

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

March 22, 2001

The Board of Regents met in regular session at 9:15 a.m., Thursday, March 22, 2001, in the Board of Regents' Auditorium, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Richard D'Aquin 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:

Richard D'Aquin, Chair
Herschel Abbott
William Blake
Scott Brame
Reggie Dupré
Frances Henry
Virgil Robinson, Jr.
Norbert Simmons
Clifford Smith
Pat Strong
Sherman Ruth, Student Member

Absent:

John Georges
Melvin Rambin
Ron Roberts, Vice Chair
Roland Toups, Secretary

MINUTES APPROVED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 22, 2001

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Abbott, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of February 22, 2001, as circulated.

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE REPORT OF MARCH 21, 2001

On behalf of Regent Abbott, Chair of the Legislation Committee, Mr. Donald Vandal, Deputy Commissioner for Administration presented motions from the Legislation Committee Report of March 21, 2001.

On motion of Regent Abbott, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted to accept the recommendation of the Legislation Committee to endorse the report on Tuition and TOPS prepared in response to Senate Resolution No. 31.

ADOPTION OF THE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MARCH 21, 2001

On motion of Regent Abbott, seconded by Regent Smith, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Legislation Committee Meeting Report of March 21, 2001, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MARCH 21, 2001

On behalf of Regent Henry, Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Mr. Gerard Killebrew, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, presented motions from the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Report of March 21, 2001.

PROPOSED ACADEMIC PROGRAMS - RIVER PARISHES COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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 approval for the following proposed degree programs at River Parishes Community College, effective June 1, 2001:

1. Associate of General Studies (CIP Code 24.0102),
2. Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts (CIP Code 24.0101), and
3. Associate of General Science (CIP Code 24.0199).

By March 1, 2002, River Parishes Community College shall submit a report to the Commissioner of Higher Education updating the status of full-time science faculty for the College.

In accordance with Academic Affairs Policy 2.13 - Professional Program Accreditation, professional accreditation is not mandated for these programs.

PROPOSED ACADEMIC/RESEARCH CENTER - UNIVERSITY OF NEW ORLEANS - NATIONAL PORTS AND WATERWAYS INSTITUTE

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 National Ports and Waterways Institute at the University of New Orleans, effective immediately, for a period of five years from this date. Simultaneously, the National Ports and Waterways Institute at Louisiana State University is hereby terminated. By March 1, 2002, the University of New Orleans shall submit a progress report to the Commissioner of Higher Education updating the status of the Institute.

PROPOSED LETTERS OF INTENT - LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER

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 approval for the Letters of Intent from the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center for the following projected programs:

- 1. Master of Nursing - Nurse Anesthesia program (CIP Code 51.1604), and**
- 2. Master of Anesthesia Science - Anesthesiologist Assistant (CIP Code 51.0899).**

The full program proposals shall address: the appropriateness of projected student tuition charges; the need for specific state support (especially if student tuition revenues do not keep pace with program costs); and the amounts of external support (grants, services, and other external support) that should be included in the proposed program budgets.

PROPOSED CURRICULAR AND ADMINISTRATIVE REVISIONS

- A. Northwestern State University - Request to Change the Name of the B.A. Program in Social Work to the Bachelor of Social Work

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Abbott, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the request from Northwestern State University to change the name of the B.A. program in Social Work to the Bachelor of Social Work (CIP Code 44.0701), effective immediately.

- B. Louisiana Tech University - Request to Change the Name of the B.F.A. Program in Music Performance to the Bachelor of Music

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Abbott, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the request from Louisiana Tech University to

change the name of the B.F.A. program in Music Performance to the Bachelor of Music (CIP Code 50.0903), effective immediately.

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MARCH 21, 2001

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Abbott, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Report of March 21, 2001, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MARCH 21, 2001

On behalf of Regent Strong, Vice-Chair of the Finance Committee, Mr. Rich Griswold, Associate Commissioner for Facilities, presented motions from the Finance Committee Report of March 21, 2001.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT (BA-7) LSU HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Smith, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the BA-7 for the LSU Health Sciences Center-Shreveport in the amount of \$6,000,000.

