

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF REGENTS

October 23, 2019

The Board of Regents met as a Committee of the Whole at 9:55 a.m., Wednesday, October 23, 2019, in the G-221 Room in the Zadeck Conference Center, Building C at the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center Shreveport in Shreveport, LA. Chair Marty Chabert called the meeting to order.

#### ROLL CALL

Executive Assistant Stephanie Tomlinson called the roll, and a quorum was established.

#### Present for the meeting were:

Marty Chabert, Chair  
Claudia Adley  
William Jewell  
Darren Mire  
Wilbert Pryor  
T. Jay Seale III  
Gary Solomon, Jr.  
Gerald Theunissen  
Felix Weill

#### Absent from the meeting were:

Collis Temple III, Vice Chair  
Blake David, Secretary  
Randy Ewing  
Robert Levy  
Charles McDonald  
Sonia Perez  
Jacqueline Wyatt

#### Mgt. Board Representatives present:

Wayne Brown, LSU System  
Lola Dunahoe, UL System

#### WELCOME BY LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER SHREVEPORT

Chair Chabert noted Dr. G. E. Ghali, Chancellor of LSUHSC-Shreveport, welcomed the Board this morning at breakfast and led a tour of the Medical School and Biomedical Research Institute.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Chabert noted there were 3 individuals requesting to make public comments: Steven Jackson from the Caddo Parish Commission District -3, Shenericka Flemings from the Shreveport Mayor's Attorney's Office, and Calvin Lester from Jarvis Christian College. All public comments were in support of establishing a Southern University Law School Campus in Shreveport.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2019

**On motion of Regent Weill, seconded by Regent Seale, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve the minutes of September 25, 2019.**

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

**FINANCE**

PRELIMINARY FORMULA FUNDING AND BUDGET REQUEST FOR FY 2020-2021

Mr. Terrence Ginn, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, presented the FY 2020-2021 budget submission for higher education. He mentioned the \$155.6 million increase request includes an innovation reinvestment package for \$109.3 million and an affordability reinvestment package for \$46.3 million. He also noted Regents is requesting \$150 million of the available fiscal year 2018-2019 budget surplus funds to be utilized for deferred maintenance on public campuses. He said that the budget must be submitted to the Governor's Office and the Division of Administration by November 15<sup>th</sup>.

After further discussion,

**On motion of Regent Jewell, seconded by Regent Mire, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve the State General Fund operating budget requests for all Higher Education systems, boards and agencies for FY 2020-2021.**

**FACILITIES AND PROPERTY**

Mr. Chris Herring, Assistant Commissioner for Facilities, presented the Consent Agenda as listed below, which consisted of one small capital project.

CONSENT AGENDA: SMALL CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

- a. South Louisiana Community College Gulf Area Campus: B Building Roof Replacement – Abbeville, LA

**On motion of Regent Seale, seconded by Regent Solomon, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.**

P3 PROJECT: LSU A&M JESSE COATES HALL BIOLOGY LAB CONSTRUCTION

**On motion of Regent Weill, seconded by Regent Mire, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve the P3 project submitted by Louisiana State University and A&M College to construct new biology labs in Jesse Coates Hall, contingent upon Louisiana State University Board of Supervisors approval during their meeting October 25, 2019.**

LEASE: LSUHSC-NO CHARITY HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT

**On motion of Regent Mire, seconded by Regent Adley, with Regent Solomon abstaining, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve the lease agreement submitted by Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center New Orleans to redevelop Charity Hospital, contingent upon Louisiana State University Board of Supervisors approval during their meeting October 25, 2019. Regent Solomon abstained from the vote due to a potential conflict of interest.**

BOARD OF REGENTS FY 2020-21 CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET RECOMMENDATION

Mr. Herring said he has received more than 200 project requests for consideration during the FY 2020-2021 funding cycle. He said that after reviewing all projects, a final recommendation list was compiled for Board approval.

