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MINUTES BOARD OF REGENTS August 24, 2016

Prior to the Board's Committee meetings, Dr. Craig McClain, newly appointed Executive Director of the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium, was introduced to the Board by Commissioner Joseph C. Rallo. Dr. McClain mentioned that his career as a marine biologist began during his undergraduate participation in a LUMCON summer course. He gave his vision for building and expanding LUMCON.

Dr. Adell Brown, Interim Chancellor of the Southern University Agricultural Center and Dr. William Richardson, Dean of the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center gave a joint presentation regarding the effective partnership between the two agricultural centers.

Senator Sharon Hewitt of District 1 addressed the Board regarding Act 619 of the 2016 Regular Legislative Session relative to postsecondary education. She said the Act requests the Board of Regents to conduct a comprehensive review of the present postsecondary education system in the state and recommend the optimal delivery of postsecondary education in the future that will meet the needs of the state's citizens and industries while maximizing the state's resources. The review shall be of the state as a whole and of its workforce development areas as provided in R.S. 23:2192. She continued by stating that the Board shall submit a written report detailing its findings and recommendations relative to the assets, needs, gaps, and barriers to creating a comprehensive, efficient, and cost-effective public postsecondary education system in Louisiana to the Senate and House committees on education by no later than forty-five days before the 2017 Legislative Session.

The Board of Regents met in session at 11:45 a.m., Wednesday, August 24, 2016, in the Louisiana Purchase Room 1-100, Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Richard Lipsey called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

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

Present for the meeting were:

Richard Lipsey, Chair
Edward Markle, Vice Chair
Joseph Farr, Secretary
Claudia Adley
Marty Chabert
Thomas Henning
Benson Kinney
Robert Levy
Roy Martin III
William Gray Stream
Collis Temple III
Joseph Wiley

Absent from the meeting were:

Raymond Brandt
Joel Dupré
William Fenstermaker
Chris Gorman

Public Comments

There were no public comments during the Board meeting.

Chair Lipsey honored Mr. Jimmy Long, Sr., an education icon, who recently passed away. Mr. Long was a former state representative and a current member of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System. Chair Lipsey said he attended many of the Board of Regents' meetings and dedicated his life to public service. He said Mr. Long will be missed by many.

Approval of the Minutes of June 29, 2016

On motion of Regent Chabert, seconded by Regent Martin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of June 29, 2016.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Farr, the Board voted unanimously to approve all Committee recommendations from the August 24, 2016 Committee meetings.

STATEWIDE PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Amend Sections 703 and 1903 of the Scholarship and Grant Program Rules

Approve the adoption of the proposed amendments in emergency rules, authorize the Executive Director of the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) to publish notice of the emergency rules, and authorize the Executive Director to publish notice of intent to make these rules permanent.

Ratify Requests for Exception to Certain TOPS Regulatory Provisions

Approve the following five requests:

- **702751 - Student only needs two classes before entering associate of nursing program.**
- **616523 - Student only needed to enroll in one class so that she can progress in her program, and it is not offered during the spring semester at her school.**
- **715241 - Death of Aunt.**
- **654948 - School cancelled summer class due to lack of participation.**
- **652765 - Withdrawal from school for family matters.**

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Proposed New Academic Programs

Conditionally approve the proposed degree programs, with progress reports due by January 5, 2018:

- ▶ **Associate of Applied Science in Helicopter Aviation (CIP 49.0102) at South Louisiana Community College**
- ▶ **Bachelor of Science in Applied Microbiology (CIP 26.0502) at Northwestern State University**

Approve the proposed certificate programs:

- ▶ **Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Accounting Technology (CIP 49.0102) at the University of Louisiana at Monroe**
- ▶ **Graduate Certificates in Orientation and Mobility and in Rehabilitation Teaching for the Blind (CIP 26.0502) at Louisiana Tech University**

AY 2016-2017 Military and Veteran Friendly Campus Designation

Approve submitting the following institutions' applications to the Governor with an endorsement as having met requirements to receive the continued (or initial) designation of Governor's Military & Veteran Friendly Campus:

