

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF REGENTS

June 29, 2016

*Note: Earlier in the morning, Governor John Bel Edwards spoke to members of the Board of Regents and the member representatives of the management boards regarding the executive budget and challenges during the first and second special sessions. Governor Edwards spoke concerning the outcomes-based formula distribution being considered today. He said that higher education institutions deserve more funding, but the funds appropriated are being distributed fairly and equitably using this methodology. The Governor pledged that higher education continues to be a priority. Public comments were offered after the Governor spoke by Dr. Nick Bruno, President of the University of Louisiana at Monroe; Dr. Jim Henderson, President of Northwestern State University; Mr. Edwin Litolff with the University of Louisiana System; Dr. Bruce Murphy, President of Nicholls State University; and Dr. Dan Reneau, Interim President of the University of Louisiana System;.*

*Additionally newly-elected student Board member Mr. Benson Kinney from Louisiana Delta Community College was administered the oath of office by Dr. Uma Subramanian, Deputy Commissioner for Legal and External Affairs.*

The Board of Regents met in session at 1:05 p.m., Wednesday, June 29, 2016, in the Louisiana Purchase Room 1-100, Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Vice Chair Edward Markle called the meeting to order.

#### Roll Call

Executive Assistant Carolyn Blanchard called the roll, and a quorum was established.

#### Present for the meeting were:

Edward Markle, Vice Chair  
Joseph Farr, Secretary  
Claudia Adley  
Raymond Brandt  
Marty Chabert  
Joel Dupré  
Benson Kinney  
Roy Martin III  
William Gray Stream  
Collis Temple III

#### Absent for the meeting were:

William Fenstermaker  
Chris Gorman  
Thomas Henning  
Robert Levy  
Richard Lipsey, Chair  
Joseph Wiley

## Public Comments

There were no public comments during the Board meeting.

## Approval of the Minutes of April 27, 2016

**On motion of Regent Farr, seconded by Regent Stream, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of April 27, 2016.**

## Presentation to Outgoing Student Member, Mr. Patrick Harrington

Vice Chair Markle presented a plaque of service to Mr. Patrick Harrington, the outgoing student member from FY 2015-2016. Mr. Harrington said it had been a great opportunity to be a member of the Board of Regents. He reminded the Board that he served during a unique time – the state was facing an enormous budget crisis, and it was an election year. Mr. Harrington thanked the Board for its leadership.

## **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**On motion of Regent Martin, seconded by Regent Brandt, the Board voted unanimously to approve all Committee recommendations from the June 29, 2016, Committee meetings.**

## **ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

### Academic Programs

#### **A. Letter of Intent**

- 1. PhD in Biological Engineering at Louisiana State University and A&M College**

**Approve the Letter of Intent to develop a program proposal for a Ph.D. in Biological Engineering at Louisiana State University and A&M College.**

#### **B. New Academic Program**

- 1. PBS in Sustainability at Southeastern Louisiana University**

**Approve the proposed PBC in Sustainability (CIP 30.3301) at Southeastern Louisiana University.**

**AY 2016-2017 Master Course Articulation Matrix and Common Course Catalog**

**Approve the AY 2016-2017 Master Course Articulation Matrix and the Louisiana Common Course Catalog and authorize Board of Regents' staff to continue to work with institutions to expand them throughout the year.**

**Academic Program Review – Viability Thresholds**

**Approve, for the 2016-2017 statewide program review, the following viability thresholds to trigger review of a program:**

<b>Undergraduate Degrees</b>	<b>10 (STEM, 8)</b>
<b>Master's Degrees</b>	<b>6 (STEM, 5)</b>
<b>Doctorate/Specialist</b>	<b>2.5 (STEM, 2)</b>

**Consent Agenda**

**Approve the items on the Consent Agenda as listed below:**

- A. Continued Approval of the Center for Advanced Manufacturing and Technology at Delgado Community College**
- B. Program Termination: PBC in Music Education - Kodály Studies at McNeese State University**
- C. Routine Staff Reports**
  - 1. Staff Approvals**
  - 2. Progress Reports for Conditionally Approved Programs/Units**
  - 3. Letters of Intent/Proposals in the Queue**

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

**2016 Legislative Update**

**Receive the 2016 Legislative update.**

**FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

**Consent Agenda: Small Capital Projects**

**Approve the items on the Consent Agenda as listed below:**

- 1. LSU A&M: Alex Box Stadium Concourse Waterproofing**
- 2. LSU A&M: Dub Robinson Stadium Beach Volleyball Renovations**
- 3. LSU A&M: Howe-Russell GeoScience Complex 37 – Lecture Hall 130 Renovations**
- 4. LSU A&M: Renovation of Hatcher Hall for Printmaking (Budget Increase)**
- 5. LSU A&M: Woodin Hall Exterior Ramp Improvements**
- 6. NSU: Asphalt Overlay of Sam Sibley & Caspari Drives**