Mr. Herring noted that upon Board approval, the Board of Regents' FY 2020-2021 Capital Outlay Recommendation would be submitted to the Division of Administration (DOA) and the Office of Facility Planning and Control (FP&C) by the November 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

**On motion of Regent Mire, seconded by Regent Theunissen, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve the Board of Regents FY 2020-2021 Capital Outlay Budget Recommendation as presented.**

**ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS**

Dr. Karen Denby, Associate Commissioner for Academic and Student Affairs, presented the items on the Consent Agenda as listed below.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Reauthorization: Professional Development & Research Institute on Blindness – LA Tech
- b. Routine Staff Reports
  - i. Staff Approvals
  - ii. Progress Reports for Conditionally Approved Programs
  - iii. Letters of Intent / Proposals in the Queue

**On motion of Regent Jewell, seconded by Regent Adley, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as listed above.**

#### ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

- a. Letters of Intent
  - i. BS Integrated Science & Technology – Southeastern
  - ii. BS Learning Experience Design & Innovation – LSU A&M

**On motion of Regent Solomon, seconded by Regent Weill, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve the Letters of Intent from Southeastern to develop a proposal for a Bachelor of Integrated Science & Technology and from LSU to develop a proposal for a Bachelor of Learning Experience Design & Innovation.**

- b. Program Proposals
  - i. AAS Culinary Arts – BPCC
  - ii. AAS Fire Science – BPCC
  - iii. AAS Industrial Maintenance Technology – LDCC

**On motion of Regent David, seconded by Regent Pryor, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to conditionally approve the Program Proposals from Bossier Parish Community College for an Associate of Applied Science in Culinary Arts and an Associate of Applied Science in Fire Science and from Louisiana Delta Community College for an Associate of Applied Science in Industrial Maintenance Technology with progress reports due by December 1, 2021.**

#### CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE

- a. Center of Academic Excellence: Mathematical Achievement for Science & Technology – GSU
- b. Center for Workforce Excellence: Transportation Technology – BRCC

**On motion of Regent Weill, seconded by Regent Adley, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to conditionally approve GSU's Center of Excellence in Mathematical Achievement for Science Technology with request for a progress report due January 5, 2021 and continued approval for BRCC Center for Workforce Excellence in Transportation Technology with progress report due October 15, 2021.**

#### GOVERNOR'S MILITARY & VETERAN FRIENDLY CAMPUS DESIGNATION

Dr. Denby provided a summary regarding institutions meeting the requirements for continued designation as a Governor's Military & Veteran Friendly Campus. For AY 2018-2019, all the 2017-2018 Veteran Friendly Campuses except River Parishes Community College and Southern-Shreveport applied for continued designation.

**On the motion of Regent Theunissen, seconded by Regent Weill, the Board of Regents, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to forward the following 26 institutions to the Governor with an endorsement as having met requirements for continued designation as Governor’s Military & Veteran Friendly Campuses:**

- **Baton Rouge CC**
- **Bossier Parish CC**
- **Central Louisiana TCC**
- **Delgado CC**
- **Fletcher Technical CC**
- **Louisiana Delta CC**
- **Northshore TCC**
- **Northwest Louisiana Technical CC**
- **Nunez CC**
- **South Louisiana CC**
- **SOWELA**
- **LSU A&M**
- **LSU Alexandria**
- **LSU Eunice**
- **LSU Shreveport**
- **Southern University, Baton Rouge**
- **Southern University, New Orleans**
- **Grambling State University**
- **Louisiana Tech University**
- **McNeese State University**
- **Nicholls State University**
- **Northwestern State University**
- **Southeastern Louisiana University**
- **University of Louisiana, Lafayette**
- **University of Louisiana, Monroe**
- **University of New Orleans**

#### REVISIONS TO AA 2.22/DUAL ENROLLMENT ELIGIBILITY

**On the motion of Regent Solomon, seconded by Regent Seale, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve adding the “Revisions to AA 2.22/Dual Enrollment Eligibility” item to the meeting agenda.**

**On the motion of Regent Solomon, seconded by Regent Seale, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to allow staff the authority to implement changes to policy AA 2.22 for eligibility prior to the December Board meeting. The staff is required to present the policy to the Board at the December meeting for ratification.**

### **PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE**

#### CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Karen Denby, Associate Commissioner for Academic and Student Affairs, presented the items on the Consent Agenda as listed below.

