

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

January 27, 2011

The Board of Regents met in session at 9:15 a.m., Thursday, January 27, 2011, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Robert Levy called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

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

Present for the meeting were:

Robert Levy, Chair
Mary Ellen Roy, Vice Chair
Charlotte Bollinger, Secretary
Ed Antie
Scott Ballard
Maurice Durbin
Joseph Farr
Chris Gorman
Donna Klein
Victor Stelly
Harold Stokes
Demetrius Sumner
Roland Toups

Absent from the meeting were:

Robert Bruno
W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr.
Joe Wiley

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Levy noted that no written requests were received for public comments and asked whether the audience had any comments at the time. There were none.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 6, 2011

On motion of Regent Gorman, seconded by Regent Durbin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of January 6, 2011.
INSTALLATION FOR 2011

On motion of Regent Klein, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board unanimously voted to elect and install the following representatives as approved:

Representatives to Serve on the Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission

Victor Stelly and Larry Tremblay

Representative to Serve on the Board of Regents' Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission

Richard D'Aquin

Chair Levy requested that Ms. Connie Koury, General Counsel for the Board of Regents, administer the oaths of office to the three representatives.

RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

Regent Levy stated that three of the four outgoing members of the Board of Regents, Artis Terrell, Ingrid Labat and Scott Brame, could not attend today, but Regents Levy praised each member for their dedication to higher education. Mr. Richard D'Aquin was in attendance.

- Ingrid Labat was appointed by Governor Blanco in 2005 and was a Board member that could be depended upon for thoughtful decisions and compassionate spirit. She took this appointment seriously and demonstrated her commitment to education by serving with an honest and dedicated approach.
- Artis Terrell led the Board through some of the most challenging times seen in recent history. He did so with a determined focus on the students to be served. Mr. Terrell was initially appointed by Governor Foster in 2002 and reappointed by Governor Blanco in 2005. He served as an outstanding chairman of the Board in both 2009 and 2010 and represented the Board as a member of the Postsecondary Education Review Commission.
- Scott Brame was quite possibly the most educated individual in the state of Louisiana when it came to Board of Regents' initiatives. He was proof that the performance-based funding formula can be understood. Mr. Brame represented the Regents during the campus GRAD Act negotiations and steeped himself in this very important piece of legislation. He was a committed, dedicated and well-informed Regent. Mr. Brame was first appointed by Governor Foster in 1999 and again by Governor Blanco in 2005. During his tenure he exhibited character, patience, good humor and cooperativeness, and he had a solid grasp of higher education issues and a genuine concern for the needs of Louisiana's college students.

- Richard D'Aquin was the longest serving member in the history of the Board of Regents. He served on Louisiana's Board of Education for three years. He then became a charter member of the Board of Regents when it was created in 1975. He spent multiple years on the Executive Committee and, in 2001, became the Board Chairman. Mr. D'Aquin played a critical role in the development of the state's postsecondary education system and has left a legacy of increased access for students. Mr. D'Aquin was a long-time newspaper editor in Lafayette.

Chair Levy then presented a plaque to Mr. D'Aquin for his commitment and service to higher education. Mr. D'Aquin thanked everyone for his time on the Board and highlighted the good work that the Board has done since its creation in 1975 as follows:

- Focused on duplicated programs and eliminated over 1,200 degree programs;
- Adopted its first Master Plan in 1977;
- Implemented the Louisiana Education Quality Trust Fund in 1986;
- Oversaw the development of the community and technical college system;
- Developed a statewide articulation matrix;
- Enacted policies and implemented new laws to remove diploma mills;
- Implemented teacher education reforms;
- Built distance learning capacity on campuses;
- Became a member of the National LambdaRail and helped in the deployment of the Louisiana Optical Network Initiative (LONI);
- Oversaw the development of a statewide library network (LOUIS);
- Developed the CALL initiative to increase educational opportunities for adult learners;
- Developed the GO Grant program to ensure that low-income students have a better opportunity for a college education;
- Protected higher education from the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Gustav;
- Required every eligible academic program be nationally accredited; and
- Established performance funding strategies to improve educational outcomes.

