

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

June 26, 2003

The Board of Regents met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, June 26, 2003, in the Louisiana Purchase Room of the Claiborne Building, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Vice 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:

Scott Brame
Richard D'Aquin
Reggie Dupré
Frances Henry, Secretary
Stanley J. Jacobs
Robert Levy
William Oliver
Virgil Robinson
Clifford Smith
Pat Strong
Artis Terrell, Jr.
Roland Toups, Vice Chair
Adonis Ducre, Student Member

Absent:

Billy Blake
Norbert Simmons
Artis Terrell, Jr.

MINUTES APPROVEDAPPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MAY 22, 2003

On motion of Regent D'Aquin, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of May 22, 2003, as circulated.

PRESENTATION TO MR. STEVEN SUMBLER, STUDENT MEMBER, BOARD OF REGENTS

Regent Toups presented a plaque to Mr. Steven Sumbler, outgoing student member of the Board of Regents. Mr. Sumbler graduated from Southern University and A&M College, and he is attending Southern University Law Center this summer.

Mr. Sumbler thanked the Board for his experience this past year as a student member and will treasure this for the rest of his life.

AMEND AGENDA

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to amend the agenda and consider the Nominating Committee Report before the presentation on Louisiana Workready! and other Committee Reports.

NOMINATING COMMITTEENOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JUNE 26, 2003

Regent D'Aquin stated that it was necessary to nominate officers of the Board and a member of the Executive Committee at this time due to the vacated seat of Regent William T. "Ron" Roberts, Jr.

On motion of Regent D'Aquin, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee to elect the following Regents as Chair and Vice Chair of the Board:

**Chair: Roland Toups
Vice Chair: Frances Henry**

On motion of Regent D'Aquin, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee to elect the following Regent as Secretary of the Board:

Secretary: Pat Strong

On motion of Regent D'Aquin, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee to elect the following Regent as a member of the Executive Committee of the Board:

Executive Committee Member: Scott Brame

It was noted that Richard D'Aquin, Reggie Dupré, and Virgil Robinson, as well as the newly elected officers, will continue to serve as members of the Executive Committee.

Regent Henry said she would be remiss if she did not say a few words about former Board member Ron Roberts. She noted that while he was Chair of the Facilities and Property Committee and Chair of the Sponsored Programs Committee, he worked diligently to change policies to make it easier for the universities to get programs approved. She said he is a very good person, and we will miss him.

Regent Toups mentioned that Ron Roberts was the Board chair for the last six months and was not reappointed by senatorial privilege. Mr. Toups said that the Regents' sincere gratitude goes out to Mr. Roberts for his time spent as a Regent the last eight years and his chairmanship for the last six months. Regent Toups especially wanted to commend Mr. Roberts' integrity, his work ethic and diligence for caring for each and every institution in the state. He mentioned that the Board of Regents will carry on with a positive statewide agenda for the best of higher education. Mr. Toups said that the Regents will strive to never hurt or destroy the trust placed in them as members of the Board.

Regent Clifford Smith suggested that the Regents should pass a resolution officially thanking Mr. Roberts for his wonderful accomplishments. Mr. Toups said we would invite Mr. Roberts to the August meeting to thank him.

On motion of Regent Smith, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board of Regents voted unanimously to direct the staff to prepare a resolution thanking William T. "Ron" Roberts, Jr. for his leadership and accomplishments on the Board of Regents.

SWEARING IN OF NEW STUDENT MEMBER, MR. ADONIS DUCRÉ

Chair Roland Toups acknowledged the recent appointment of Mr. Adonis Ducré as the student member of the Board of Regents. Regent Toups noted that Mr. Ducré is serving his second term as the President of the Student Government Association at Grambling State University and is a chemistry major. Ms. Veronica Howard, Assistant Attorney General, administered the Oath of Office to Adonis Ducré. Regent Toups assigned Mr. Ducré to serve on four committees of the Board of Regents: (1) Academic and Student Affairs, (2) Planning, Research and Performance, (3) Sponsored Programs, and (4) Technology.

SWEARING IN OF CHAIR, VICE CHAIR, SECRETARY AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Assistant Attorney General Howard administered the Oath of Office to Chair Roland Toups, Vice Chair Frances Henry, Secretary Pat Strong, and other members of the Executive Committee – Scott Brame, Richard D'Aquin, Reggie Dupré, and Virgil Robinson.

PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE**PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JUNE 25, 2003**

On behalf of Regent Oliver, Vice 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 June 25, 2003.