### Third-Party Projects and Lease Approvals

1. Louisiana Tech University: Joe Alliet Stadium Pressbox Renovation and Addition

**Approve the third-party project submitted by the University of Louisiana System, on behalf of Louisiana Tech University, to renovate and/or expand the Press Box in Joe Alliet Stadium.**

2. LSU A&M College: Nicholson Gateway Development

**Approve the third-party project submitted by the Louisiana State University Board of Supervisors, on behalf of Louisiana State University and A&M College, to construct the Nicholson Gateway Development (including Spruce Hall) and in order to meet Board requirements provide for a maintenance reserve account to be funded at a rate of \$385 per bed.**

3. Southeastern Louisiana University: Replacement Student Housing

**Approve the third-party project submitted by the University of Louisiana System, on behalf of Southeastern Louisiana University, to construct replacement student housing.**

### Act 959 Project: LSU A&M School of Veterinary Medicine

**Approve the project submitted by the Louisiana State University Board of Supervisors, on behalf of Louisiana State University and A&M College, to renovate and expand certain areas of the School of Veterinary Medicine under the provisions of Act 959 of 2003.**

### HB2 Update

This item was for informational purposes only.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

### Review and Approval of the FY 2016-2017 Operating Budget Distribution

**Approve the funding recommendations for all Higher Education systems, boards and agencies for FY 2016-2017. Additionally, staff is authorized to make adjustments among institutions within the systems as authorized by law.**

## **SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

### **Policy Revisions: Endowed Chairs for Eminent Scholars and Endowed Professorships**

**Approve the revisions to the Endowed Chairs for Eminent Scholars and Endowed Professorships program policies as presented.**

### **Request for Endowed Chair Appointment without National Search: Tulane University**

**Approve Tulane University's request to appoint Mr. Onnig Dombalagian, JD and Professor in the Tulane School of Law, to the John B. Breaux Chair without a national search. As stipulated in Board policy, the Letter of Appointment of Mr. Dombalagian to the Breaux Chair must be submitted to the Board within 90 days of this approval.**

### **Conversion of Matched Endowed Chair to Endowed Professorships: University of New Orleans**

**Approve the conversion of the Jerome L. Goldman Chair in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering into three Professorships, as follows:**

- **Jerome L. Goldman Endowed Professor in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering I, with a corpus value of \$333,333.33;**
- **Jerome L. Goldman Endowed Professor in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering II, with a corpus value of \$333,333.33; and**
- **Jerome L. Goldman Endowed Professor in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering III, with a corpus value of \$333,333.34.**

### **LUMCON Executive Director Start-Up Allocation**

**Approve the provision of \$1,000,000 from previously unspent monies in the Board of Regents Support Fund as start-up funds for the incoming Executive Director of LUMCON. Allocation of funds shall be contingent upon a contractual agreement and acceptable work plan, budget, and timeline, and available for a maximum of three (3) years.**

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

**Approve the items on the Consent Agenda as listed below:**

### **Consent Agenda**

- A. **R.S. 17:1808 (Licensure)**
  1. **Initial Licenses**
    - a. **Southeastern University**
    - b. **University of North Carolina at Greensboro**
  2. **License Renewals**
    - a. **Alcorn State University**
    - b. **American College of Education**

- c. Brescia University
- d. Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- e. Northwood University
- f. Nova Southeastern University
- g. Oral Roberts University
- h. Ottawa University
- i. Palmer College of Chiropractic
- j. Pennsylvania State University
- k. University of Florida
- l. University of Wisconsin – Stout
- m. Upper Iowa University
- n. Walden University
- o. Wiley College

**B. Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission**

**1. Initial Licenses**

- a. Global Trucking Academy
- b. Heritage Dental Assisting Academy
- c. Operation Spark

**2. AOS Degree Applications**

- a. McCann School of Business and Technology (Monroe)  
(IT Support Specialists/Paralegal)
- b. McCann School of Business and Technology (Shreveport)  
(IT Support Specialists/Paralegal)

**3. License Renewals**

- a. A&W Healthcare Educators, LLC (03/25/04)
- b. Academy of Acadiana, Inc. (03/22/06)
- c. Andrea's Career Institute, LLC (03/26/14)
- d. At-Home Professions (04/22/99)
- e. Baton Rouge Dental Assistant Academy (03/26/14)
- f. Blue Cliff College--Houma (03/24/05)
- g. Blue Cliff College--Metairie (03/23/00)
- h. Blue Cliff College--Metairie, Satellite Campus (03/23/11)
- i. Blue Cliff College--Shreveport (03/23/00)
- j. Coastal College--Lafayette (04/23/98)
- k. Coastal College--Monroe (03/28/96)
- l. Delta College of Arts & Technology--Lafayette Branch (03/24/05)
- m. Delta School of Business and Technology (05/06/80)
- n. Goodwill Industries of Southeastern Louisiana, Inc. (03/25/15)
- o. Healthcare & More (03/21/12)
- p. J W Training Center, LLC (03/25/10)
- q. Lenora School of Phlebotomy (04/28/94)
- r. LifeSmart Training Center, LLC (03/26/14)
- s. Louisiana Culinary Institute (03/27/03)
- t. Mid City College (03/25/15)
- u. Pet Grooming Academy of Louisiana (03/21/12)
- v. Raymond Career College (03/26/14)
- w. Tulsa Welding School & Technology Center (03/25/15)
- x. Unitech Training Academy (04/24/97)

