

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF REGENTS

April 22, 2020

The Board of Regents met as a Committee of the Whole at 10:15 a.m., Wednesday, April 22, 2020, via video conference. Chair Marty Chabert called the meeting to order.

#### ROLL CALL

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

##### Present for the meeting were:

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

##### Mgt. Board Representatives present:

Paul Price, LCTCS System  
Robert Dampf, LSU System  
Leon Tarver, SU System  
Lola Dunahoe, UL System

#### CERTIFICATION FOR VIRTUAL MEETING

Chair Chabert referenced the Board of Regents' certification of inability to operate due to the lack of an in-person quorum. The certification is available on the Board of Regents website and was included with the meeting materials. He indicated that all votes during the meeting would be done by roll call.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Chabert asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

## APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 19, 2020

**On motion of Regent Seale, seconded by Regent Temple, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve the minutes of February 19, 2020.**

## COVID-19 OVERVIEW

Commissioner Reed invited each of the four system presidents to speak regarding the COVID-19 crisis, asking them to specifically address challenges they faced, moments that made them proud, and how this crisis presents future opportunities for the campuses, systems, and state. The Presidents included: Dr. Jim Henderson, University of Louisiana System; Dr. Ray Belton, Southern University System; Mr. Thomas Galligan, Louisiana State University and A&M College System; and Dr. Monty Sullivan, Louisiana Community and Technical College System. Each president noted facing similar challenges in organizing online support for their faculty and students, and pride in how quickly they were able to coordinate online classes. Opportunities that were highlighted included extensive research, COVID testing, PPE manufacturing, graduating healthcare students early or on-time and future workforce activities, continued focus on the Master Plan, and the strong continuous communication within and between systems. They thanked Dr. Reed for her constant leadership and coordination.

## REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### **FINANCE**

## OVERVIEW OF FUNDING FORMULA PROCESS AND UPDATES

Mr. Matthew LaBruyere, Associate Commissioner for Finance and Administration, gave an overview of the funding formula process and agreed upon formula updates for informational purposes.

## MOTION TO ALLOW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO APPROVE FORMULA ALLOCATION

**On motion of Regent David, seconded by Regent Temple, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to allow the Executive Committee to approve formula allocation on its behalf.**

## CARES ACT SUPPORT FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Mr. Terrence Ginn, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, gave an update on the federal funding allocated to students and institutions as a result of the CARES Act Support for Higher Education.

## **ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS**

### AUTHORIZATION FOR EXISTING DEGREE PROGRAMS TO BE OFFERED 100% ONLINE

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and Governor Edwards' executive orders, Louisiana's public postsecondary institutions have moved to 100% online instruction for the remainder of the spring semester, with plans developed to do the same throughout the summer sessions. This item required no Board action, and Dr. Susannah Craig, Senior Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, Innovation, & Student Services and, Teacher and Leadership Initiatives, presented it for informational purposes.

### CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Program Terminations – MEd and EdS – McNeese State University

**On motion of Regent Theunissen, seconded by Regent Jewell, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously on the termination of the Master of Education in Educational Leadership (CIP Code 13.0401) and the Education Specialist in Educational Leadership (CIP Code 13.0401) at McNeese State University.**

### ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

- a. Program Proposals
  - i. BS Chemical Engineering – McNeese State University
  - ii. 3 Graduate Certificates (GC) Environmental Science – Louisiana State University
  - iii. GC Education Technology – Louisiana State University
  - iv. MS Sport Management – Louisiana State University

**On motion of Regent Temple, seconded by Regent Mire, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to conditionally approve the proposed Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering (CIP 14.0701) at McNeese State University; Graduate Certificates at Louisiana State University A&M: GC Environmental Health Sciences (CIP 03.0104), GC Environmental Modeling and Analysis (CIP 03.0104), GC Environmental and Energy Policy (CIP 03.0104), and GC in Educational Technology (CIP 14.3501); and Master of Science in Sport Management (CIP 31.0504) at Louisiana State University and A&M College, with progress reports due October 1, 2021.**

## EMERGENCY CTEP POLICY

**On motion of Regent Temple, seconded by Regent May, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve the proposed COVID-19 emergency Classroom Teacher Enrollment Program (CTEP) policy guidelines and application for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year and the 2020-2021 academic year.**

## **RESEARCH AND SPONSORED INITIATIVES**

### BoRSF FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS, FY 2019-20

**On motion of Regent Pérez, seconded by Regent Solomon, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve the FY 2019-20 BoRSF funding recommendations, with contingencies, as presented.**

