

# MINUTES

## BOARD OF REGENTS

August 24, 2011

The Board of Regents met as a Committee of the Whole at 1:05 p.m., Wednesday, August 24, 2011, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chairman Robert Levy called the meeting to order. Executive Assistant Carolyn Blanchard called the roll and a quorum was established.

Present for the meeting were:

Robert Levy, Chairman  
Mary Ellen Roy, Vice Chair  
Charlotte Bollinger, Secretary  
Scott Ballard  
Robert Bruno  
Joseph Farr  
William Fenstermaker  
Chris Gorman  
John Mineo IV  
W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr.  
Albert Sam  
Harold Stokes

Absent from the meeting were:

Maurice Durbin  
Donna Klein  
Victor Stelly  
Joseph Wiley

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman 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 MINUTES OF JUNE 23, 2011

**On motion of Regent Farr, seconded by Regent Stokes, the Board of Regents, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve the minutes of June 23, 2011.**

OATH OF OFFICE, MR. WILLIAM H. FENSTERMAKER, NEWLY APPOINTED MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS

Next, Chairman Levy introduced Mr. William Fenstermaker, the newly appointed member to the Board of Regents. He said that Mr. Fenstermaker is from the 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District and is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of C. H. Fenstermaker and Associates, Inc. which is a surveying, mapping, engineering and environmental consulting company. Additionally, he noted that Mr. Fenstermaker had given of his time serving as the Past-Chairman of the Greater Lafayette Chamber of Commerce as well as in several educational organizations including the Lafayette Public Education Fund and the Higher Education Commission for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Ms. Connie Koury, General Counsel, administered the oath of office to Mr. Fenstermaker.

Chairman Levy assigned Regents Fenstermaker and Mineo to appropriate Committees of the Board of Regents and noted that he appointed Regents Bollinger and Stelly to serve as Regents' representatives on the Blue Ribbon Commission on Educational Excellence.

Next Regent Levy commended Commissioner of Higher Education Jim Purcell for being one of twelve higher education Commissioners from across the country named to the State Higher Education Executive Officers' (SHEEO) Executive Committee. Commissioner Purcell was nominated for a two-year term by a four-member nominating committee and elected by the full membership of the association at the SHEEO Annual Meeting in July. Mr. Levy said that election to the Executive Committee signified respect for Dr. Purcell's contributions to higher education public policy and a desire to have him play a leadership role in the future of the association. Dr. Paul Lingenfelter, President of SHEEO, said that he was delighted to have Commissioner Purcell on the Committee and looks forward to working with him in that capacity.

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

Commissioner Purcell said there is new excitement on the campuses and at the Regents. Today, he said, the Master Plan and an Employment Outcomes Report would be presented. He said he looks forward to the Regents' work in moving the state forward in education and the economy. Commissioner Purcell noted that he has recently visited several regions of the state and listened to ideas from community leaders about the enhanced services that should be provided to the campuses and the communities. Chairman Levy noted that he had attended the regional meetings as well and said they were well received in those areas. Mr. Levy continued by saying that feedback from the higher education, K-12 and the business communities was spirited and enlightening.

Dr. Purcell mentioned that he also visited a 4-H camp in Pollock, Louisiana and remarked that 4-H is a large opportunity for young people.

## **REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (August 11, 2011)**

On behalf of Regent Levy, Chairman of the Board, Ms. Barbara Goodson, Associate Commissioner for Finance and Administration, presented the recommendation from the Personnel Committee report of August 11, 2011.

**On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Sam, the Board of Regents, acting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Personnel Committee, voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Personnel Committee to support Commissioner of Higher Education Jim Purcell's recommendation to employ Dr. Uma Subramanian as General Counsel of the Board of Regents. She will replace Ms. Connie Koury.**

ADOPTION OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT OF AUGUST 11, 2011

**On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Sam, the Board of Regents, acting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Personnel Committee, voted unanimously to adopt the Personnel Committee Report of August 11, 2011. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (August 11, 2011)**

On behalf of Regent Levy, Chairman of the Executive Committee, Ms. Barbara Goodson, Associate Commissioner for Finance and Administration, presented the recommendations from the Executive Committee report of August 11, 2011.