SECOND DISTRIBUTION OF THE EMERGING COMMUNITY COLLEGE FUND

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Smith, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the second distribution of the emerging community college pool funds in the amount of \$428,399 as contained in Appendix C of the committee report.

ADOPTION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MARCH 21, 2001

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Finance Committee Meeting Report of March 21, 2001, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MARCH 21, 2001

Regent Dupré, Chair of the Technology Committee, presented the Technology Committee Report of March 21, 2001. He gave updates on the following:

- A. Rapides Parish University Center Technology Plan
- B. Ad Hoc Committee on Communications and Internet Connectivity
- C. "LA Connections: Louisiana's Blueprint for Digital Government" Initiative

He reported that Jim Dubos, the new state Chief Information Officer, briefed the committee on the role of higher education in the Technology Strategy for Louisiana.

ADOPTION OF THE TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MARCH 21, 2001

On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Technology Committee Meeting Report of March 21, 2001, 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 MARCH 21, 2001

On behalf of Regent Strong, Chair of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee, Dr. Jimmy Clarke, Deputy Commissioner for Planning, Research and Performance presented motions from the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Report of March 21, 2001.

MASTER PLAN FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION, 2001

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Abbott, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to adopt the Board of Regents' Master Plan for Postsecondary Education, 2001 as a final draft. The Board authorizes the Commissioner of Higher Education and the Deputy Commissioner for Planning,

Research and Performance to make editorial changes as necessary to the final draft prior to publication and distribution.

TRENDS AND STATISTICS IN LOUISIANA PUBLIC POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION: THE 2001 ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to adopt the Board of Regents' Trends and Statistics in Louisiana Public Postsecondary Education: The 2001 Accountability Report as a final draft. The Board authorizes the Commissioner of Higher Education and the Deputy Commissioner for Planning, Research and Performance to make editorial changes necessary to the final draft prior to publication and submission to the appropriate parties in the Louisiana Legislature.

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Abbott, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to instruct the staff that in the coming years it combine in one document the annual Accountability Report and the annual progress report on implementation of the Master Plan.

PROPRIETARY SCHOOL AREA

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to renew the licenses of the following proprietary schools:

Blue Cliff School of Therapeutic Massage

Kenner

Shreveport

Coastal College

Hammond

Monroe

Creative Floral Design School of New Orleans

Culinary Institute of New Orleans

Domestic Health Care Institute

Dryades YMCA School of Commerce

Metropolitan School of Mortgage Finance & Paralegal Careers

Nashville Auto-Diesel College

Res-Q-Me Aides Training Center

Training Connection, Inc.

Urban League Technology Center

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Abbott, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and

Performance Committee to approve renewal of the operating license for Williams Career College, L.L.C.

PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MARCH 21, 2001

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Meeting Report of March 21, 2001, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT OF MARCH 21, 2001

On behalf of Regent Robinson, Chair of the Facilities and Property Committee,

Mr. Rich Griswold presented motions from the Facilities and Property Committee Report of March 21, 2001.

SMALL CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECTS REPORT

On motion of Regent Robinson, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to accept the small capital projects report as presented by staff.

AMENDMENTS TO CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FY 2001-02

On motion of Regent Robinson, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to amend the FY 2001-2002 Capital Outlay Recommendation to move the review of libraries project from the University of Louisiana System to the Board of Regents.

On motion of Regent Robinson, seconded by Regent Abbott, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to amend the FY 2001-2002 Capital Outlay recommendation to change the scope of the Hale Hall project at Louisiana tech from restoration to reconstruction. Further, that the funding recommendation be reduced from \$10,842,600 to \$9,469,736.

On motion of Regent Robinson, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to amend the FY 2001-2002 Capital Outlay Recommendation to include in the Self-Generated Category, the Chimpanzee Housing Facility at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette's New Iberia Research Center at a cost of \$6,172,460.

On motion of Regent Robinson, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to amend the FY 2001-2002 Capital Outlay Recommendation to reduce the scope and the cost for Development of South Louisiana Community College campus project from \$12,250,000 to \$9,979,424.