THE STATUS OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION IN LOUISIANA POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

On motion of Regent Oliver, seconded by Regent Dupré, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to receive The Status of International Education in Louisiana Postsecondary Education: Report and Recommendations of the Board of Regents International Education Advisory Committee, June 2003.

LICENSURE

On motion of Regent Oliver, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to deny an operating license for St. John's University. St. John's University must cease admission of new students immediately and operations as an academic, degree-granting institution in the state of Louisiana within 150 days of the Board of Regents' action in accordance with the statutory requirements of R.S. 17:1808.

On motion of Regent Oliver, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to extend the operating license for Southwest University through January, 2004. If Southwest fails to receive DETC accreditation in January, 2004, the Board of Regents will not renew its operating license.

REPORT FROM THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

Dr. Clarke gave brief updates on the freshmen fairs held throughout the state; ongoing enrollment management initiatives; and an update of a "brain drain" survey project.

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING REPORT OF JUNE 25, 2003

On motion of Regent Oliver, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Meeting Report of June 25, 2003, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

LEARNING CENTERS COMMITTEE

LEARNING CENTERS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JUNE 25, 2003

On behalf of Regent Strong, Dr. Jimmy Clarke, Deputy Commissioner for Planning, Research and Performance, presented motions from the Learning Centers Committee Report of June 25, 2003.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Brame, the Learning Centers Committee unanimously recommends that the Board of Regents approve the policies and procedures for the operation of the Learning Center for Rapides Parish.

SURVEY RESULTS

Dr. Clarke briefly discussed the analysis of the on-line survey conducted by Board of Regents' staff of high school counselors in Central Louisiana. The purpose of the survey was to determine levels of awareness of postsecondary opportunities at England Airpark. The survey also addressed the perceived appropriateness of the name of the facility, and solicited responses for potential alternative names.

NAME OF FACILITY

Dr. Clarke noted that based on the results of the surveys, Dr. Marjorie Taylor, Executive Director of the Learning Center for Rapides Parish, recommended that the Center be named Central

Louisiana Advanced Education Center. However any attempt to change the name would need to be postponed at least until next year's legislative session since any change in the Center's name would require legislative approval.

REPORT FROM THE DEAN

Deputy Commissioner Clarke announced the Center has hired three new Center staff members. Nine institutions will be offering credit courses and programs of study at the Center this fall.

ADOPTION OF THE LEARNING CENTERS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JUNE 25, 2003

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Learning Centers Committee Meeting Report of June 25, 2003, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JUNE 25, 2003

On behalf of Regent Brame, Chair of the Sponsored Programs Committee, Mr. John Wallin, Associate Commissioner for Sponsored Programs Administration, presented motions from the Sponsored Programs Committee Meeting Report of June 25, 2003.

CONSIDERATION OF AN ADJUSTMENT IN THE NUMBER OF FY 2002-03 ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIP SLOTS FOR THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY PAUL M. HEBERT LAW CENTER

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the award of two additional FY 2002-03 endowed professorship slots for the Paul M. Hebert Law Center at Louisiana State University. The money for these two professorship slots is to come from the Reserve Fund.

ALLOTMENT OF SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION FOR ADDITIONAL
ENDOWED CHAIRS AND ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIPS

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the use of \$800 thousand of the special legislative appropriation as matching funds for twenty endowed professorship applications. The funding of these applications shall result in total endowed professorship awards during FY 2002-03 as indicated in Appendix B.

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the use of \$1.2 million from the special legislative appropriation as matching funds for three endowed chairs for eminent scholars. Consistent with existing Board policy, matching funds shall be provided to the Arlen B. Cenac, Jr. Endowed Chair in Accounting Information Systems at Nicholls State University; the Chair of the Gordon A. Cain Center in Scientific, Technological, Engineering and Mathematics Literacy #2 at Louisiana State University - Baton Rouge; and the Erbon and Marie Wise Endowed Chair in Journalism at Northwestern State University.

NOMINATION FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW ORLEANS FOR ITS SEAT ON THE
EPSCoR COMMITTEE

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the nomination of Dr. Scott Whittenburg as an ex-officio member of the EPSCoR Committee from the University of New Orleans.

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF
JUNE 25, 2003

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Meeting Report of June 25, 2003, 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 JUNE 25, 2003

On behalf of Regent Robinson, Mr. Gerard Killebrew, Associate Commissioner for Academic

Affairs, presented motions from the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Report of June 25, 2003.

PROPOSED ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

A. *University of Louisiana at Lafayette - B.S. in Athletic Training*

On motion of Regent Robinson, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the proposed B.S. program in Athletic Training (CIP Code 31.0503) at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, effective immediately.