DISCUSSION OF HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 184 OF 2011 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION (GOVERNANCE COMMISSION)*A. Establishment of the Governance Commission*

**On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Stokes, the Board of Regents, acting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Executive Committee, voted unanimously to recommend that the Governance Commission be created in accordance with House Concurrent Resolution 184 of the 2011 Regular Session of the Legislature.**

*B. Approval of Board of Regents' Appointees to the Governance Commission*

**On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Stokes, the Board of Regents, acting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Executive Committee, voted unanimously to recommend Mr. Robert Levy (Chairman of the Board of Regents), Ms. Jacqueline Vines (Senior Vice President and General Manager of Cox Louisiana), Mr. Barry Erwin (President, Council for a Better Louisiana), and Dr. James Lyons, Sr. (Interim President, Dillard University) as Board of Regents' appointments as members of the Governance Commission (HCR 184 of 2011).**

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL ACTION

**On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Stokes, the Board of Regents, acting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Executive Committee, voted unanimously to recommend the employment of Dr. Uma Subramanian as General Counsel for the Board of Regents.**

Regent Bruno thanked Ms. Koury for her service to the Board of Regents. He said he has learned much from her and will miss her.

ADOPTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT OF AUGUST 11, 2011

**On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board of Regents, acting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Executive Committee, voted unanimously to adopt the Executive Committee Report of August 11, 2011. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

**ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (August 24, 2011)**

On behalf of Regent Roy, Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Dr. Karen Denby, Associate Commissioner for Academic and Student Affairs, presented recommendations to be considered.

PROPOSED NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

A. *University of Louisiana at Lafayette (Graduate Certificate in Non-Public Schools: Administration)*

**On motion of Regent Ballard, seconded by Regent Sam, the Board of Regents, acting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, voted unanimously to grant conditional approval of the proposed new academic program (*Graduate Certificate in Non-Public Schools: Administration*) at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, with reporting in September 2012 regarding enrollment and completion rates.**

B. *University of Louisiana at Lafayette (Bachelor of Science in Health Services Administration)*

**On motion of Regent Ballard, seconded by Regent Sam, the Board of Regents, acting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, voted unanimously to grant conditional approval of the proposed new academic program (*Bachelor of Science in Health Services Administration*) at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, with reporting in September 2012 regarding enrollment and completion rates.**

C. *Northwestern State University (Bachelor of Applied Science in Allied Health)*

**On motion of Regent Ballard, seconded by Regent Sam, the Board of Regents, acting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, voted unanimously to grant conditional approval**

**of the proposed new academic program (*Bachelor of Applied Science in Allied Health*) at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, with reporting in September 2012 regarding enrollment and completion rates.**

REPORTS OF THE STAFF

- A. *Staff Approval of Routine Academic Requests*
- B. *Progress Reports for Conditionally Approved Programs & Research Units*
- C. *Proposed New Programs/Units*
- D. *Past Due Progress Reports for Previously Approved Programs & Research Units*

**On motion of Regent Fenstermaker, seconded by Regent Stokes, the Board of Regents, acting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, voted unanimously to receive and approve the reports and recommendations of the staff included in Agenda Item IV.**

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT OF AUGUST 24, 2011

**On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Fenstermaker, the Board of Regents, acting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of August 24, 2011. (*Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.*)**

**SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Stokes, Chair of the Sponsored Programs Committee, Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, presented recommendations to be considered.

ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIPS AND ENDOWED CHAIRS PROGRAMMATIC RECONSIDERATIONS

**On motion of Regent Farr, seconded by Regent Bollinger, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Sponsored Programs Committee, voted unanimously to charge the Sponsored Programs staff, after consultation with the BoRSF Planning Committee, to develop proposed policy changes for the Endowed Professorships and Endowed Chairs programs for Board consideration by January 2012. These revisions will reflect declining budgets; differentiation in the awarding of Professorships and Chairs based on the respective missions of campuses; the number of funded Professorships along with unmatched applications; the awarding of**

**Professorships on a competitive, meritorious basis; ways to strengthen the Endowed Chairs program; and unmet enhancement needs at four-year and two-year campuses.**

