

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

MAY 26, 2005

The Board of Regents met in session at 9:05 a.m., Thursday, May 26, 2005, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Roland Toups called the meeting to order. Executive Assistant to the Commissioner, Ms. Carolyn Blanchard, called the roll and a quorum was established.

Present for the meeting were:

Billy Blake  
Scott Brame  
Richard D'Aquin  
Frances Henry, Vice Chair  
Stanley Jacobs  
Ingrid Labat  
Robert Levy  
W. Clinton Rasberry  
Clifford Smith  
Harold Stokes  
Roland Toups, Chair  
Jeraul Mackey

Absent for the meeting were:

Reggie Dupré  
Virgil Robinson  
Pat Strong, Secretary  
Artis Terrell

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Toups noted that no written requests were received for public comments and inquired if the audience had any comments at this time. There were none.

**MINUTES APPROVED**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF APRIL 28, 2005

**On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Mackey, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of April 28, 2005**

**THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS**

Dr. E. Joseph Savoie, Commissioner of Higher Education, noted that a Constitutional Convention was held in the early 1970s which created the Board of Regents. Dr. Savoie said that this year marked the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Board of Regents. He continued by saying that in attendance today were former Commissioners Dr. William Arceneaux, Dr. Sally Clausen, Dr. Sammie Cospers, and Dr. Larry Crain. He also introduced former Board members Donald Bollinger, Edith Kirkpatrick, George Luffey, Gus Mijalis, Charles Milam, R. M. Prestridge, and Mary Ella Sanders who were in the audience. Dr. Savoie said a video of thirty years of history about higher education would be shown. He commented that after the video, each former Commissioner made brief statements about their tenure in office.

**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF STANDING COMMITTEES****EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - MAY 10, 2005**

On behalf of Regent Toups, Chair of the Executive Committee, Mr. Donald Vandal, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, presented motions from the Executive Committee Report of May 10, 2005.

RESPONSES TO LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTIONS

**On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee to accept the reports by the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems regarding responses to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 49 of the 2004 Regular Session of the Legislature about developing a plan for the**

**coordinated expansion of community colleges and vocational technical schools throughout the state, along with Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 163 of the 2004 Regular Session of the Legislature regarding the governance structure of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System.**

**On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee to accept the report by the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems regarding a response to House Concurrent Resolution No. 254 of the 2004 Regular Session of the Legislature about the advantages and disadvantages of legislators serving on the Board of Regents.**

**On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee to accept the report by the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems regarding a response to House Concurrent Resolution No. 263 of the 2004 Regular Session of the Legislature to study the need for and feasibility of a single board to govern all public postsecondary education.**

#### CHANGES IN THE LOUISIANA POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION TUITION AND FEE POLICY

Mr. Vandal stated that the Louisiana Postsecondary Education Tuition and Fee Policy was adopted at the April 28, 2005, Board meeting and the Commissioner and staff were authorized to make technical and editorial changes to the policy. He said that there were minor changes.

After further discussion,

**On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee to accept the changes to the Louisiana Postsecondary Education Tuition and Fee Policy.**

#### ADOPTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MAY 10, 2005

**On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Executive Committee Report of May 10, 2005. (*Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.*)**

**ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Brame, 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 Report of May 25, 2005.

**PROPOSED ACADEMIC PROGRAMS****Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center- New Orleans -  
Doctor of Physical Therapy**

**On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the proposed Doctor of Physical Therapy program (CIP Code 51.2308) at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-New Orleans, to be implemented beginning Summer 2006, subject to the following stipulations:**

- 1. By December 1, 2005, the institution shall submit to the Commissioner of Higher Education a plan for complete fulfillment of recommendation of external consultants for additional faculty as stipulated in their report. Incomplete actions in this regard may necessitate a reconsideration of the projected implementation date for this program.**
- 2. This same report shall also specifically address how the institution proposes to accomplish external consultants' expectations for a greater doctoral culture in the program, including a long-term faculty development plan.**
- 3. As soon as feasible, appropriate staff of the LSUHSC-NO, the LSU System, and the Board of Regents shall meet to discuss and develop a comprehensive long-term budget for this program which incorporates an appropriate tuition increase and fully accounts for new required costs.**

**Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-Shreveport - Doctor of Physical Therapy**

**On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the proposed Doctor of Physical Therapy program (CIP Code 51.2308) at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-Shreveport, to be implemented beginning Summer 2006, subject to the following stipulations:**

- 1. By December 1, 2005, the institution shall submit to the Commissioner**

of Higher Education a plan for complete fulfillment of the recommendation of external consultants for additional faculty, as stipulated in their report. Incomplete actions in this regard may necessitate a reconsideration of the projected implementation date for this program.