Mr. D'Aquin reminded the Board that we have been through tough times before and said the Board has to be like the Navy and "never cut your engines in the storm."

LONI K-12 INITIATIVE

Regent Levy stated that there would be a slight change to the agenda and Mr. Paul Pastorek, State Superintendent of Education, Mr. Jim Wilson, CIO of the State Department of Education (DoE), and Ms. Carol Mosely, K-12 E-Rate Director, DoE, would make brief remarks concerning LONI and its K-12 initiative.

Mr. Pastorek noted that today he would lay the foundation for the technology work with LONI and K-12. Textbooks would soon be a thing of the past and be replaced by the Blackberry, iPad, iPhone. Mr. Pastorek next asked Mr. Wilson to speak.

Mr. Wilson stated that the DoE would like to designate LONI as an Educational Service Agency (ESA). ESAs are vital links in state and national efforts to take all students to the highest levels of academic achievement and personal development. He continued, noting that the DoE has identified LONI as the agency program whose goals and purpose align with the ESA model to provide the guidance and technical expertise needed for the PreK-12 community. The DoE asked the Regents to support the department's objective of designating LONI as an ESA. This designation would allow LONI to participate in the E-rate program as an applicant and to support the department's desire to establish a statewide Wide Area Network (WAN) which allows for interconnectivity among preK-12 schools and higher education. Mr. Wilson acknowledged that an ongoing partnership with the Board of Regents and the DoE would ensure LONI's continued financial stability.

Mr. Pastorek thanked the Board for its consideration of this LONI and K-12 initiative. Regent Toups requested that the DoE give a more in-depth presentation at a future Technology Committee meeting.

RATIFICATION OF 2011 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

On motion of Regent Farr, seconded by Regent Stokes, the Board voted unanimously to accept the 2011 Committee assignments as presented.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Roy, Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Dr. Karen Denby, Associate Commissioner for Academic and Student Affairs, moved to dispense with the reading of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of January 26, 2011, and approve the following motions “in globo.” (*Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.*)

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee as follows:

REAUTHORIZATION OF PREVIOUSLY APPROVED RESEARCH UNITS

Grant full approval of (1) Research Institute for Children (RIC) with LSUHSC-NO, UNO, and the Children’s Hospital, and (2) the Louisiana Institute for Biofuels and Bioprocessing with the LSU Agricultural Center, for five years, effective immediately.

REPORTS OF THE STAFF

Grant approval of the staff recommendations regarding the progress reports received from Fletcher Technical Community College and Baton Rouge Community College as presented, including full approval of the Associate Degree in Cardiopulmonary Care Science at Fletcher TCC.

TEACHER EDUCATION INITIATIVES

Grant approval of the appointment of Jay Augustine, Deputy Executive Director, Louisiana Workforce Commission, to the Blue Ribbon Commission for Educational Excellence.

Grant approval of the Post-Baccalaureate Academic Certificates at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette as presented by staff.

Adopt the response to Senate Resolution No. 81.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM/LOW COMPLETER REVIEW

Approve the Low Completer Review timeline and process as presented.

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT OF JANUARY 26, 2011

Adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Report of January 26, 2011.

PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Stokes, Chair of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee, Dr. Larry Tremblay, Associate Commissioner for Planning and Research, moved to dispense with the reading of the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee Report of January 26, 2011, and approve the following motions “in globo.” (*Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.*)

On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee as follows:

R.S. 17:1808 (LICENSURE)

Approve the request for license renewal for Pearl River Community College, located in Poplarville, Mississippi.