RECONSIDERATION OF THE ENDOWED CHAIRS AND ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIPS INVESTMENT POLICY

**On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Bollinger, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Sponsored Programs Committee, voted unanimously to charge the Finance staff, in collaboration with the Sponsored Programs staff, to establish an ad hoc investment committee to recommend to the Board long-term directions for the Endowed Chairs and Endowed Professorships investment policy by January 2012.**

SELECTIVE MORATORIUM ON DIVISIONS OF ENDOWED CHAIRS INTO ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIPS

**On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Fenstermaker, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Sponsored Programs Committee, voted unanimously to place a moratorium on the division of Endowed Chairs funds to establish Endowed Professorships, except in cases where the proposed Professorship will be endowed at the level of \$250,000 or more, pending Board reconsideration of Endowed Professorships and Endowed Chairs policies.**

UPDATE: STUDY OF LUMCON'S ROLE, SCOPE, MISSION, AND STRUCTURE (HOUSE RESOLUTION 50)

Dr. Davidson said the Louisiana House of Representatives adopted House Resolution 50 during the 2011 Regular Legislative Session which requested the Board of Regents “to study the role, mission, and structure of the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium” in a manner which “shall include an examination of the relation of LUMCON to other consortia to determine the appropriate authority and funding levels needed.” Dr. Davidson also indicated that recommendations are to be submitted to the Legislature “not later than sixty days prior to the convening of the 2012 Regular Session.” An update was given on the process of the study.

Dr. Davidson also spoke regarding the new consortia arrangements that have been established to address marine and coastal research and educational issues related to the BP oil spill and to capitalize on BP funding opportunities.

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT OF AUGUST 24, 2011

**On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Fenstermaker, the Board of Regents, acting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Sponsored Programs Committee, voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of August 24, 2011. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

**PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Acting Chair Gorman, a member of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee, Dr. Larry Tremblay, Interim Deputy Commissioner for Academic and Student Affairs, presented recommendations to be considered.

R.S. 17:1808 (LICENSURE)

*A. Initial License*

**On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Roy, the Board of Regents, acting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee, voted unanimously to issue an initial operating license to the following institutions.**

- 1. Chamberlain College of Nursing**
- 2. South University**
- 3. Troy University**
- 4. University of the Rockies**
- 5. Western Governors University**

*B. License Renewals*

**On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Roy, the Board of Regents, acting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee, voted unanimously to renew the operating license of the following institutions.**



1. Graceland University
2. Grand Canyon University

### PROPRIETARY SCHOOLS

#### *A. Initial License*

**On motion of Regent Fenstermaker, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board of Regents, acting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee, voted unanimously to issue an initial operating license to the following proprietary schools.**

1. Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy
2. Dominion Technical College, LLC
3. Falck Alford Training Center - Houma
4. Falck Alford Training Center - Maurice
5. Houston Marine Training Services
6. Spartan College of Aeronautics & Technology

#### *B. Change of Ownership Application*

**On motion of Regent Fenstermaker, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board of Regents, acting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee, voted unanimously to approve a change of ownership application for N.O.D.C. School of Dental Assisting.**

#### *C. Associate in Occupational Studies Degree*

**On motion of Regent Fenstermaker, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board of Regents, acting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee, voted unanimously to approve the Associate in Occupational Studies Degree program in Clinical and Administrative Medical Assisting at Blue Cliff College, with campuses located in Alexandria, Houma, Lafayette, Metairie, and Shreveport, Louisiana.**

#### *D. License Renewals*

**On motion of Regent Fenstermaker, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board of Regents, acting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee, voted unanimously to renew the licenses of the following proprietary schools (initial license date in parentheses):**

**Blue Cliff College--Alexandria (05/25/06)**  
**Cameron College (06/29/83)**  
**Central Louisiana Medical Academy (06/24/99)**  
**Cyber Academy (05/25/00)**  
**Delta College of Arts & Technology (06/25/92)**  
**Diesel Driving Academy (Baton Rouge) (06/25/87)**  
**Eastern College of Health Vocations--Shreveport (05/27/04)**  
**Lafayette General Medical Center (06/27/96)**  
**Louisiana Institute of Massage Therapy (06/25/92)**  
**Nashville Auto-Diesel College (05/22/03)**  
**New Horizons Computer Learning Center--New Orleans (05/25/00)**  
**Oak Park School of Dental Assisting (05/28/09)**  
**Ouachita Truck Driving Academy, LLC (05/22/03)**  
**Southern Medical Corporation School of Ultrasound (06/26/97)**  
**Virginia College--Baton Rouge (05/27/10)**

