

## **MINUTES**

### **BOARD OF REGENTS**

**June 24, 1999**

The Board of Regents met in regular session at 9:11 a.m., Thursday, June 24, 1999, in the Board of Regents' Auditorium, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Mary Ella Sanders called the meeting to order. Coordinator of Board Services, Ms. Helen Johnson, called the roll and a quorum was established.

#### **Present for the meeting were:**

Mary Ella Sanders, Chair  
Scott Brame  
Harold Callais  
Richard D'Aquin, Vice Chair  
Michael Dees  
Reggie Dupré  
John Georges  
Frances Henry  
Melvin Rambin  
Ron Roberts, Secretary  
Virgil Robinson, Jr.  
Norbert Simmons  
Pat Strong  
Roland Toups  
Ryan Gatti, Student Member

#### **Absent:**

#### PRESENTATION BY STEPHEN PERRY, CHIEF OF STAFF, GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

Commissioner E. Joseph Savoie gave a brief visual presentation on the funding of higher education during the past few years. He then introduced Chief of Staff, Mr. J. Stephen Perry. Mr. Perry stated that during the legislative session the emphasis was put in higher education funding. He thanked the members of the Board of Regents for their diligence in

promoting higher education in Louisiana. He continued by encouraging the Board to take a leading role in administering research grants in Health Sciences with \$15 million from tobacco settlement funds.

### **MINUTES APPROVED**

#### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MAY 27, 1999

**On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of May 27, 1999, as circulated.**

### **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

#### **ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

#### ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JUNE 23, 1999

On behalf of Regent Henry, Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Dr. Carolyn Hargrave, Deputy Commissioner for Academic Affairs, presented motions from the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Report of June 23, 1999.

#### PROPOSED ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

A. Louisiana Tech University - B.S. in Aviation Management

**On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the proposed B.S. program in Aviation Management (CIP Code 49.0104) at Louisiana Tech University, to be implemented beginning Fall 1999.**

B. University of Southwestern Louisiana/Louisiana State University Medical Center - Joint B.S. in Dental Hygiene

**On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the proposed joint B.S. program in Dental Hygiene ( CIP Code 51.0602) at the University of Southwestern Louisiana and Louisiana State University Medical Center, to be implemented beginning Fall 1999. Specific conditions are:**

**(1) By August 1, 1999, USL and the LSUMC shall submit a report to the Commissioner of Higher Education describing how operating costs of this program will be funded; and**

**(2) By March 1, 2000, USL and the LSUMC shall submit to the Commissioner of Higher Education a comprehensive plan for the development of a permanent, privately-funded, new facility to house the program in Lafayette.**

C. Northwestern State University - A.A. in Criminal Justice

**On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the proposed A.A. program in Criminal Justice (CIP Code 43.0107) at Northwestern State University, to be implemented beginning Fall 1999.**

D. McNeese State University - A.A. in Early Childhood Education

**On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the proposed A.A. program in Early Childhood Education (CIP Code 13.1204) at McNeese State University, to be implemented beginning Fall 1999. The University shall coordinate and cooperate with the Sowela campus of the Louisiana Technical College in the offering of this program.**

E. Louisiana State University-Alexandria - Associate of Paralegal Studies

**On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the proposed Associate program in Paralegal Studies (CIP Code 22.0103) at Louisiana State University-Alexandria, to be implemented beginning Fall 1999.**

F. South Louisiana Community College - A.A. in Early Childhood Education

**On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the proposed Associate program in Early Childhood Education (CIP Code 13.1204) at South Louisiana Community College, to be implemented beginning Fall 1999. Prior to enrolling students in the program, South Louisiana Community College must submit a progress report to the Commissioner of Higher Education describing the infrastructure development of the College, including library resources, facilities, and equipment. The report must include a contingency plan that describes how the College will adequately serve students in the program until its required five-year plan has been approved and/or until critical infrastructures are in place.**

G. Bossier Parish Community College

A.A.S. in Industrial Technology

**On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the proposed A.A.S. program in Industrial Technology (CIP Code 15.0699) at Bossier Parish Community College, to be implemented beginning Fall 1999. The College will monitor student progress in courses affected by curricular revisions in the revised proposal and shall report its findings to the Commissioner of Higher Education by July 1, 2002.**