PROPRIETARY SCHOOLS

Approve a change of ownership application for The Court Reporting Institute of Louisiana, located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Renew the licenses of the following proprietary schools (initial license date in parentheses):

- American Commercial College (12/05/02)**
- Baton Rouge College (12/04/08)**
- Becker Professional Education--Lafayette (12/09/04)**
- Galliano Training Center, LLC (12/08/05)**
- Gretna Career College (12/19/91)**

Herzing College (12/07/95)
Horizon CNA Training School, LLC (12/04/08)
Kenner Health Careers Institute, LLC (12/11/03)
Legally Speaking (12/06/01)
Martin International, Inc., of Louisiana (12/16/82)
NASCAR Technical Institute (12/05/02)
National Driving Academy, Inc. (12/05/96)
Tulsa Welding School (12/07/06)
Unitech Training Academy--Alexandria (12/04/08)

RESPONSE TO LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTIONS

Table the item related to HR 204 pending further consideration at the February Planning, Research and Performance Committee meeting. In the interim, Dr. Larry Tremblay will reconvene the study group, share the Committee's concerns and pursue an amendment or clarification of the group's initial recommendation regarding religious studies courses.

Regent Stokes noted that there had been a lively discussion regarding HR 204 and that tabling the issue was not to be construed as a negative action.

Adopt the Response to House Concurrent Resolution No. 165 of the 2010 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature.

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF JANUARY 26, 2011

Adopt the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Meeting Report of January 26, 2011.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Stelly, Vice Chair of the Finance Committee, Mr. Todd Barré, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, presented the Finance Committee Report of January 26, 2011. *(Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)*

STATUS UPDATE ON THE FUNDING FORMULA

Mr. Barré stated that several resolutions were passed in the 2010 Regular Session regarding a review of the current funding formula; therefore, the staff is continuing to review the

formula with system staff and others. He noted that action items relative to the review of the funding formula would be presented at the February meeting.

ADOPTION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF JANUARY 26, 2011

On motion of Regent Stelly, seconded by Regent Gorman, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Finance Committee Report of January 26, 2011.

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Stelly, Vice Chair of the Facilities and Property Committee, Mr. Rich Griswold, Associate Commissioner for Facilities, moved to dispense with the reading of the Facilities and Property Committee Report of January 26, 2011, and approve the following motions "in globo." (*Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.*)

On motion of Regent Stelly, seconded by Regent Gorman, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Facilities and Property Committee as follows:

SMALL CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

Approve the Small Capital Projects Report as presented by staff.

From Grants:

Harry D. Wilson Laboratory Renovation - Louisiana State University and A&M College
\$470,357 from a NSF Grant.

Renovations to Comparative Biology Building - Pennington Biomedical Research Center
\$177,000 from a NIH Grant..

From Auxiliary Funding:

Student Health Center Site Improvements and Wayfinding - Louisiana State University
and A&M College
\$239,000 from Auxiliary Funds.

West Campus Apartment Buildings 1, 2, 3, and 4 Interior Paint/Floors - Louisiana State
University and A&M College
\$202,600 from Auxiliary Funds.

Taylor Hall Dormitory Roof Replacement - Louisiana State University and A&M College
\$250,000 from the Housing Auxiliary.

From Self-Generated Funds:

Commercial Vehicle Operations Practice Pad - Lafourche Campus of the Louisiana Technical College

\$250,000 from restricted self-generated sources.

From Other Funds:

LSU Coates Hall General Classroom Renovation 143, 152, 155 - Louisiana State University and A&M College

\$425,000 from LSU Athletic Department ticket sales provided for academic needs.

Red River Radio/Old BSU Renovation - Louisiana State University in Shreveport

\$475,000 from Other Funds (Donations from Red River Radio).

AMENDMENT TO CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET RECOMMENDATION

Amend the Board of Regents' prior Capital Outlay Budget Recommendations to include the replacement of two chillers for the Classroom Community Education Building at LSU-E. The scope increase will cost an estimated \$800,000 which will come from the existing project budget.