2. This same report shall also specifically address how the institution proposes to accomplish the external consultants' expectations for a greater doctoral culture in the program, including a long-term faculty development plan.
3. As soon as feasible, appropriate staff of the LSUHSC-S, the LSU System, and the Board of Regents shall meet to discuss and develop a comprehensive long-term budget for this program which incorporates an appropriate tuition increase and fully accounts for new required costs.

University of New Orleans - B.S. in Entrepreneurship

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the proposed Bachelor of Science in Entrepreneurship program (CIP Code 52.0701) at the University of New Orleans, to be implemented beginning Fall 2005. On June 1, 2006, the University shall submit an implementation report to the Commissioner of Higher Education which addresses curricular concerns stated in the staff summary.

Louisiana Tech University - B.S. in Geographic Information Science

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the proposed Bachelor of Science in Geographic Information Science program (CIP Code 45.0799) at Louisiana Tech University, subject to the following stipulations:

1. The Board of Regents shall consider a date for program implementation once an additional full-time faculty member has been hired to teach major coursework. If such a hire is made between the June and August Regents' meetings of 2005, the staff is hereby authorized to approve program implementation for Fall 2005.
2. Once the program is implemented, the Board of Regents may require a progress report.

PROPOSED LETTER OF INTENT - B.S. IN PSYCHOLOGY - LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY-ALEXANDRIA

**On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Mackey, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the proposed Letter of Intent for a projected B.S. in Psychology program (CIP Code 42.0101) at Louisiana State University-Alexandria. Any forthcoming proposal for this program must address funding needed to cover additional costs associated with program implementation.**

PROPOSED ACADEMIC/RESEARCH CENTER - LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER-NEW ORLEANS, AND THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW ORLEANS - RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR CHILDREN

**On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Mackey, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the Research Institute for Children, a collaboration of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-New Orleans, the University of New Orleans, and Children's Hospital-New Orleans for a period of five years, effective immediately.**

CURRICULAR REVISION - UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA-MONROE - REQUEST TO TERMINATE THE M.S. IN GEOSCIENCES

**On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Mackey, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to terminate the M.S. program in Geosciences (CIP Code 40.0601) at the University of Louisiana-Monroe, effective immediately. No new students may be enrolled in this program and all current students shall be afforded an appropriate opportunity to complete their program of studies in a reasonable period of time.**

PROGRESS REPORT ON CONDITIONALLY APPROVED PROGRAM - NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY-M.A. IN HERITAGE RESOURCES

**On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Mackey, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the AY 2004-2005 Progress Report from Northwestern State University Relative to Implementation of the M.A. Program in Heritage Resources. Based on the contents of this and a previous progress report, the University is hereby authorized to admit students for the Fall 2005 semester. To ensure a continuing level of University commitment, an additional progress report shall be submitted to the Commissioner of Higher Education by June 1, 2007.**

TEACHER EDUCATION INITIATIVESReport on the Blue Ribbon Committee for Educational Excellence and Other Updates

Mr. Killebrew noted that Regent Henry reported on activities of the Blue Ribbon Commission at its April and May 2005 meetings. He also stated that Dr. Jeanne Burns, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs for Teacher Education, had participated in two high-profile national convocations sponsored by the Carnegie Foundation and the Southern Regional Education Board.

Introduction of Wallace Foundation Grant Employees

Mr. Killebrew noted that Dr. Burns had introduced two new Wallace Foundation Grant employees: Ms. Paula Caldaron, State Coordinator, and Ms. Melissa Landry, Communications Specialist.