- y. Unitech Training Academy--Houma (03/22/06)
- z. Universal Technical Institute--Florida Branch (04/23/98)
- aa. Universal Technical Institute of Texas, Inc. (04/03/85)

- C. State Authorization Reciprocal Agreement (SARA) Institution Renewals
- 1. Grambling State University
  - 2. Louisiana State University – Eunice
  - 3. Louisiana State University – Shreveport
  - 4. New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

**State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA)**

**Approve the Application for Institutional Participation in SARA for Loyola University New Orleans and authorize staff to submit the approved application to NC-SARA for final approval of SARA membership.**

**GRAD Act Year 6 Annual Review**

- 1. **Approve the GRAD Act 2015-16 institution annual designations for 2016-17 status; and**
- 2. **Authorize the Deputy Commissioner for Planning, Research and Academic Affairs to report on GRAD Act to the Governor and Legislature by the July 15th deadline.**

**Elevate Louisiana: The New Reality for Higher Education Timeline and Processes**

**Adopt the Timelines and Action items and the summary of the Financial Health Analysis and receive the Guiding Principles for Proposed Mergers or Consolidations, with final action on this item scheduled for the August Board of Regents' meeting.**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**Revision of the *Bylaws for the Internal Operation and the Transaction of Business for the Board of Regents for the State of Louisiana***

**Approve the revisions of the *Bylaws for the Internal Operations and the Transaction of Business for the Board of Regents for the State of Louisiana.***

- A. Standing Committees (Article 5.2 on page 6 of the Bylaws)
- Add Statewide Programs as a Standing Committee
    - Officers and Members to be appointed by BoR Chair and presented to BoR for ratification
  - Delete Technology Committee as a Standing Committee

**B. Officers (Article 5.2.2 on page 7 of the Bylaws)**

**5.2.2 Officers.** The Chairman, Vice Chairman, and members of all standing committees shall be appointed by the Board Chairman ~~following the first January meeting of each year.~~ and such appointments shall be presented by the Chair ~~The Chairman shall present these appointments~~ for ratification by the Board at ~~the second~~ a duly scheduled Board meeting in January. Committee appointees shall serve at the pleasure of the Chairman of the Board.

**C. Special Committees (Article 5.3 on page 8 of the Bylaws)**

- Delete Learning Centers Committee
- Delete LUMCON Committee

Vice Chair Markle appointed the following members of the Board to the Statewide Programs Committee – Marty Chabert, Chair; Gray Stream, Vice Chair; Thomas Henning, Benson Kinney, Robert Levy, Collis Temple III and Joseph Wiley.

Vice Chair Markle next appointed the newly elected student member to three other Committees – the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, the Facilities and Property Committee, and the Sponsored Programs Committee.

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

Commissioner Joseph Rallo thanked the staff for the work accomplished during the legislative session. He said that the Board has set aspirational goals and adopted the theme “Elevate Louisiana.”

During the Commissioner’s Report, Dr. Rallo asked Dr. Lisa Vosper, Associate Commissioner for Workforce Education and Training, to update the Board on activities in which she has been involved. Dr. Vosper shared that the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency’s (NGA) Centers of Academic Excellence (CAE) program is a partnership between NGA and academia to ensure an adequate supply of geospatial sciences expertise near term and

into the future. She has met with one of NGA's CAE lead subject matter experts (SMEs) on the information technology branches for geospatial science and has developed a campaign targeted at education systems that have the capacity to partner with NGA across multiple areas in the geospatial sciences. She explained that there is an opportunity for the Louisiana Board of Regents to partner to create the first-of-its-kind program with a State's entire academic network.

To address CAE's diversity goal, Dr. Vosper is leading efforts with the state's Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) to identify areas of synergy and excellence that would meet the requirements of the CAE Initiative. This initiative goes beyond the traditional boundaries of geospatial sciences, touching cyber security, political science, maritime and even business and workforce development.

Dr. Vosper explained that based on the key points in Elevate Louisiana, she believes that there may be synergies between Regents' efforts in the "Innovate" focus area and the work with NGA. She will keep the Board apprised of progress in this regard.

### OTHER BUSINESS

Other business introduced by Chair Lipsey included:

- The next board meeting is scheduled for August 24, 2016.
- Condolences were extended to Regent Robert Levy for the loss of his mother, Mrs. Billie Kathleen Hooten Levy.
- A "happy birthday" was extended to Regent Roy Martin III.

Regent Chabert took the opportunity to thank the staff along with others in the audience for their long hours of work at the Capitol. Regent Martin thanked Mrs. Carrie Robison for her hard work on Sponsored Programs' issues.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:18 p.m.