B. *University of New Orleans - B.A. in Women's Studies*

On motion of Regent Robinson, seconded by Regent Smith, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the proposed B.A. program in Women's Studies (CIP Code 05.0207) at the University of New Orleans, effective immediately.

C. *Louisiana Tech University - M.S. in Molecular Sciences and Nanotechnology*

On motion of Regent Robinson, seconded by Regent Oliver, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the proposed M.S. program in Molecular Sciences and Nanotechnology (CIP Code 26.0299) at Louisiana Tech University, effective immediately.

On motion of Regent Robinson, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to terminate the M.S. program in Chemistry (CIP Code 40.0501) at Louisiana Tech University, effective immediately.

PROGRESS REPORTS ON CONDITIONALLY APPROVED PROGRAMS/CENTER

A. *Louisiana Tech University*

1. **Ph.D. in Engineering**

On motion of Regent Robinson, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs

Committee to receive the AY 2002-2003 Progress Report from Louisiana Tech University Relative to Implementation of the Ph.D. Program in Engineering. As no further progress reports are deemed necessary, the program is hereby granted full approval.

2. M.S. in Engineering and Technology Management

On motion of Regent Robinson, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the AY 2002-2003 Progress Report from Louisiana Tech University Relative to Implementation of the M.S. Program in Engineering and Technology Management. As no further progress reports are deemed necessary, the program is hereby granted full approval.

3. Center for Applied Teaching and Learning to Yield Scientific Thinking (CATALYST)

On motion of Regent Robinson, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant full approval for the Center for Applied Teaching and Learning to Yield Scientific Thinking (CATALYST) at Louisiana Tech University for a period of five years from this date. By March 1, 2006, the University shall submit a progress report to the Commissioner of Higher Education, updating efforts to secure needed external funding to support continued Center operations.

B. South Louisiana Community College

On motion of Regent Robinson, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the AY 2002-2003 Progress Report from South Louisiana Community College Relative to the Implementation of Three Associate Programs: (1) the A.A.S. in Emergency Health Science, (2) A.S. in Criminal Justice; and (3) A.S. in Industrial Technology. The next progress report shall be due May 1, 2004.

C. Louisiana State University-Shreveport - B.S. in Community Health

On motion of Regent Robinson, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to authorize the implementation of the B.S. program in Community Health (CIP Code 51.2207) at Louisiana State University-Shreveport, beginning Fall, 2003. By July 1, 2004, the University shall submit a subsequent progress report to the Commissioner of Higher Education addressing future faculty needs

for the program.

PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE/CURRICULAR REVISIONS*A. Southern University-Baton Rouge***1. Request to Establish a Department of Criminal Justice**

On motion of Regent Robinson, seconded by Regent Oliver, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the request from Southern University-Baton Rouge to establish a new Department of Criminal Justice within the Nelson Mandela School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs, effective immediately.

2. Request to Establish a Department of Rehabilitation and Disability Studies

On motion of Regent Robinson, seconded by Regent Oliver, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the request from Southern University-Baton Rouge to establish a new Department of Rehabilitation and Disability Studies within the College of Sciences, effective immediately.

B. Southern University-Shreveport

On motion of Regent Robinson, seconded by Regent Oliver, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to terminate the Certificate program in Diagnostic Medical Sonography (CIP Code 51.0910) at Southern University-Shreveport, effective immediately.

TEACHER EDUCATION INITIATIVES**A. Evaluations of Redesigned Teacher Preparation Programs**

On motion of Regent Robinson, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for redesigned teacher preparation programs as follows:

- 1. Grades 7-12 French Foreign Language Program at Southern University-New Orleans;**
- 2. Grades 1-6, 7-12, and Mild/Moderate Special Education Non-Master's/Certification Only Alternate Certification Programs at Nicholls**

State University;

3. **Grades PK-3, 1-6, 4-8, 7-12, and Mild/Moderate Special Education Non-Master/Certification-Only Alternate Certification Programs at Southern University-Baton Rouge; and**
4. **Grades 1-6 and 7-12 Undergraduate Teacher Preparation Programs at Loyola University of New Orleans.**

B. Staff Recommendations Relative to Proposed University-District Subgrant

On motion of Regent Robinson, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant a FY 2003-2004 Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning University-District Subgrant award in the amount of \$12,500 to Dillard University, once all stipulations have been addressed to the satisfaction of the LAICU representative and a Board of Regents representative. No further action will be required by the Board of Regents.

SACS ISSUES - CHANGE IN SCOPE FOR THE L. E. FLETCHER AND SOWELA
CAMPUSES OF THE LOUISIANA TECHNICAL COLLEGE

On motion of Regent Robinson, seconded by Regent Oliver, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the request from the Louisiana Community and Technical College System to recognize Louisiana Technical College L. E. Fletcher and Sowela campuses as "Technical Community Colleges" within the LCTCS.