Evaluation of a Redesigned Initial Teacher Preparations Program and Graduate Programs for Teachers and Education Leaders

**On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the following redesigned teacher education programs:**

- 1. Southeastern Louisiana University: Master of Education in Educational Leadership (CIP Code: 13.0401); Non-Master's/Certification Only Alternate Program in Art Education – Grades K-12, Vocal Music Education – Grades K-12, Instrumental Music Education – Grades K-12, Health and Physical Education – Grades K-12, French Education - Grades K-12, and Spanish Education – Grades K-12.**
- 2. Northwestern State University: B.S. in Health and Physical Education – Grades K-12 (CIP Code: 13.1314), B.M.E. in Vocal Music Education – Grades K-12 (CIP Code: 13.1312), B.M.E. in Instrumental Music Education – Grades K-12 (CIP Code: 13.1312), and B.M.E. in Vocal and Instrumental Music Education – Grades K-12 (CIP Code: 13.1312).**
- 3. University of New Orleans: B.S. in Health and Physical Education – Grades K-12 (CIP Code: 13.1314).**
- 4. McNeese State University: Master of Education in Curriculum &**

- Instruction (CIP CODE: 13.0301) in Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Secondary Education; Master of Education in Educational Technology Leadership (CIP Code: 13.9999); B.M.E. in Vocal Music Education (CIP Code: 13.1312) and B.M.E. in Instrumental Music Education (CIP Code: 13.1312); and Non-Master's/Certification-Only Alternate Program in Art Education – Grades K-12 (CIP 13.1302).**
- 5. Louisiana College: B.A. in Art Education – Grades K-12 (CIP Code: 13.1302), B.M.E. in Vocal Music Education – Grades K-12 (CIP Code: 13.1312), and B.M.E. in Instrumental Music Education – Grades K-12 (CIP Code: 13.1312); Non-Master's/Certification-Only in Art Education – Grades K-12, Vocal Music Education – Grades K-12, and Health and Physical Education – Grades K-12.**
  - 6. Louisiana Tech University: Master of Arts in Teaching in Multiple Levels – Grades K-12 (13.1206) in Art Education – Grades K-12, Vocal Music Education – Grades K-12, Instrumental Music Education – Grades K-12, and Health and Physical Education – Grades K-12 .**
  - 7. Louisiana State University-Alexandria: Non-Master's/Certification-Only Alternate Program in Grades 1-5.**
  - 8. Southern University and A&M College: Non-Master's/Certification-Only Alternate Program in Art Education – Grades K-12, Instrumental Music Education – Grades K-12, French Education – Grades K-12, and Spanish Education – Grades K-12.**
  - 9. Xavier University: B.A. in Art Education – Grades K-12 (CIP Code: 13.1302), B.M.E. in Vocal Music Education – Grades K-12 (CIP Code: 13.1312), B.M.E. in Instrumental Music Education – Grades K-12 (CIP Code: 13.1312), B.S. in Health and Physical Education – Grades K-12 (CIP Code: 13.1314), B.A. in French Education - Grades K-12 (CIP Code: 13.1325), and B.A. in Spanish Education – Grades K-12 (CIP Code: 13.1330).**
  - 10. University of Louisiana-Monroe: Master of Arts in Teaching in Multiple Areas – Grades K-12 (CIP Code: 13.1206) in Art Education – Grades K-12, French Education – Grades K-12, Spanish Education – Grades K-12, Health & Physical Education – Grades K-12, Vocal Music Education – Grades K-12, Instrumental Music Education – Grades K-12, and Vocal and Instrumental Music Education – Grades K-12; Master of Education in Educational Technology Leadership (13.9999) and Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction (13.0301) with specialization in Early Childhood Education, Elementary, Middle School, Reading, Instructional Technology Facilitation, and Secondary with content specializations in Art, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Earth**

**Science, English, Family and Consumer Science, French, History, Mathematics, Music Education, Spanish, and Speech; and Master of Education in Educational Leadership (13.0401) plus Teacher Leader Endorsement and Alternative Path for Educational Leader.**

- 11. Nicholls State University: B.S. in Middle School Education – Grades 4-8 (CIP Code: 13.1203; Non-Master’s/Certification-Only Alternate Program in Middle School Education- Grades 4-8.**

One-Time, One-Semester Extension for Final Approval of Redesigned Programs

**On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant a one-time, one-semester extension for approval of all redesigned K-12 and graduate programs for teachers and educational leaders. This one-time extension will allow all campuses to recruit and enroll candidates into existing K-12 and graduate programs for the start of the Fall 2005 semester; however, all K-12 and graduate programs must be approved by the Board of Regents and Board of Elementary and Secondary Education for candidates to be enrolled in K-12 and graduate programs for the start of the Spring 2006 semester.**

Results of the 2004-2005 Teacher Preparation Accountability System

Mr. Killebrew noted results of the 2004-2005 Teacher Preparation Accountability System and observed that universities had achieved an overall passage rate of 99% on the PRAXIS examinations for teachers.

