

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF REGENTS

December 11, 2019

The Board of Regents met in session at 1:28 p.m., Wednesday, December 11, 2019, in the Thomas Jefferson Room 1-136, A and B, Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Vice Chair Collis B. Temple, III called the meeting to order.

#### ROLL CALL

Board Secretary Christine Norton called the roll, and a quorum was established.

Present for the meeting were:

Collis Temple III, Vice Chair  
Marty Chabert, Chair  
Blake David, Secretary  
Claudia Adley  
Randy Ewing  
William Jewell  
Robert Levy  
Phillip R. May, Jr.  
Charles McDonald  
Darren Mire (present for Committee meetings)  
Sonia Pérez  
Wilbert Pryor  
T. Jay Seale III  
Gary N. Solomon, Jr.  
Gerald Theunissen  
Felix Weill

Absent from the meeting was:

Darren Mire (absent from Board meeting only)

#### SWEARING IN OF BOARD MEMBERS

Prior to the start of the committee meetings, reappointed member, Regent Chabert, and newly appointed member, Phillip R. May, Jr., were sworn in by Matthew Block, Executive Counsel, Office of the Governor.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Vice Chair Temple 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 OCTOBER 23, 2019

**On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent McDonald, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of October 23, 2019.**

**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Vice Chair Temple 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 Pérez, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to approve all Committee recommendations from the December 11, 2019 Committee meetings.**

**PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE**

CONSENT AGENDA

The first item considered by the Committee was its Consent Agenda. Dr. Randall Brumfield, Deputy Commissioner for Academic Affairs, Innovation, and Student Services, informed the Committee that the Consent Agenda included items related to one initial license and two license renewals for academic degree-granting institutions and recommendations from the Regents' Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission.

**On motion of Regent David, seconded by Regent Pryor, the Planning, Research and Performance Committee unanimously recommended that the Board of Regents approve the items listed under the Consent Agenda:**

- A. R.S. 17:1808**
  - 1. Initial License**
    - a. Lamar State College Orange**
  - 2. License Renewals**
    - a. Liberty University**
    - b. Columbia University Teachers College**
- B. Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission**
  - 1. Initial Licenses**
    - a. Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy LLC (Lake Charles)**
    - b. Kingdom Technical College, LLC (Shreveport)**
    - c. Let's Keep It Moving (Hammond)**
    - d. Melba Beauty (Prairieville)**
  - 2. 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. Becker Professional Education –New Orleans (10/24/96)**
    - h. The Captain School, LLC (09/22/11)**

### **Renewal Applications (continued)**

- i. Coastal College—Baton Rouge (09/28/00)**
  - j. Coastal Truck Driving of New Orleans (09/25/14)**
  - k. Compass Career College (09/23/04)**
  - l. Delta College, Inc. (10/26/95)**
  - m. Delta College, Slidell Branch (09/23/04)**
  - n. Diesel Driving Academy (Shreveport) (06/21/73)**
  - o. Eastern College of Health Vocations (10/28/99)**
  - p. Lafayette Dental Assistant School (09/22/16)**
  - q. Louisiana Dental Center School of Dental Assisting (09/27/17)**
  - r. Mia's Medical Academy, LLC (09/25/14)**
  - s. The National Aesthetic Laser Institute (09/26/18)**
  - t. New Orleans Dental Assistant School (09/22/16)**
  - u. Nursing Assistant Network Association (10/27/94)**
  - v. Over Drive Truck Driving School of Louisiana, LLC (09/27/17)**
  - w. Pelican Chapter, Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc., Training Center--Baton Rouge Campus (09/27/12)**
  - x. Pelican Chapter, Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc., Training Center—Southwest Campus (09/27/12)**
  - y. Saint Agatha Career School, LLC (09/22/11)**
  - z. Shreveport Dental Assistant School (09/22/16)**
  - aa. Thomas Training and Development Center, Inc., (10/26/95)**
  - bb. Unitech Training Academy—Baton Rouge (09/22/16)**
  - cc. Unitech Training Academy—West Monroe (09/23/04)**
  - dd. Woodland Healthcare Training (09/27/17)**
- 3. Revocation of Proprietary School License**
    - a. Premier Healthcare Training Solutions**
  - 4. Board of Regents refers to the State Attorney General's Office pursuit of legal action against Midcity College (Baton Rouge) for illegal advertising**

### DUAL ENROLLMENT TASK FORCE UPDATE

Dr. Brumfield mentioned that the Dual Enrollment Task Force proposed the following items at their meeting on Dec. 2, 2019 meeting: Guiding Principles; Foundational Areas to Address; and Conditions Necessary for Success. The next Task Force meeting will be held on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge. During this meeting, the Task Force will either adopt or amend draft recommendations. They will also discuss additional Task Force meetings and a timeline for the future work of the Task Force, recognizing that the work of the Task Force will continue into 2020.