On motion of Regent Robinson, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to amend the FY 2001-2002 Capital Outlay Recommendation to increase the cost of the OMV Building Renovation for Baton Rouge Community College from \$2,850,000 to \$6,286,000.

PROJECTS UTILIZING ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF FINANCING

On motion of Regent Robinson, seconded by Regent Abbott, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to grant authority for LSU-Eunice to proceed with the development of housing on its campus with Century Development Corporation. Provided that the LSU System return the final agreement with Century Development for approval by staff before execution.

On motion of Regent Robinson, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to grant approval for the LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with Provident Realty Advisors in the amount of \$900,000 for the replacement of the Molly Webb Speech and Hearing Clinic and to support a professorship.

On motion of Regent Robinson, seconded by Regent Abbott, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to grant approval for the LSU Health Sciences Center to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Institute for Professional Development in the approximate amount of \$1,250,000 for renovation of space at the Lion's Eye Clinic.

On motion of Regent Robinson, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to grant approval for an increase in space from 80,000 SF to 100,000 SF

and a cost increase from \$10 million to \$14 million for the LSU Alumni Association Conference Center.

On motion of Regent Robinson, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to grant approval for a ground lease and a facilities lease between the University of Louisiana Board of Supervisors and Cowboys Facilities Inc., to provide housing at McNeese State University.

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MARCH 21, 2001

On motion of Regent Robinson, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Meeting Report of March 21, 2001, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MARCH 21, 2001

On behalf of Regent Brame, Chair of the Personnel Committee, Mr. Donald Vandal presented motions from the Personnel Committee Report of March 21, 2001. He reported that

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Personnel Committee voted unanimously to enter into executive session at 4:05 p.m. in accordance with R.S. 42:6.1, to discuss the Commissioner's Evaluation/Compensation review.

A roll call vote was taken.

Yes: (3) Scott Brame, Virgil Robinson, Jr., Frances Henry

No: (0) Abstain: (0)

Absent: (2) William Blake, Roland Toups

The Committee returned to regular session at 5:00 p.m. Chair Brame announced that no motions were made and no votes were taken during Executive Session.

COMMISSIONER'S ANNUAL EVALUATION

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Personnel Committee to

commend the Commissioner for his extraordinary service and job performance, that his continued tenure as the state's Commissioner of Higher Education be pledged and assured, with a salary adjustment limited to the Board's previously authorized 2.5% cost-of-living adjustment for all Board professional staff.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MARCH 21, 2001

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Personnel Committee Meeting Report of March 21, 2001, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER

Commissioner E. Joseph Savoie commented on the following:

- The passing of Tifni Brown, Wayne and Bonnie Brown's daughter.
- Bobby Jindal leaving for Washington, D.C. as Bush's Assistant Secretary of Planning and Evaluation in the Department of Health and Human Services.
- The Higher Education Leadership Summit March 25-26
- Regular Legislative Session beginning March 26

The Commissioner then commended the Board for its courage and fortitude in approving the Master Plan. He stated that the needs of our state are many and varied. Louisiana has

- ▶ Highest poverty rate for our children in the nation
- ▶ Highest dropout rate of students in the nation
- ▶ Highest incarceration rate in the nation
- ▶ Lowest test scores in the nation
- ▶ One of the highest illiteracy rates in the nation

He emphasized that those are Louisiana's realities that have to be part of our consideration. He continued by stating that we are not Connecticut. We have a different history and we have different circumstances. We may not be as wealthy in a financial sense, but we have always had great wealth in our natural resources and one of those are our human resources. All of our citizens have value. All of our communities have value.

A primary purpose of public postsecondary education is to provide educational services to improve quality of life for all our citizens. Our responsibility is empowerment not fostering elitism. We need to believe that all of our people are capable of making a contribution. We need to expect more, and we need to provide the services and the proper environments for people to meet those expectations.

Our approach is bold—for the first time in our state’s history we have established statewide expectations. These expectations are real, yet tempered with reality. We must continue to have the courage and the fortitude to stay focused on the needs of the entire state and not be detoured by parochial interests.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair D’Aquin declared the meeting adjourned at 9:54 a.m.