Regent Toups thanked Dr. Burns for all her hard work on the teacher initiatives programs.

REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER

Mr. Killebrew reported on several issues: (1) the statewide review of existing Licensed Practical Nursing programs, (2) the schedule of reviews for proposed programs, (3) the staff approval of routine academic requests, and (4) the May 2005 Chief Academic Officers meeting.

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING  
REPORT OF MAY 25, 2005

**On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Report of May 25, 2005. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

**FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Jacobs, Chair of the Facilities and Property Committee, Mr. Rich Griswold, Associate Commissioner for Facilities, presented motions from the Facilities and Property Committee Report of May 25, 2005.

SMALL CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

**On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the Small Capital Projects Report as listed below:**

**Infrastructure Upgrades to Welding Program/Union Tank Car Company  
Louisiana Technical College, Alexandria Campus  
\$150,000 from State Funds**

**Elkins Hall Renovations  
Nicholls State University  
\$204,500 from Other – Building Use Fees**

**Dental School Clinic Central Sterilizer System  
Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans  
\$179,000 from State Funds**

CAPITAL OUTLAY STATUS REPORT

Mr. Griswold said he had presented a report on the status of House Bill No. 2 (FY 2005-2006 Capital Outlay).

ACT 959 PROJECTS

**On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent Stokes, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the project to construct a 3,250 GSF computer lab addition to the Holbrook Student Union at McNeese State University. Cost of**

**the project is estimated at approximately \$450,000 with funding to come from the Student Technology Assessment. The project is to be performed under the provisions of Act 959 of 2003.**

**On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the project to construct a 4,000 GSF Tanzania Residence at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Cost of the project is estimated at approximately \$490,000 with funding to come from self-generated sources. The project is to be performed under the provisions of Act 959 of 2003.**

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MAY 25, 2005

**On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of May 25, 2005. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

**LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Blake, Chair of the Legislation Committee, Ms. Connie Koury, Assistant to the Commissioner for Desegregation and Legal Affairs, presented the Legislation Committee Report of May 25, 2005.

LEGISLATION

Ms. Koury said she gave an update on several items: (1) the status of HB 619 (tuition policy), (2) meetings that were held with the legislative liaisons, campus heads, and system presidents to discuss the tuition policy bill, and (3) other bills of interest. Ms. Koury also noted that Mr. Vandal gave an update on the state budget adjustments for postsecondary education through the House Appropriations Committee action.

ADOPTION OF THE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MAY 25, 2005

**On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Legislation Committee Report of May 25, 2005. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

**TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Smith, Vice Chair of the Technology Committee, Mr. Vandal presented the Technology Committee Report of May 25, 2005.

#### LONI PROGRESS UPDATE

##### Louisiana Optical Network (LONI) Update and National Lambda Rail Update

Mr. Vandal said that updates were given on the *Postsecondary Education IT Priorities and the Board of Regents Technology Initiative Fact Sheet*, and there were new developments with National Lambda Rail concerning the collaborative future of NLR and Internet2.

#### REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER FOR INFORMATION AND LEARNING TECHNOLOGY

Mr. Vandal noted that Mr. Michael Abbiatti, Associate Commissioner for Information and Learning Technology, gave a briefing on (1) the Statewide e-Learning Support Center plan, (2) the LEARNET Loop Project, and (3) the first LONI Symposium at Louisiana Tech University held in early May 2005.

#### ADOPTION OF THE TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MAY 25, 2005

**On motion of Regent Smith, seconded by Regent Blake, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Technology Committee Report of May 25, 2005.**  
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#### **PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Levy, Chair of the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee, Dr. Larry Tremblay, Associate Commissioner for Planning and Research, presented motions from the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee Report of May 25, 2005.