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING
REPORT OF JUNE 25, 2003

On motion of Regent Robinson, seconded by Regent Oliver, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Report of June 25, 2003, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JUNE 25, 2003

On behalf of Regent Levy, Chair of the Legislation Committee, Mr. Donald Vandal, Deputy

Commissioner for Administration, presented the Legislation Committee Meeting Report of June 25, 2003.

Mr. Vandal informed the Board of the monies received in increased operational enhancements and funding for mandated costs. Deputy Commissioner Vandal said that Louisiana's public colleges and universities will also sustain an estimated budget cut of about \$8 million as a result of legislative action. He further expressed the Commissioner's appreciation to the Governor and the Legislature for continuing to make education a priority.

He noted that Mr. Marvin Roubique, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Facilities, provided an update on the \$878 million in higher education capital outlay projects included in the capital outlay bill.

Mr. Vandal stated that Deputy Commissioner Reed provided an update on the bills and resolutions impacting postsecondary education which passed during the 2003 Legislative Session. He reminded the Board that the Gubernatorial Run-Off Election Forum sponsored by the Board of Regents and the State Department of Education will be held the second week of October.

ADOPTION OF THE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JUNE 25, 2003

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Smith, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Legislation Committee Meeting Report of June 25, 2003, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JUNE 25, 2003

On behalf of Regent Strong, Chair of the Facilities and Property Committee, Mr. Marvin Roubique presented motions from the Finance Committee Report of June 25, 2003.

REVIEW OF ATHLETIC BUDGET FROM UNIVERSITY OF NEW ORLEANS

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the FY 2002-2003 Athletic Budget for UNO and that a plan for compliance with the Board of Regents' Policy for State Fund Usage in Athletic Programs be submitted as a component of the FY 2003-2004 Athletic Budget.

FUNDING FORMULA REVISION

Mr. Roubique noted that no action was taken on the update given on the progress of developing possible revisions for the Postsecondary Education Funding Formula.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Roubique said there was discussion about utility rates at various institutions. He pointed out that even though utility rates currently were not as high as several years ago, it was possible for a return to those levels. Committee members agreed that while the staff had pursued this same objective two years ago for all of higher education, it was time to again request the appropriate state agencies to work with the Regents to formulate a bulk energy purchasing program.

ADOPTION OF THE FINANCE MEETING REPORT OF JUNE 25, 2003

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Smith, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Finance Committee Meeting Report of June 25, 2003, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

Regent Strong noted that, during the legislative session, funding for postsecondary education improved for the new fiscal year. He noted that the budget includes a provision of funds for mandated costs, continued community college and technical college development, performance and quality improvements, and other initiatives. He noted that funding would also accrue to the institutions due to the 3% tuition increase as well as the academic enhancement fees to be imposed for the new academic

year. However, the state's financial outlook beyond next fiscal year is at least uncertain if not hazardous.

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to direct the Commissioner of Higher Education and his staff to meet with the system offices to develop plans and strategies for the allocation and appropriate/best use of all new funds, particularly mindful of the goals and objectives of the Master Plan. The plan should specifically address the distribution and use of the:

- 1. Community and Technical College and Academic Center development funding of \$5,000,000;**
- 2. Performance and Quality Improvement Funding of \$5,250,000;**
- 3. Healthcare Workforce Development funding of \$2,700,000; and**
- 4. All other areas of funding enhancement.**

Additionally, the Commissioner is directed to have the systems and institutions prepare specific budget plans and reports for the allocation and use of funds derived from the new tuition and fee levies, which should be incorporated into the FY 2003-04 operating budget submissions, and which shall be subject to final approval of the Board of Regents.

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JUNE 25, 2003

On behalf of Regent Levy, Mr. Marvin Roubique presented motions from the Facilities and Property Committee Report of June 25, 2003.

SMALL CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport
North Campus Renovations for Quality Standards
\$250,000 Restricted Self Generated Funds
Previously approved for \$200,000

Southeastern Louisiana University

Television Production Studio

\$301,032 Building Use Fees and/or Operating Funds.

University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Angelle Hall Percussion Wing Addition

\$300,000 Other - Building Use Fees

Northwestern State University

Residence Hall Fiber Optic

\$250,645 Auxiliary Funds

McNeese State University

Construct Parking Lot at Cowboy Stadium

\$345,000 Auxiliary Funds

LSU at Alexandria

Modular Building

\$219,648 Total

\$90,000 Capital Outlay

\$129,648 Auxiliary Funds

LSU and A&M

Chick-Fil-A Hood Replacement

\$349,500 Auxiliary Funds

\$290,000 Previously Approved

Johnson Hall Roof Replacement

\$305,000 State Funds

\$225,000 Previously Approved

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the small capital projects report as presented by staff.

