the Board of Regents/Higher Education Legislative Agenda during the upcoming 2017 Regular Session as necessary, with regular reports to the Board; and to authorize the Commissioner of Higher Education and the Chairman of the Board to act on its behalf on legislative issues that may arise during the 2017 Regular Session.

STATEWIDE PROGRAMS

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Temple, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve an item on the Consent Agenda as listed below:

A. Approval of Exceptions

- 1. Ratify Requests for Exception to the TOPS regulatory provisions that require students to enroll full-time, to remain continuously enrolled, and to earn at least 24 credit hours during the academic year.**

SPONSORED PROGRAMS

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Regent Temple, seconded by Regent David, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as listed below:

A. Conversion of Matched Endowed Chairs to Endowed Professorships

- 1. University of New Orleans**
- 2. LSU and A&M College**

B. Conversion of Matched Endowed Chairs and Endowed Professorships to Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarships

- 1. LSU and A&M College**

Staff was requested to provide to Board members and the Sponsored Programs Committee information related to FY 2016-17 funding recommendations in the BoRSF endowment subprograms in advance of a request for approval. Ms. Carrie Robison, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, indicated that information would be furnished

immediately following the March 31st deadline for campus submission of Endowed Professorship and Endowed First-Generation Scholarship applications.

PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Regent Stream, seconded by Regent Temple, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as listed below:

- 1. R.S. 17:1808**
 - a. License Renewal**
 - 1. Wake Forest University**
- 2. Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission**
 - a. Initial Licenses**
 - 1. iteach Louisiana**
 - 2. Louisiana Resource Center for Education (LCRE)**
 - 3. Saint Christopher College**
 - 4. Southeast Academy of Dental Assisting**
 - 5. The New Teacher Project**
 - b. AOS Degree Application – Louisiana Culinary Institute, LLC**
 - 1. AOS in Culinary Arts**
 - c. License Renewals**
 - 1. Baton Rouge School of Court Reporting (01/26/06)**
 - 2. Blue Cliff College--Lafayette (01/27/00)**
 - 3. Coastal College--Hammond (02/23/89)**
 - 4. Dryades YMCA School of Commerce (02/27/97)**
 - 5. Feliciana Medical Training Academy (02/23/15)**
 - 6. Griff's Marine Training, Inc. (01/27/10)**
 - 7. ITI Technical College (01/27/00)**
 - 8. Louisiana Dental Assistant School, LLC (01/27/05)**
 - 9. Louisiana Healthcare Institute (02/22/16)**
 - 10. Moore Career College, Inc. (01/27/10)**
 - 11. Rosemond School of Phlebotomy (02/22/16)**
 - 12. Rosepine Louisiana Medical Training, LLC (02/22/16)**
 - 13. Southwest Dental Academy, LLC (01/25/12)**
 - 14. Tulsa Welding School--Jacksonville Campus (01/27/10)**
 - d. SARA Institution Renewals**
 - 1. Louisiana State University Alexandria**
 - 2. Nations University**

BOR RESPONSE TO ACT 619 OF THE 2016 REGULAR SESSION OF THE LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE: PROPOSED TIMELINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

On motion of Regent McDonald, seconded by Regent Stream, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to adopt as a general guide the Proposed Timeline for Implementation of Recommendations in the Regents' Response to Act 619 of 2016 (attached).

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Due to time constraints Commissioner of Higher Education Joseph C. Rallo did not make any comments at this Board meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Vice Chair Markle announced that the next Board meeting will be Wednesday, April 26, 2017, and the May meeting will be held on Monday, May 22, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

Attachment A

Guest List for March 20, 2017 Board of Regents Meeting

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Diann Huber	iteach Louisiana
Nathan Ponder	LSUA
Barbara Hatfield	LSUA
Gerard Dumancas	LSUA
Janet Newhall	LSU
Luria Young	SUBR
Sheila Duplechain	SUS
Aisha Mirza	STO
John Broussard	State Treasurer
Ryan Landry	LSU
Carol Barry	LSU

Attachment B

Timeline for Implementation of Act 619 Recommendations