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FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

June 16, 2021

The Facilities and Property Committee met on Wednesday, June 16, 2019 at 11:36 a.m. in the Thomas Jefferson Room of the Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Darren Mire called the meeting to order. The roll was called, and a quorum was established.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Darren Mire, Chair
Robert Levy, Vice Chair
Charles McDonald
Chandler Vidrine
LSU Representative

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Randy Ewing
Stephanie Finley
LCTCS Representative
LSU Representative
SUS Representative

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Chris Herring

Appendix A

Guest List

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Chris Herring, Assistant Commissioner for Facilities and Planning, reported on the Consent Agenda Small Capital Projects Report containing the small capital projects staff approved since the previous meeting:

A. Small Capital Projects

1. **LSU A&M: Alex Box Champions Club Seating Replacement, Baton Rouge, LA** - Louisiana State University and A&M College, Auxiliary Revenues \$225,000
2. **LSU A&M: Design Building Boyce Gallery Renovation, Baton Rouge, LA** - Louisiana State University and A&M College, Operational Funds \$220,000
3. **LSU A&M: Hill Memorial Library Room 108 and 109 Renovations, Baton Rouge, LA** - Louisiana State University and A&M College, Operational Funds \$348,000
4. **LSU A&M: Hodges Hall Room 119, 132A, 132D, 148, and 150 Renovations, Baton Rouge, LA** - Louisiana State University and A&M College, Operational Funds \$220,000
5. **LSU A&M: Thomas Boyd Hall Office of the Bursar Renovations, Baton Rouge, LA** - Louisiana State University and A&M College, CARES Act Funding \$185,000
6. **LSU HSC-NO: Data Center HVAC Replacement of Air-Cooled Chiller, New Orleans, LA** - Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center – New Orleans, Operational Funds \$203,000
7. **LSU-S: Health and Physical Education Building Equipment Pavilion Climate Chamber, Shreveport, LA** - Louisiana State University - Shreveport, Operational Funds \$203,000
8. **LSU-S: Noel Library Student Development Suite, Shreveport, LA** - Louisiana State University - Shreveport, Operational Funds \$318,000
9. **LSU-S: Sports Fields Drainage Improvements, Shreveport, LA** - Louisiana State University - Shreveport, Operational Funds \$202,298
10. **LSU-S: Technology Center Air Handler Replacements, Shreveport, LA** - Louisiana State University - Shreveport, Operational Funds \$495,800
11. **PBRC: Renovations to Animal Metabolism and Behavioral Core Facility Comparative Biology Building E, Baton Rouge, LA** – Pennington Biomedical Research Center, Operational Funds/National Institute of General Medical Sciences Grant \$480,000
12. **RPCC-Reserve: Electrical Upgrades, Reserve, LA** – River Parishes Community College - Reserve, Operational Funds \$480,000
13. **SUBR: Archives Building Renovation, Baton Rouge, LA** – Southern University and A&M College, Operational Funds \$218,000
14. **UNO: Chemical Science Building HVAC, Baton Rouge, LA** – University of New Orleans, Facility Use Maintenance Fee Revenues \$350,000

On a motion from Regent Levy, seconded by Regent David, the Facilities and Property Committee unanimously recommended that the Board of

Regents approve the Small Capital Projects Report as presented in the Consent Agenda.

IV. Alternatively Financed Project: Southern University and A&M College – Honors Housing and Student Union

The Southern University Board of Supervisors, on behalf of Southern University and A&M College (SUBR), submitted an alternatively financed project for the purpose of constructing new honors housing and a student union on the Baton Rouge campus. The housing component of the project calls for the construction of 300-350 suite style beds to support the overall recruitment and retention of students, build a more engaging sense of community, and enhance the overall student experience. The new housing will include academic support spaces, a technology center, and individual and group study spaces. The total project cost is estimated to be \$37M. The student union component of the project will construct a new, approximately 90,000 SF facility which will become the hub for campus life and enhance the out-of-classroom experience. The union and associated programs will support leadership development, provide student employment opportunities, and provide space for student organizations to meet and gather. The estimated project cost for the union component is approximately \$43M.

Both facilities are high priorities for SUBR, and the institution secured a federal Historically Black College and Universities (HBCU) loan to cover all project costs. Revenues derived from the operation of the housing will be used to satisfy the debt service for the housing component while a combination of revenues from a proposed student/activity fee will pay the debt service related to the new union. Repayment of the loan will occur over a thirty-year period, and both facilities are expected to come online for the beginning of the fall 2024 semester.

On a motion from Regent Vidrine, seconded by Regent Levy, the Facilities and Property Committee unanimously recommended that the Board of Regents approve the alternatively financed project submitted by the Southern University Board of Supervisors, on behalf of Southern University and A&M College, to construct honors housing and a new student union.

V. House Bill 2 (HB2) Update

Staff provided an update on the final posture of HB 2 noting that higher education fared well in the bill across all four systems. Staff highlighted the addition of \$25M in Major Repair (Deferred Maintenance) funding included in the bill towards the end of the legislative session as well as various highlights for all systems. Specifically, projects for Fletcher Technical Community College, Louisiana State University and A&M College, SUBR, the University of Louisiana – Lafayette, and the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium were highlighted.

VI. Hurricane Recovery

Staff provided the board an update on the status of hurricane recovery in the Lake Charles area for McNeese State University and SOWELA Technical Community College. Commissioner Reed

highlighted the exceptional job being performed by all stakeholders to ensure both campuses' damaged facilities were back online for the fall 2021 semester.

There being no other business, the Facilities and Property Committee adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

APPENDIX A:

Board Meeting Guest List
Wednesday, June 16, 2021

NAME	AFFILIATION
SuJuan Boutte	LOSFA
James H. Ammons	SUS/SUNO
Ben Pugh	SUBR