Baton Rouge Community College, Bossier Parish Community College, Central Louisiana Technical Community College, Delgado Community College, Fletcher Technical Community College, Louisiana Delta Community College, Northshore Technical Community College, Northwest Louisiana Technical College, Nunez Community College, River Parishes Community College, South Central Louisiana Technical College, South Louisiana Community College, Sowela Technical Community College

Louisiana State University and A&M College, Louisiana State University at Alexandria, Louisiana State University at Eunice, and Louisiana State University at Shreveport

Grambling State University, Louisiana Tech University, McNeese State University, Nicholls State University, Northwestern State University, Southeastern Louisiana University, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, University of Louisiana at Monroe, and University of New Orleans

Southern University at Shreveport (Initial Designation)

Consent Agenda

Approve the items on the Consent Agenda as listed below:

- A. Reauthorization: Horace C. Hearne, Jr. Institute for Theoretical Physics at Louisiana State University and A&M College**
- B. Campus Restructuring: Academic Stabilization Initiative at Southern University and A&M College**
- C. Routine Staff Reports**
 - 1. Staff Approvals**
 - 2. Letters of Intent/Proposals in the Queue**

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Sponsored Programs Policy Revision: BoRSF Planning Committee Membership

Approve the addition of one member representing all higher education foundations, to be nominated by the informal statewide organization of such foundations, to the BoRSF Planning Committee membership and appropriate revision of Section II.C.2.b to include the added member.

Consent Agenda

Approve the items on the Consent Agenda as listed below:

- A. Appointment of Dr. Song-Gui Yang to the Edward G. Schlieder Educational Foundation Chair in Pediatric Cardiology at Tulane University Health Sciences Center**
- B. Conversion of three matched Endowed Chairs to Endowed Professorships at the Louisiana State University and A&M College**
- C. Removal of the Scott Chair in Clinical Pharmacy Practice from the University of Louisiana at Monroe's vacancy rate calculation for FY 2015-2016**

PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

Consent Agenda

Approve the items on the Consent Agenda as listed below:

- A. Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission**
 - 1. Initial Licenses**
 - a. Maritime Services Group of Louisiana, LLC**
 - b. Universal Technical Institute of Northern Texas, LLC**
 - 2. Change of Ownership Application**
 - a. Aspire Medical Training Academy, Inc.**

3. License Renewals

- a. Advance Healthcare Institute, LLC (05/26/11)
- b. BAR/BRI (Baton Rouge) (05/23/12)
- c. BAR/BRI (New Orleans) (05/23/12)
- d. Blue Cliff College--Alexandria (05/25/06)
- e. Cameron College (06/29/83)
- f. Delta College of Arts & Technology (06/25/92)
- g. Diesel Driving Academy (Baton Rouge) (06/25/87)
- h. Eastern College of Health Vocations--Shreveport (05/27/04)
- i. Grace & Favor Training Academy, LLC (05/21/14)
- j. Lincoln College (05/22/03)
- k. Louisiana Institute of Massage Therapy (05/22/13)
- l. Medical Technical Institute (05/27/15)
- m. Oak Park School of Dental Assisting (05/28/09)
- n. Ouachita Truck Driving Academy, LLC (05/22/03)
- o. Petra College, Inc. (05/27/15)
- p. Remington College (Lafayette Campus) (05/26/11)
- q. Remington College (Shreveport Campus) (05/26/11)
- r. SIHAF Career Institute (05/21/14)
- s. Southern Medical Corporation School of Ultrasound (06/26/97)
- t. Virginia College (05/27/10)
- u. Virginia College (Shreveport) (05/26/11)
- v. WyoTech (Florida) (05/27/15)
- w. WyoTech (Pennsylvania) (05/27/15)
- x. WyoTech (Wyoming) (05/27/15)

B. State Authorization Reciprocal Agreement (SARA) Institution Renewal

1. Our Lady of the Lake College

State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA)

Approve the Application for Institutional Participation in SARA for Southern University in Shreveport and authorize staff to submit the approved application to NC-SARA for final approval of SARA membership.

Fourth Quarter Report of BoR GRAD Act Intervention: SUSLA and SUS

Approve the 4th Quarter Reports of the BoR GRAD Act Year 5 Intervention Policy for Southern University at Shreveport and the Southern University System.