Certificate in Computer Aided Drafting

**On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the proposed Certificate program in Computer Aided Drafting (CIP Code 48.0101) at Bossier Parish Community College, to be implemented beginning Fall 1999. The College will monitor student progress in courses affected by curricular revisions in the revised proposal and shall report its findings to the Commissioner of Higher Education by July 1, 2001.**

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS' STANDARDS FOR ADMISSION INTO TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS

**On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs**

**Committee to grant approval for the Revised Standards for Admission into Teacher Education Programs, as listed in Appendix II of the Committee Report.**

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JUNE 23, 1999

**On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Report of June 23, 1999, as presented.** (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

**SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT OF JUNE 23, 1999

On behalf of Regent Georges, Chair of the Sponsored Programs Committee, Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, presented the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of June 23, 1999.

UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE LSU MEDICAL CENTER - TULANE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER GENE THERAPY RESEARCH INITIATIVE

**On motion of Regent Georges, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to authorize the Commissioner of Higher Education to: (1) convene the Gene Therapy Task Force to foster development of a multi-year strategic plan; (2) forward the plan which is developed to out-of-state consultants for review; and (3) submit recommendations of consultants as soon as possible to the Board for consideration.**

JOINT FACULTY APPOINTMENTS PROGRAM (JFAP) FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

**On motion of Regent Georges, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to defer action on funding recommendations relative to the Joint Faculty Appointments Program until the August meeting.**

ALLOCATION OF THE \$5 MILLION SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION FOR ENDOWED CHAIRS AND PROFESSORSHIPS

**On motion of Regent Georges, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve \$2.8M of the \$5M Special Legislative Appropriation to fund 3 chairs from LSU-Baton Rouge (ranked # 6, 15, and 19, respectively); 2 chairs from independent institutions (# 12 from Dillard and # 16--a \$2M chair--from Centenary); and 1 chair from UNO (ranked # 22) as listed in Appendix C of the Committee Report.**

**On motion of Regent Georges, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve \$2.12M from the Special Legislative Appropriation to fund additional professorships as indicated in Appendix D of the Committee Report.**

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JUNE 23, 1999

**On motion of Regent Georges, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Meeting Report of June 23, 1999, as presented.** (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

**LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE REPORT OF JUNE 23, 1999

Regent Henry, Chair of the Legislation Committee presented the Legislation Committee Meeting Report of June 23, 1999.

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JUNE 23, 1999

**On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Legislation Committee Meeting Report of June 23, 1999, as presented.** (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

**FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JUNE 23, 1999

On behalf of Regent Roberts, Chair of the Facilities and Property Committee, Mr. Marvin Roubique, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Facilities, presented motions from the Facilities and Property Committee Meeting Report of June 23, 1999.

CAPITAL PROJECTS COSTING LESS THAN \$300,000

**Louisiana State University and A&M**

Expanded Card Access System for Residential Life  
\$110,880 Auxiliary Funds

Modifications to Audio/Visual Studio in Athletic  
Administration Building  
\$120,000 Auxiliary Funds

**On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the projects.**

CAPITAL OUTLAY STATUS REPORT

**On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee that a letter be sent to Governor Foster's Administration and the Louisiana Legislature, thanking them for following the recommendations of the Board of Regents for Capital Outlay.**

PROJECTS USING ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF FINANCING

**On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the project for the construction of the Lod Cook Conference Center and the Jack and Priscilla Andonie Museum using the proposed alternative means of financing.**

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JUNE 23, 1999

**On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Meeting Report of June 23, 1999, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

### FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JUNE 23, 1999

On behalf of Regent Dees, Chair of the Finance Committee, Mr. Marvin Roubique, presented the Finance Committee Meeting Report of June 23, 1999.

### STATUS REPORT ON GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL

**On motion of Regent Dees, seconded by Regent Rambin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the distribution of equipment funds, faculty salary funds, equity funds, and operational funds as presented in Appendix B of the Committee Report.**

**On motion of Regent Dees, seconded by Regent Rambin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the principles for distribution of the faculty pay plan funds as presented in Appendix C of the Committee Report.**

**On motion of Regent Dees, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the principles for distribution of the equipment funds as presented in Appendix C of the Committee Report.**

**On motion of Regent Dees, seconded by Regent Rambin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the Board of Regents form a task force to develop plans for the Health Sciences Initiatives funds of \$15 million. The task force would consist of two members each from the LSU System, the Southern University System and the University of Louisiana System to be appointed by the President of each system; one member from the Medical Education Commission; two members from the Board of Regents appointed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents; two members of the Board of Regents' staff appointed by the Commissioner of Higher Education, and, any others deemed appropriate.**