#### PROPRIETARY SCHOOLS

**On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Stokes, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve an initial operating license for Next Level Foundation, LLC, located in New Orleans.**

**On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Mackey, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve an initial operating license for Virginia College Technical - Birmingham, located in Birmingham, Alabama.**

**On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Mackey, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to renew the licenses of the following proprietary schools (initial license date in parentheses):**

**A & W Healthcare Educators (03/25/04)**  
**Ascension College (04/22/99)**  
**At-Home Professions (04/22/99)**  
**BAR/BRI - Baton Rouge (03/27/03)**  
**BAR/BRI - New Orleans (03/21/02)**  
**Becker Professional Review (04/22/99)**  
**Blue Cliff College - Metairie (03/23/00)**  
**Clinton Technical Institute (04/23/98)**  
**Coastal College - Lafayette (04/23/98)**  
**Coastal College - Monroe (03/28/96)**  
**Delta School of Business and Technology (05/06/80)**  
**Delta Training Academy (04/23/98)**  
**Diesel Driving Academy - New Orleans (04/22/99)**  
**Domestic Health Care Institute (04/28/88)**  
**Kaplan, Inc. - Shreveport (04/21/93)**  
**Lenora School of Phlebotomy (04/28/94)**  
**Louisiana Culinary Institute (03/27/03)**  
**Rhema Training Center (04/25/96)**  
**Ruth Cook's School of Computer Operations (04/27/95)**  
**Sclafani's Cooking School (04/28/94)**  
**Southeast Career Academy (04/26/90)**  
**Southern Security School, Inc. (04/23/98)**  
**Unitech Training Academy (04/24/97)**  
**Universal Technical Institute of Texas, Inc. (04/03/85)**  
**Verbatim Academy of Court Reporting (04/27/89)**  
**WyoTech--Pennsylvania Campus (03/27/03)**  
**WyoTech--Wyoming Campus (03/27/03)**

#### LICENSURE

**On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve an initial two-year operating license for Graceland University, located in Independence, Missouri to offer Rn to BSN and MSN nursing programs through distance learning.**

**On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve an initial two-year operating license for the University of Southern Mississippi, located in Hattiesburg, Mississippi to provide clinical instruction for students enrolled in its BSN and MSN programs.**

#### BOARD OF REGENTS' ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT CAPITAL GRANT PROGRAM

Dr. Tremblay noted that in February an RFP for an Enrollment Management Capital Grant Program was published. He said that a total of 77 proposals were received. Dr. Tremblay continued by stating that the Board authorized the staff to award the capital funds upon the recommendations of the review committee. He mentioned that on May 11, 2005, Commissioner Savoie and Planning, Research and Performance Committee Chair Levy approved the awards for nineteen proposals.

#### 2005 REGENTS' SCHOLAR CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Dr. Tremblay noted that Ms. Heather Devall, Assistant Commissioner for Assessment and Economic Development, gave a report on the 2005 Regents' Scholar Program. He said that 391 schools participated with 7,029 certificates awarded.

#### ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MAY 25, 2005

**On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee Report of May 25, 2005. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Toups, Mr. Vandal presented motions from the Executive Committee Report of May 25, 2005.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NASA EPSCoR DART PROJECTS

**On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee to approve the NASA EPSCoR consultant's report and funding recommendations in the amount of \$201,249 relative to the six top-ranked Developing Aerospace Research and Technology (DART) projects recommended for funding, to be paid from NASA funds and Support Funds allocated to the NASA EPSCoR program. Projects shall be funded in the order, amounts, and with any stipulations recommended in the consultant's report. If an award is declined, that award shall be offered to the alternate proposals in the order indicated in the report.**

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**On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Executive Committee Report of May 25, 2005. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER**

Commissioner Savoie reported on the following items:

- Regent Jeraul Mackey was presented a plaque acknowledging his contribution as student member of the Board during the past year. He will be an 8<sup>th</sup> grade English and Language Arts student teacher at UNO's P.A. Capdau Charter School before returning to graduate school. Regent Mackey thanked all the Board members and staff and said he would remember this experience for many years to come.
- The Governor revealed her plan for a teacher pay raise.
- The tuition bill was presented before the House Education Committee on May 24<sup>th</sup>.

OTHER BUSINESS

Regent Toups introduced Mr. Chris Jividen from Bossier Parish Community College as the new student member of the Board of Regents as of June 1, 2005. Also, he noted that a cake to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Board of Regents would be served to everyone after the meeting was adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Regent Toups declared the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.