Report and Recommendations of the GRAD Act Review Panel and Recommendation to Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget (JLCB)

Recommend to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget that the GRAD Act Six-year Performance Agreements not be renewed.

GRAD Act Remediation Plan for SUBR and SULC and Improvement Plan for SU System and the GRAD Act Remediation Plan for BRCC and Improvement Plan for LCTC System
(Information Item)

Institutions failing GRAD Act can earn to up to 75% of lost performance funding upon approval of a remediation plan by the Commissioner of Higher Education and by entering into a GRAD Act Performance Improvement Contract. Following the failure of Baton Rouge Community College, Southern University and A&M College, and the Southern University Law Center for Year 6 of GRAD Act, Board of Regents' staff has been working closely with the LCTC System and SU System staff to develop remediation and improvement plans. Presentation of first quarterly reports from the Louisiana Community and Technical College System and Southern University System is currently scheduled for the October Board of Regents' meeting.

Elevate Louisiana: The New Reality for Higher Education

A. Guiding Principles for Proposed Mergers or Consolidations (Information Item)

Chair Adley suggested that this item be deferred until the September meeting to allow the Board adequate time to review the document and provide feedback.

B. Financial Health Analysis

Approve (1) placing institutions with a fiscal score of 1.75 or below on fiscal watch immediately; and (2) requiring the respective management boards to submit a corrective action plan for each institution at the September 2016 Board of Regents' meeting.

C. Elevate Louisiana Timeline and Action Items *(Information Item)*

This item was informational only regarding the timeline and action items.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Commissioner Joseph Rallo said the staff has been busy during the summer with several items as noted below.

1. Act 619 of the 2016 Regular Session, authored by Senator Hewitt, supports the Board of Regents' constitutional authority to conduct a comprehensive analysis of Louisiana public higher education. Specifically, this analysis will allow us to better plan for the future of higher education by prioritizing resources, improving academic offerings, stimulating innovative research, and responding to local/regional workforce needs. Senator Hewitt's bill also requests that recommendations be made in specific areas for the advancement of public higher education.
2. As a result of the 2016 Regular Session, the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) and Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium (LUMCON) are now under the oversight of the Board of Regents.
3. Act 172 of 2015 required the Board of Regents and the Attorney General to jointly prepare training materials for confidential advisors and other individuals who are involved in any sexual assault grievance procedure at every public postsecondary education institution. Institutions must make sure that confidential advisors and individuals involved in student grievance procedures complete the training before the beginning of the 2016-2017 academic year.
4. The first Formula Summit was held on Wednesday, August 3, 2016. This was an interactive, educational event designed to inform employees/stakeholders of the purpose and methodology of the Board of Regents' outcomes-based funding formula for two- and four-year institutions.
5. A faculty forum will be held on Friday, September 30, 2016 in Alexandria. The forum is designed to reengage faculty from across the state in discussions relative to the future of public post-secondary education. The agenda will be crafted around this year's theme ***Elevate Louisiana! Higher Education and Workforce Preparation***.

Chair Lipsey thanked all Committee Chairs for their tireless work with Committee staff during the legislative session and summer months regarding important higher education issues.

Regent Martin thanked Chair Lipsey for his leadership during this past year.

OTHER BUSINESS

Other business introduced by Regent Lipsey included:

- The next board meeting is scheduled for September 21 and 22, 2016. Budget hearings will be held on September 21 and Committee/Board meetings on September 22, 2016.
- The Board meeting in October has been postponed until November 2, 2016, and will be held in north Louisiana.
- An invitation was received from Superintendent of Education John White to the "*Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Briefing for Higher Education*." Louisiana is currently undergoing a review of its educational system to ensure that all students—regardless of their race or ethnicity, learning ability, economic status, or geographic location—have access to enriching, high-quality courses taught by exceptional teachers. This review will result in the development of a long-term state education plan that builds upon Louisiana's recent successes and adheres to the provisions of the new federal education law. Our mutual goal is to ensure all Louisiana students are on track to successfully transition to college or a career after high school graduation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.