### REVISION TO AA 2.22/ DUAL ENROLLMENT ELIGIBILITY

Dr. Brumfield presented a revision to the Alternative Criteria for students who have not yet taken the ACT/SAT in high school. After consultation with the LADOE, Regents staff now recommend the use of a minimum score of Mastery for matriculation in a non-algebraic general education math courses and English. The recommendation for matriculation in College Algebra will be a score of Mastery on the Geometry test and completion of HS Algebra with a grade of "C". Dr. Brumfield indicated that in three years the BoR will conduct a statistical analysis to determine if further changes to the policy are necessary.

**Approve the revision to AA 2.22, Dual Enrollment, adding LEAP 2025 scores in English II and Geometry as temporary indicators for HS students to enroll in college-level general education courses, and adding Geometry and completion of Algebra II with a grade of C or better for HS students to enroll in College Algebra.**

## ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

### CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Brumfield presented the Consent Agenda consisting of routine items including Staff Approvals, Progress Reports for Conditionally Approved Programs, and Letters of Intent/Proposals in the Queue.

**On motion of Regent Solomon, seconded by Regent David, the Committee received and recommended Board of Regents approval of the items on the Consent Agenda.**

### ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

#### Letters of Intent

Dr. Brumfield provided a brief overview of the Letter of Intent process. He then presented a Letter of Intent from Southeastern to develop a full proposal for a MS in Computer Networking & Administration. He then outlined the details of the program.

**Approve the Letter of Intent from Southeastern to develop a proposal for a MS in Computer Networking & Administration.**

#### Academic Program Proposals

Dr. Brumfield provided a brief overview of the program proposal process. He then presented the following proposals: an Associate of Applied Science in Machine Tool Technology from SOWELA; an Undergraduate Certificate in Teaching English as a Second Language from Southeastern; a BS in Learning Experience Design & Innovation from LSU A&M; and a Graduate Certificate in Machine Learning & Artificial Intelligence from UNO.

Dr. Brumfield next briefly described the external review process required for graduate degree programs, then presented the following proposals: an MS in Athletic Training at both UL Lafayette and Southeastern; an MS in Cyber Security & Operations from UNO; and a Ph.D. in Industrial Engineering from LSU A&M.

A discussion took place regarding Board concerns about duplication of programs around the state and their cost-effectiveness for the institutions. Commissioner Reed reassured the Board that measuring the cost-effectiveness and need for programs among institutions across the state are critical components in the process to which the BoR staff evaluates program proposals.

**Approve the following proposed programs: AAS Machine Tool Technology – SOWELA; UC TESOL – Southeastern; BS Learning Experience Design & Innovation – LSU A&M; GC Machine Learning & Artificial Intelligence – UNO; MS Athletic Training – ULL and SLU; MS Cyber Security & Operations – UNO; and PhD Industrial Engineering – LSU A&M.**

#### Centers and Institutes

Dr. Brumfield presented two requests from LSU Health Sciences Center Shreveport for approval of the new Louisiana Addiction Research Center and for the full authorization of the conditionally approved Center for Brain Health.

**Grant conditional one-year approval of the Louisiana Addiction Research Center and full approval of the Center for Brain Health, both at LSU Health Sciences Center Shreveport.**

### **STATEWIDE PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

#### CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of TOPS Exceptions

Ratify Requests for Exception to the TOPS regulatory provisions that require students to remain continuously enrolled and to earn the annual credit hours required during the academic year.

**Approve the Consent Agenda item.**

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Boutté told the Board that LOSFA celebrated National Mentoring Day with a social media campaign to highlight the Aspire to Inspire mentorship program. In addition, through Louisiana GEAR UP, fifty McKinley High School students seeking an industry-based certification upon graduation were able to participate in a job shadow program at EPIC Piping in partnership with Junior Achievement.

### **SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

#### FY 2020-21 BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT FUND PLAN AND BUDGET

Ms. Carrie Robison, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, provided an overview of the constitutionally designated Board of Regents Support Fund and indicated that a base budget of \$22 million was recommended by staff and committees advisory to the Board. She then provided a breakdown of the budget request by program and subprogram, acknowledging prior commitments, administrative costs, and funds for new projects, as well as contingency plans in the event that revenues in FY 2020-21 exceed or fail to meet the base budget level.