## **PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE**

### CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Consent Agenda**
  - a. **R.S. 17:1808 (Licensure)**
    - i. **Initial License**
      - (a) **Johns Hopkins University**
    - ii. **License Renewals**
      - (a) **Alliant International University**
      - (b) **The Chicago School of Professional Psychology**
  - b. **State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA)**
    - i. **Initial Applications**
      - (a) **Baton Rouge Community College**
      - (b) **Fletcher Technical Community College**
      - (c) **Louisiana Delta Community College**
      - (d) **South Louisiana Community College**
      - (e) **SOWELA Technical Community College**
    - ii. **Renewal Applications**
      - (a) **Louisiana State University Alexandria (March 2020)**
      - (b) **Nations University (March 2020)**
      - (c) **Southern University A&M (March 2020)**
      - (d) **University of Louisiana at Lafayette (March 2020)**
      - (e) **University of Louisiana at Monroe (March 2020)**
      - (f) **Bossier Parish Community College (April 2020)**
      - (g) **Grambling State University (April 2020)**
      - (h) **Louisiana State University Eunice (April 2020)**
      - (i) **Louisiana State University Shreveport (April 2020)**
      - (j) **Loyola University of New Orleans (April 2020)**
      - (k) **Tulane University (April 2020)**
  - c. **Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission**
    - i. **Initial License**
      - (a) **Charity Health Training Institute, LLC (Lafayette)**
      - (b) **Elise Phlebotomy Training Center (Gretna)**
    - ii. **Change of Ownership**

- (a) Southwest Dental Academy (Lafayette)
- iii. Renewal Applications
  - (a) Baton Rouge School of Court Reporting (01/26/06)
  - (b) Becker Professional Education Online (01/09/17)
  - (c) Beso Beauty, LLC (01/09/17)
  - (d) Blue Cliff College – Lafayette (01/27/19)
  - (e) Burks Medical Training, LLC (01/14/19)
  - (f) Carter’s Career Center, LLC (02/22/18)
  - (g) Coastal College – Hammond (02/23/89)
  - (h) Gonzales Medical Assistant School (01/09/17)
  - (i) Griff’s Marine Training, Inc. (01/27/10)
  - (j) ITI Technical College (01/27/00)
  - (k) Louisiana Dental Assistant School, LLC (01/27/05)
  - (l) Louisiana Dental Institute, LLC (02/21/18)
  - (m) Moore Career College, Inc. (01/14/19)
  - (n) Professional Laser Training, LLC (01/14/19)
  - (o) Rosemond School of Phlebotomy (02/22/16)
  - (p) Tulsa Welding School--Jacksonville Campus (01/27/10)

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

**EMERGENCY INTERIM POLICY FOR DUAL ENROLLMENT, PLACEMENT AND ADMISSIONS**

In response to the rapidly evolving impact on secondary and postsecondary education of the current COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Randall Brumfield, Deputy Commissioner for Academic Affairs, Innovation, and Student Success, presented an emergency interim policy that offers guidance due to the cancellation or postponement of standardized tests the scores from which are used in determining student eligibility for the following: dual enrollment, academic placement and admissions.

**On motion of Regent Adley, seconded by Regent Seale, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve the emergency policy.**

**INCLUSION OF AP PSYCHOLOGY IN BOR CORE**

**On motion of Regent Ewing, seconded by Regent David, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve the inclusion of AP Psychology in the BoR Core, as well as inclusion of this course in the calculation which provides increased weight for AP courses for the BoR core, beginning with incoming high school freshmen in 2014-2015 (the year weighted GPA matrix was implemented) and beyond.**

**SAT/ACCUPLACER NG UPDATE FOR BOARD POLICIES**

**On motion of Regent May, seconded by Regent David, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to authorize staff to update policies to reflect the most**

**current Concordance Tables and communicate to institutions when further updates occur.**

#### CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Regent Ewing requested that the Board recognize Mr. Virgil Orr and his wife Myrtis on celebrating 75 years of marriage and service to the Ruston community.

Chair Chabert noted the following:

- This was the last official meeting for Student Board Member William Jewell. Chair Chabert recognized the contributions that Regent Jewell has made to the Board and called him a future leader.
- Regent Jewell highlighted some of the issues that students are currently experiencing during the COVID-19 crisis, including: obstacles to complete coursework, feelings of loss for seniors not able to participate in commencement, the importance of mental health and participating in the 2020 Census. He noted that in light of the situation, LSU student government and organizations have contributed more than \$12,000 to the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank. Regent Jewell thanked the Board of Regents for the wisdom he has gained and the fun he has had in the past year.
- Chair Chabert thanked the system representatives for their participation in the meeting.
- Chair Chabert thanked the BoR staff for their continued hard work during the COVID-19 crisis.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.