**On motion of Regent Dees, seconded by Regent Rambin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the**

**Board of Regents form a task force to develop a plan for the Economic and Strategic Initiatives funds of \$2 million. The task force would consist of two members each from the LSU System, the Southern University System, the University of Louisiana System and the Louisiana Community and Technical College System to be appointed by the President of each system; two members of the Board of Regents appointed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents; two members of the Board of Regents' staff appointed by the Commissioner of Higher Education; and, any others deemed appropriate.**

**On motion of Regent Dees, seconded by Regent Rambin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to request that the LSU System provide a business plan for the expenditure of the \$5 million appropriated for cancer research at the LSU Medical Center.**

ADOPTION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JUNE 23, 1999

**On motion of Regent Dees, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Finance Committee Meeting Report of June 23, 1999, as presented.** (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

**FINANCE/PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE JOINT COMMITTEE**

FINANCE/ PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JUNE 23, 1999

On behalf of Regent Dees, Chair of the Finance Committee, Dr. Jimmy Clarke, Interim Deputy Commissioner for Planning, Research, and Performance, presented the Finance/ Planning, Research, and Performance Joint Committee Meeting Report of June 23, 1999.

CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE REGENTS' FORMULA FUNDING TASK FORCE

**On motion of Regent Dees, seconded by Regent Rambin, the Board voted to accept the recommendation of the Finance/Planning, Research and Performance Joint Committees to adopt the concepts included in the recommendations of the Board of Regents' Formula Funding Task Force Report with the understanding that further clarification of terminology will be considered prior to final adoption of the Formula.**

FINANCE/PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE JOINT COMMITTEES  
MEETING REPORT OF JUNE 23, 1999

**On motion of Regent Dees, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Finance/Planning, Research and Performance Joint Committees Meeting Report of June 23, 1999, as presented.** (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

**PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE**

PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF  
JUNE 23, 1999

On behalf of Regent Toups, Chair of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee, Dr. Jimmy Clarke, Interim Deputy Commissioner for Planning, Research and Performance, presented motions from the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Report of June 23, 1999.

ACT 129 OF 1991 (LICENSURE)

**On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to exempt from licensure the New Orleans School of Urban Missions under the religious institution exemption provided for by Act 129 of 1991.**

**On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to exempt from licensure the Robert C. Blake Sr. Bible College and Theological Seminary under the religious institution exemption provided for by Act 129 of 1991.**

**On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to exempt from licensure Gulf States Bible College under the religious institution exemption provided for by Act 129 of 1991.**

REGENTS' SCHOLAR CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

**On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to revise the curricular requirements for the Regents' Scholar Certificate of Recognition Program to match the curricular requirements for the Tuition Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS).**

**On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to revise the grade point average requirements to be eligible for the Regents' Scholar Certificate of Recognition from 3.0 to 3.5 effective with the graduating class of 2001.**

PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JUNE 23, 1999

**On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Meeting Report of June 23, 1999, as presented.** (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JUNE 23, 1999

On behalf of Chair Sanders, Mr. Vandal, Deputy Commissioner for Administration, presented the Executive Committee Meeting Report of June 23, 1999.

UPDATE ON DESEGREGATION SETTLEMENT

Mr. Vandal reported that at 5:15 p.m. Chair Sanders announced that the Executive Committee would enter into Executive Session.

**On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Callais, the Executive Committee voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with R.S. 42:6.1(2), to discuss Civil Action #80-3300A.**

A roll call vote was taken.

Yes: (6) Mary Ella Sanders, Richard D'Aquin, Ron Roberts,

Harold Callais, Pat Strong

No: (0) Abstain: (0)

Absent: (2) Mike Dees, John Georges

ADOPTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JUNE 23, 1999

**On motion of Regent Sanders, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Executive Committee Meeting Report of June 23, 1999, as presented.** (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER**

Commissioner E. Joseph Savoie thanked the higher education community for the coordinated effort during the Regular 1999 Legislative Session. He then commented on the following:

- Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) meeting in Delaware
- State Higher Education Executive Officers (SHEEO) meeting in New Mexico
- Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) meeting in Boston

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Sanders declared the meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.