LEASES

Approve the request by the LSU Board of Supervisors to lease certain premises located at the Hilltop Arboretum to the Hilltop Facility, LLC for the purpose of providing a new classroom facility. The project is estimated to cost \$1,220,000 from private donations. A 10% MRA will be provided. Upon completion of the improvements, the corporation will donate the completed facility to the LSU Board of Supervisors, and the lease will terminate.

Approve the request by LSU to lease certain premises to the Tiger Athletic Foundation for the purpose of making improvements to the soccer complex at LSU and A&M College. Improvements include additional seating, new restrooms, a new concession area and press box, new paving and decorative fencing. The project is estimated to cost \$2,000,000 and will be paid from the Tiger Athletic Foundation (TAF). A 10% MRA will be provided. Upon completion of the improvements, TAF will donate the improvements to LSU, and the lease will terminate.

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT OF JANUARY 26, 2011

Adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Meeting Report of January 26, 2011.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

Chair Levy noted that this was the first regular meeting of the Board of Regents for 2011 and it was also the first meeting at which a newly reconstituted Board has had the opportunity to address issues confronting higher education. Regent Levy said it is necessary to focus on a set of beliefs that becomes the Board's compass, its operating principles, and its agenda if it is to accomplish the goals of improving educational attainment for the State's citizens. Chair Levy next presented a list of his ten priorities as Chair, for review and consideration of the Board:

1. Assist four-year regional universities in not only providing excellent general education, but also identifying a limited range of high-quality undergraduate degree programs in which to specialize.
2. Encourage statewide universities to engage in targeted, innovative research.
3. Support a flagship institution for Louisiana that is nationally competitive, respected and becomes a jewel in our crown.
4. Enhance developing community and technical college system so that it meets the workforce needs identified by Louisiana's employers and can provide trained workers for the jobs of today and tomorrow.
5. Create a more balanced enrollment mix between two-year and four-year institutions through increases in the minimum admissions standards as scheduled in 2012 and expansion of articulation agreements such as the Statewide Transfer Degree that allows students seamless access to the full menu of postsecondary offerings.
6. Maximize creative partnerships among institutions to streamline business models and develop new delivery systems through distance learning.
7. Develop and support autonomies that allow colleges and universities to manage their costs and demonstrate reductions in administrative overhead while, at the same time, striking a reasonable balance between state and student support.
8. Prioritize affordability so that appropriate financial aid measures can be provided for students so as not to diminish their access to postsecondary education.
9. Advance a performance-based funding formula that aligns with the GRAD Act and provides an equitable distribution model for the funding appropriated to higher education.
10. Demonstrate improvement in student learning outcomes through measurable data and reporting that can be shared publicly and used to drive the decision-making process.

Regent Levy also noted that the Board of Regents' bylaws have been reviewed and updated by the staff at his request. He asked that Board members now review the bylaws and if they have questions to contact Ms. Koury on staff. Mr. Levy noted that the revised bylaws would be presented for approval at the next Board meeting.

Regent Levy also noted several additional items.

- (1) Governor Jindal's request for a study of the New Orleans region. Mr. Dennis Jones, National Center for Higher Education Management Systems, was hired to complete this study by March 1. He also noted that a public hearing would be held on February 8, and Mr. Jones would present an initial assessment. Stakeholders would have an opportunity to express their opinions at that time.
- (2) Staff members coordinated a multi-state visit hosted by Lumina Foundation at Delgado Community College designed to showcase Louisiana's Statewide Transfer Degree.
- (3) A Trusteeship Conference will be held on Monday, January 31st at Pennington Biomedical Research Center. Governor Bobby Jindal will address the group at lunch. Another highlight will be a legislative panel discussion hosted by Beth Courtney of Louisiana Public Broadcasting. Those scheduled for the discussion are: Senate Education Chairman Ben Nevers, Senate Finance Vice Chairman Lydia Jackson, House Appropriations Chairman Jim Fannin, and House Education Chairman Austin Badon.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.