- a. R.S. 17:1808 (Licensure)
  - i. Initial License: California State University – Sacramento

- ii. License Renewals
  - 1. Central Michigan University
  - 2. University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences
  - 3. William Carey University

**On motion of Regent Adley, seconded by Regent Jewell, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as listed above.**

BOARD OF REGENTS' 2019 TOPS REPORT AS REQUIRED BY R.S. 17:3048.3

Dr. Denby reminded the Board that the Tuition (now Taylor) Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) was created by Act 1375 of the 1997 Regular Legislative Session. She said that Act 1202 of the 2001 Regular Legislative Session requires the Louisiana Board of Regents to prepare a report to analyze various aspects of the TOPS program, and Act 587 of the 2014 Regular Legislative Session added several additional levels of analysis to the TOPS report. The report is due to the Legislative Committees on Education annually by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Dr. Denby reviewed the highlights of the report, concluding that on every measure of academic performance (retention, persistence, graduation, time to degree), TOPS recipients outperformed non-TOPS recipients.

**On motion of Regent Theunissen, seconded by Regent Seale, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve the “TOPS Report: Analysis of the TOPS Program from 2008-2017” and authorized the Commissioner of Higher Education to submit the response to the appropriate legislative committees on behalf of the Board of Regents.**

**STATEWIDE PROGRAMS**

CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Sujuan Boutté, Executive Director for the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA), presented the item on the Consent Agenda as listed below.

- a. Approval of TOPS Exception

**On motion of Regent Pryor, seconded by Regent Weill, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve the item on the Consent Agenda as listed above.**

OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Boutte presented on the outreach efforts of LOSFA programs to address the belief gap for children who do not think higher education is for them. She also highlighted LOSFA's campaign of

awareness on filling out the FASFA when the application opens on October 1<sup>st</sup> to leverage students' opportunities to access the highest amount of federal aid.

### CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Chair Chabert noted the following:

- The Nominating Committee will meet in December to offer nominations for a new chair, vice chair, secretary, and four other members to be part of the Executive Committee. Chair Chabert appointed the following members to the Nominating Committee: Jay Seale as Chair; Claudia Adley; Blake David; Randy Ewing; and Darren Mire.
- Thank you to Bossier Parish Community College, the Cyber Innovation Center, Louisiana State University Shreveport, Southern University at Shreveport, LSU Health Sciences Center Shreveport, and all the staff who assisted in the Board retreat and meeting.
- Regent Jewell presented an update on the Council of Student Body Presidents. He mentioned they would be meeting in Shreveport for the upcoming weekend and had a great weekend at Louisiana Tech University in September. In January, the students have an opportunity to travel to the New Hampshire Presidential Debate and meet the Presidential Candidates. Currently, 108 attendees are registered, which is the largest group to attend with Regents.

### REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Commissioner of Higher Education Kim Hunter Reed presented several items to the Board:

- Dr. Karen Denby, Interim Deputy Commissioner for Planning, Research & Academic Affairs, was recognized for her service to the Board of Regents. Dr. Denby has worked for the Board of Regents for seven and a half years. She is retiring on October 25, 2019, and the Board recognized her many contributions to Regents during her tenure.
- Erin Cowser, Assistant Commissioner for Legislative & External Affairs, was introduced to the Board. She started working at Regents on Monday, October 21, 2019, and has been with the Board throughout the retreat.
- Dr. Reed participated in an Association of Community College Trustees panel on the future of public higher education governance in San Francisco, CA and as the Louisiana's Community and Technical Colleges conference speaker to present the Master Plan in New Orleans.
- The Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges & Universities tour kickoff was held at Centenary College.
- A Superintendents meeting was held to discuss the Master Plan and Dual Enrollment.
- A Dual Enrollment Task Force meeting was hosted by South Louisiana Community College.
- An HBCU Advisory Council meeting was held at Southern University at Shreveport.
- A SHEEO Project Pipeline Repair panel was convened at Southern University and A&M College.

### OTHER BUSINESS

#### **CALENDAR OF MEETINGS FOR 2020**

**Upon motion of Regent Weill, Seconded by Regent Jewell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2020 Calendar of Board of Regents' Meetings.**

Regent Solomon commended Regent Adley and Regent Pryor for their relationships and investment in the higher education community in the region and how this was reflected throughout the Board's time in Shreveport.

Chair Chabert commented that the joint BoR/BESE (hosted by BoR) meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 11, 2019, at 9:00 a.m., followed by Committee/Board meetings.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.