**MINUTES**

BOARD OF REGENTS

December 12, 2018

The Board of Regents met in session at 2:45 p.m., Wednesday, December 12, 2018, in the Thomas Jefferson Room 1-136, A and B, Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Robert Levy called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

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

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| Present for the meeting were:  Robert Levy, Chair  Marty Chabert, Vice Chair  Claudia Adley  Blake David  Randy Ewing  Anthony Kenney, Jr.  Richard Lipsey  Edward Markle  Charles McDonald  Sonia Pérez  Jay Seale III  Gerald Theunissen | Absent from the meeting were:  Darren Mire  Wilbert Pryor  Collis Temple III, Secretary  Jacqueline Wyatt |

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Levy noted that no written requests were received for public comments and asked whether the audience had any comments at the time. There were none. Chair Levy did note that Mr. Mike Woods, representing the LSU Shreveport Foundation, spoke during the Sponsored Programs Committee meeting today. He said that Mr. Woods had thanked the Board for its support of first-generation college students and its willingness to consider reinstituting the BoRSF First-Generation Endowed Undergraduate Scholarships matching opportunity. Chair Levy said Chancellor Larry Clarke from LSU Shreveport and Carey Sullivan with the LSU Shreveport Foundation also supported the recommendation.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 24, 2018

**On motion of Regent Chabert, seconded by Regent David, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of October 24, 2018.**

Chair Levy thanked Regents Richard Lipsey, Edward Markle and Darren Mire for their dedication and service to the Board and to higher education. The term of service for each expires on December 31, 2018. He said by January, the Governor should announce new appointments to the Board, and they would be installed at the January 2019 meeting.

Chair Levy also encouraged Board members to finish their mandatory Ethics training by the deadline of December 31, 2018.

**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Chair Levy inquired if any member of the Board wanted to take up any of the committee reports separately before a motion was made to accept all reports. There were no requests.

**On motion of Regent David, seconded by Regent Markle, the Board voted unanimously to approve all Committee recommendations from the December 12, 2018 Committee meetings.**

**PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE**

**Approve the Consent Agenda items as listed below.**

CONSENT AGENDA

* 1. **R.S. 17:1808 (Licensure)**  
     1. License Renewal

1. University of Southern California

**B. Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission**

1. AOS Degree Applications

a. McCann School of Business and Technology

* + - 1. License Renewals

a. Academy of Interactive Entertainment (09/22/10)

b. Acadiana Area Career College--A Division of Blue Cliff College (09/28/12)

c. Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy (Houma) (09/24/15)

d. Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy (Mandeville) (09/24/15)

e. Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy (Metairie) (09/24/15)

f. Ayers Career College (10/25/90)

g. BARBRI of Louisiana--New Orleans (Loyola) (09/24/15)

h. Becker Professional Education – New Orleans (10/24/96)

i. The Captain School, LLC (09/22/11)

j. Coastal College--Baton Rouge (09/28/00)

k. Coastal Truck Driving School of New Orleans (09/25/14)

l. Compass Career College (09/23/04)

m. Crosby Court Reporting Center (10/28/93)

n. Delta College, Inc. (10/26/95)

o. Delta College, Slidell Branch (09/23/04)

p. Diesel Driving Academy-Shreveport (06/21/73)

q. Eastern College of Health Vocations (10/28/99)

r. LA Comprehensive Medical Academy, LLC (09/27/17)

s. Lafayette Dental Assistant School (09/22/16)

t. Louisiana Dental Center School of Dental Assisting (09/27/17)

u. Mia’s Medical Academy, LLC (09/25/14)

v. New Orleans Dental Assistant School (09/22/16)

w. Nursing Assistant Network Association (10/27/94)

x. Over Drive Truck Driving School of Louisiana, LLC (09/27/17)

y. Pelican Chapter, Associated Builders & Contractors, Inc., Training Center-Baton

Rouge Campus (09/27/12)

z. Pelican Chapter, Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc., Training Center-SW

Campus (09/27/12)

aa. Saint Agatha Career School, LLC (09/22/11)

bb. Shreveport Dental Assistant School (09/22/16)

cc. Thomas Training & Development Center, Inc. (10/26/95)

dd. Unitech Training Academy-Baton Rouge (09/22/16)

ee. Unitech Training Academy, West Monroe (09/23/04)

ff. Woodland Healthcare Training (09/27/17)

MASTER PLAN ATTAINMENT GOAL DISCUSSION

**Adopt the educational attainment goal of 60% of the working age population with a postsecondary credential by 2030. The Commissioner will incorporate the goal in the development of the Master Plan and collaborate with the systems and the Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (LAICU) in pursuing the goal.**

TECH TOPS ELIGIBLE ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

**Approve the revised TOPS Tech Eligible Program list for the 2019-2020 academic year and authorize Dr. Lisa Vosper, Associate Commissioner for Workforce Education and Training, to transmit the BOR-approved Program List to the Workforce Investment Council (WIC) and the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) in accordance with the law.**

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Online Education

The item regarding Online Education was for informational purposes only. A series

of slides were shared depicting the work of the Board’s eLearning Task Force.

1. Virginia College

The item regarding Virginia College was for informational purposes only. An update was given regarding the recent announcement of the closing of Virginia College campuses in Baton Rouge and Shreveport. Discussion centered around the various steps Regents’ staff had undertaken to assist students in completing their studies.

**ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

CONSENT AGENDA

**Approve the items on the Consent Agenda as listed below.**

1. Routine Staff Reports
2. Staff Approvals
3. Progress Reports for Conditionally Approved Programs/Units
4. Letters of Intent/Proposals in the Queue

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

**Approve the Letters of Intent to develop proposals for the Letters of Intent as listed below.**

* 1. Letters of Intent
     1. B.A. in Art at Louisiana State University and A&M College
     2. B.S. in Professional Pilot at the University of New Orleans

**Grant conditional approval to the proposed academic proposals as listed below with progress reports due as indicated in the summaries of the Academic and Student Affairs report.**

* 1. Academic Proposals

1. B.S. in Cybersecurity at Grambling State University

2. B.S. in Kinesiology at Louisiana State University at Alexandria

3. P.B.C. in Autism Spectrum Disorder at the University of Louisiana at Monroe

4. G.C. in Data Analytics – University of New Orleans

5. G.C. in Cardiovascular Nursing – University of Louisiana at Lafayette

6. O.T.D. in Occupational Therapy – University of Louisiana at Monroe

**Approve the request to terminate the B.S in General Family and Consumer Sciences as listed below.**

* 1. Program Terminations
     1. B.S. in General Family and Consumer Sciences at Nicholls State University

CENTERS AND INSTITUTES

**Approve the proposed Urban Entrepreneurship and Policy Institute at the University of New Orleans (new) with a request for full approval due on January 1, 2020, and the Ethics Institute at Louisiana State University and A&M College (full approval) with reauthorization due on December 1, 2023.**

**STATEWIDE PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

CONSENT AGENDA

**Approve the Consent Agenda items as noted below.**

1. **Approval of TOPS Exceptions**

Sections 705.A.6 and 7 of the TOPS administrative rules require TOPS recipients to continue to enroll in the fall and spring semesters of each academic year, to remain enrolled throughout the semester, and to earn the annual credit hours required by the end of the academic year. Section 2103.E authorizes the governing body to grant an exception to these requirements when the “student/recipient has exceptional circumstances that are beyond his immediate control and that necessitate full or partial withdrawal from or non-enrollment in an eligible postsecondary institution.”

Twelve requests for exception were reviewed and approved by the LOSFA Advisory Board at its meeting of November 8, 2018. The students have presented facts and circumstances that the students believe justify the granting of an exception as an exceptional circumstance.

1. **Approval of TOPS Exception to the Deadline for Achieving a Qualifying ACT Score**

**by the April National Test Date of the Year of High School Graduation**

The TOPS statute requires that a student achieve a qualifying score on the ACT no later than the national ACT test date in April of his year of high school graduation. The law provides for an exception to this requirement if the administering agency determines that the student was prevented from taking the test prior to high school graduation due to circumstances beyond the student’s control and which were attributable to the administration of the test. The law allows an extension under these circumstances to September 30 of the year of the student’s high school graduation, and it requires a one semester reduction in the time period of the student’s eligibility for TOPS.

One request for exception to the ACT deadline was reviewed and approved by the LOSFA Advisory Board at its meeting of November 8, 2018. The student has presented facts and circumstances that the student believes justify the granting of an exception as an exceptional circumstance.

**SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Request for Consolidation of Endowed Chairs: University of Louisiana at Lafayette

**Approve the Consent Agenda item as listed above.**

REINSTATEMENT OF THE BoRSF ENDOWED FIRST-GENERATION UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS SUBPROGRAM AS A COMPONENT OF ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIPS

**Grant approval of the reinstatement of First-Generation Endowed Undergraduate Scholarship matching as a component of Endowed Professorships and within its budget, beginning in FY 2019-2020.**

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

NOMINATION OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2019 (CHAIR, VICE CHAIR AND SECRETARY)

**Approve the nomination of the following Board Officers for 2019:**

**Regent Marty Chabert as Chair**

**Regent Collis Temple III as Vice Chair**

**Regent Blake David as Secretary**

NOMINATION OF FOUR NON-OFFICER MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2019

**Approve the nomination of the following four non-officer members to serve on the Executive Committee for 2019:**

**Regent Claudia Adley**

**Regent Randy Ewing**

**Regent Sonia Pérez**

**Regent T. Jay Seale III**

NOMINATION OF A REPRESENTATIVE ON THE BOARD OF REGENTS’ PROPRIETARY SCHOOLS ADVISORY COMMISSION

**Approve the nomination of Mrs. Melanie Amrhein to serve on the Board of Regents’ Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission.**

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

EVALUATION OF THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

The Chair indicated the evaluation of Commissioner Kim Hunter Reed was a favorable one.

**Approve the evaluation of Commissioner of Higher Education Kim Hunter Reed.**

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY DR. KIM HUNTER REED, COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Reed focused on recent meetings and events including:

* The Governor’s Workforce Sub-cabinet has held two meetings on workforce demand and workforce supply. The preliminary report is due January 22 from CLASP as we continue to focus collaboratively on talent development in our state.
* The staff hosted its first Facilities Summit, bringing together the Department of Transportation, the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission and campus facility partners to discuss management of infrastructure in and around our campuses.
* The Historically Black Colleges and Universities Advisory Council held its second meeting in November.
* National STEM Day was celebrated on November 8, 2018.
* The Commissioner’s Tour continues, with Commissioner Reed visiting 26 of 32 campuses to date.
* The Commissioner participated in a ribbon cutting ceremony for Nunez Community College’s Pelican Pantry.
* The Commissioner gave the commencement address at Southeastern Louisiana University and will provide upcoming addresses to Virginia College and Louisiana State University at Eunice.
* Staff projects included a food drive for college food pantries and a sock drive for the homeless.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Chair Levy pointed out:

* The Board of Regents’ calendar of meetings for 2019 has been revised.
* The next meeting will be January 14, 2018 for the installation of officers.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.