BOARD OF REGENTS' MASTER PLAN FOR PUBLIC POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION  
IN LOUISIANA: 2011

Dr. Tremblay presented a PowerPoint regarding the Board of Regents' Master Plan for Public Postsecondary Education in Louisiana: 2011. He summarized the Plan's goals and objectives and explained that there were numerous performance measures to track the progress of the Plan's implementation. Dr. Tremblay said the Plan was nearly complete, with only limited edits and corrections to be made prior to submission to the legislature by September 1<sup>st</sup>. He gave assurance that the staff would not make any substantive changes to the draft prior to submission.

After further discussion,

**On motion of Regent Sam, seconded by Regent Stokes, the Board of Regents, acting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee, voted unanimously to approve the Board of Regents' Master Plan for Public Postsecondary Education in Louisiana: 2011 and authorized the Commissioner of Higher Education to make final edits and updates to the Plan before final publication and dissemination to the Legislature by September 1, 2011.**

LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT OUTCOMES REPORT

Dr. Lisa Vosper, Associate Commissioner for Workforce Education and Training, presented the agency's first Louisiana Employment Outcomes Report. The report analyzes

employment data for completers of Louisiana public colleges and universities six months and eighteen months after graduation for graduating classes of 2007, 2008, and 2009. Specifically, the Louisiana Employment Outcomes Report presents findings on employment rate comparisons; employment by field of study; employment by residency status; and average salary comparisons for all completers, Louisiana residents and non-Louisiana residents.

Dr. Vosper explained that this was the Regents' first attempt at comparing completers with employment and that expanded and improved reports will be prepared in the future.

She thanked Mr. Curt Eysink of the Louisiana Workforce Commission for being present at this morning's Board Development and for his assistance in refining the report.

**On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board of Regents, acting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee, voted unanimously to receive the Louisiana Employment Outcomes Report.**

#### LA GRAD ACT

Ms. Theresa Hay, Associate Commissioner for Strategic Initiatives, provided an update on staff activities regarding the GRAD Act. She presented information regarding the various levels of autonomies included in the Act and the processes which must be followed to attain each level. She also explained that the GRAD Act includes a process for institutional requests to adjust the targets previously adopted by the Regents. The staff has been informed that requests for such adjustments from a number of campuses and the respective systems will be forthcoming.

#### BOARD OF REGENTS' MINIMUM ADMISSIONS STANDARDS

Ms. Hay explained that with the 2011 fall term underway, it is not too early to prepare for the 2012 entering class. She said the staff was not recommending any changes to the Board's 2012 minimum admissions standards, adopted originally in 2008 and modified in 2010, but was

asking the Board to review the publication that was ready to be put on Regent's website. She then presented for Board approval a Supplement to the Minimum Admission Standards which more clearly defined items in the policy and set policies for those certain categories of students, including out-of-state, home schooled, and non-United States citizens, as well as calculation of the grade point average, provisional admission, and transfer students.

**On motion of Regent Fenstermaker, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board of Regents, acting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee, voted unanimously to accept the Supplement to the Minimum Admissions Standards for Four-Year Universities.**

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF AUGUST 24, 2011

**On motion of Regent Fenstermaker, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board of Regents, acting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee, voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Report of August 24, 2011.**  
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OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Levy reminded everyone that Ms. Connie Koury, General Counsel to the Board of Regents, announced that she accepted a job opportunity in the private sector. He said Ms. Koury had been a dedicated employee of the Board for seven and a half years. He continued by noting that she was caring, compassionate and always approachable. Chairman Levy outlined her career at the Regents handling desegregation and legislative issues while assisting with activities of the Council of Student Body Presidents. He said Ms. Koury had impacted the agency in a way that is not only appreciated but will never be forgotten. He presented a gift to Ms. Koury from the Board and her colleagues as a symbol of thanks.

Ms. Koury said it was a difficult decision to leave the Regents. She said it has been a pleasure to work with the Board, the staff and the students in the state. Ms. Koury said she has been dedicated to education all her life and thanked everyone for their support in her decision.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.