**Approve the FY 2020-21 Board of Regents Support Fund Plan and Budget, with contingencies, as presented.**

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

### NOMINATION OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2020 CHAIR, VICE CHAIR AND SECRETARY

Nominating Committee Chair Regent Jay Seale requested approval of Marty Chabert as Chair through the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year and further requested approval of the nomination of the following Board Officers for 2020: Regent Marty Chabert as Chair, Regent Collis Temple, III as Vice Chair, and Regent Blake David as Secretary.

**Approve the selection of Regent Marty Chabert as Chair, Regent Collis Temple, III as Vice Chair, and Regent Blake David as Secretary for 2020.**

### NOMINATION OF FOUR NON-OFFICER MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2020

The nominating committee requested approval of the following four non-officer members to serve on the Executive Committee for 2020: Regent Claudia Adley, Regent Sonia Pérez, Regent T. Jay Seale, III, and Regent Gary Solomon, Jr.

**Approve Regent Claudia Adley, Regent Sonia Pérez, Regent T. Jay Seale, III, and Regent Gary Solomon, Jr. to serve on the Executive Committee for 2020.**

## **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

### EVALUATION POLICY APPROVAL FOR THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Mr. Terrence Ginn, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, stated that the personnel committee requested approval of an evaluation policy for the Commissioner of Higher Education.

**Approve the evaluation policy for the Commissioner of Higher Education.**

### EVALUATION OF THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Mr. Ginn told the Board that the personnel committee is authorized to go into executive session and that the Commissioner had been advised of such as required by law. He explained the Commissioner had agreed to have her evaluation discussed in executive session.

**A roll call vote was taken and the Board entered into executive session.**

Committee members voting to enter executive session

Wilbert D. Pryor  
Robert W. Levy  
Darren G. Mire  
Sonia A. Pérez  
T. Jay Seale, III  
Gary Solomon  
Gerald J. Theunissen

**Upon the conclusion of the executive session, a roll call vote was taken to return out of executive session.**

Committee members voting to return from executive session

Wilbert D. Pryor  
Robert W. Levy  
Darren G. Mire  
Sonia A. Pérez  
T. Jay Seale, III  
Gary Solomon  
Gerald J. Theunissen

The Board Vice Chair remarked that the Commissioner of Higher Education is doing a great job and the committee authorized a 4% salary increase for the Commissioner.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Vice Chair Temple focused on recent activities including:

- The naming of LUMCON's new research vessel as the Gilbert R. Mason in honor of an important Civil Rights leader in desegregation efforts in Biloxi, Mississippi. Dr. Gilbert was also a physician for the Gulf Coast fishing community, and had a Louisiana connection through his son, who also became a physician after graduating from Tulane University.
- Vice Chair Temple expressed that he looks forward to the coming year and the promise of the reinvestment in higher education through the work of Dr. Reed and the continued support for the Master Plan.
- Vice Chair Temple asked Student Member William Jewell to speak about the launch of the Season of Giving at the Board of Regents. Regent Jewell and Southern University Student Body President Donald Dunbar, Jr. spoke to staff and highlighted the needs of the campus food pantries at LSU and Southern University. The staff is collecting food and other personal items for both pantries.
- Regent Jewell also touched upon the Council of Student Body Presidents' (COSBP's) upcoming trips to Washington, D.C. and New Hampshire, where COSBP students will represent the state of Louisiana and meet 2020 Presidential Candidates.

## REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY DR. KIM HUNTER REED, COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Reed focused on recent meetings and events including:

- The staff gathered for a holiday party at the P-Mac in conjunction with Coach D.D. Breaux's Gymnastics 101 Exhibition.
- The annual LA Stem Summit was held in November 2019, hosting more than 500 science, technology, engineering and math stakeholders and students, from across the state at the Raising Cane's River Center in Baton Rouge.
- The Commissioner spoke to the Southern University Board of Supervisors about the Master Plan during their board meeting prior the Bayou Classic festivities.
- The Commissioner presented the Master Plan and met with the leadership of University of Holy Cross, Xavier University, Loyola University, New Orleans Baptist Seminary, and Tulane University over the past several weeks, leaving only four more private campuses to visit before the Regents' mission, vision and Master Plan will have been personally shared with every public and private college or university in the state.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Vice Chair Temple pointed out:

- The Board of Regents' revised calendar of meetings for 2020 is in their folders.
- The next meeting will be held on January 9, 2020.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:43

p.m.