CAPITAL OUTLAY FOR FY 2003-2004 STATUS REPORT

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to require that items in House Bill No. 2 that were not in the Regents' capital outlay recommendation be submitted to the Board for review and approval before any funding is expended.

AMENDMENTS TO CAPITAL OUTLAY FOR FY 2003-2004

Mr. Roubique pointed out that a request was made to consider for inclusion in the Capital Outlay Bill a project from Southern University and A&M to increase funding for the Dormitory, Phase III project by \$2,300,000 to provide for unforeseen changes mandated by the project and for inflation.

Mr. Roubique advised the Committee that due to time constraints, the emergency approval procedure was utilized to approve the project.

REVISED DRAFT OF FACILITIES POLICY UPDATE

Mr. Roubique presented an update relative to alternative means of financing section and two new sections that were added to the revised Facilities Policy, and indicated that the revised policy would be brought before the Committee for its consideration in August.

PROJECTS UTILIZING ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF FINANCING

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the lighting retrofit project at Louisiana Tech University in the amount of \$1.7 million utilizing alternative means of financing.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Roubique cited Regent Robinson's questions on whether state capital projects are available for participation by small and/or disadvantaged businesses, and whether there were in place and in practice policies, programs, or revised statutes that would ensure such participation on a reasonable basis. He said that staff would investigate and report its findings to the Committee and to Regent Robinson, along with further revision of the Facilities Policy to include a section relative to small and disadvantaged businesses in capital projects.

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JUNE 25, 2003

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Oliver, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Meeting Report of June 25, 2003, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JUNE 25, 2003

On behalf of Regent Henry, Vice Chair of the Executive Committee, Mr. Donald Vandal presented motions from the Executive Committee Report of June 25, 2003.

Mr. Vandal remarked that since there was a vacated seat on the Board by Regent William T. "Ron" Roberts, Jr., a Nominating Committee would need to not only nominate officers for the Board, but also fill a vacant slot on the Executive Committee. He noted that Regents D'Aquin, Brame, Henry, Robinson and Strong would make up the Nominating Committee, and the Committee would meet Thursday morning, June 25, 2003 before the regular Board meeting.

UPDATE ON DESEGREGATION

Mr. Vandal noted that the Executive Committee entered into Executive Session to discuss desegregation issues. A roll call was taken. The Executive Committee reconvened in open session and the Chair noted that no votes or action had been taken while in Executive Session.

ADOPTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JUNE 25, 2003

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Executive Committee Meeting Report of June 25, 2003, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

PRESENTATION ON LOUISIANA WORKREADY! AND CONFERENCE UPDATE

Dr. Clarke introduced Dr. Lisa Vosper, Assistant Commissioner for Accountability and Workforce Initiatives, who made a presentation on *Louisiana WorkReady!* and the conference held in early June entitled "What is the Talk All About?" He mentioned that two years ago a white paper was developed on how to address economic and workforce issues on a statewide basis.

Dr. Vosper noted that in 2001, the Board of Regents had convened partners from several state agencies to discuss coordinating assessment among and between agencies. She said this entity became known as the Louisiana Interagency Collaborative and was comprised of representatives from the Board of Regents, the Departments of Correction, Education, Social Services, State Civil Service, Labor, the Louisiana Community and Technical College System, and the Louisiana Workforce Commission. Dr. Vosper gave a powerpoint presentation which gave background information as well as the timeline of the Collaborative. Dr. Vosper mentioned that the *Louisiana WorkReady!* conference held on June 9-11, 2003, in Baton Rouge was a huge success.

Regent Robinson inquired as to how this information is being communicated to small businesses in the state. He said that small businesses struggle with getting skilled workers. Dr. Vosper said that since the conference, she has received at least 15 requests to visit each region of the state to share the information. She further stated that she has been sending the powerpoint presentation out to those who attended the conference so they can present it at Rotary Clubs, Chambers of Commerce, etc. She also said that the information needs to be shared with our colleges and universities, particularly the Louisiana Community and Technical College System because it works hand-in-hand with businesses in its area.

Regent Robinson suggested linking *Louisiana WorkReady!* with the Urban League which has a

lot of programs for workers.

Regent Henry suggested going to local weekly newspapers and cable programs to let them know what *Louisiana WorkReady!* is all about. She said that Deputy Commissioner Reed could no doubt get a campaign together. She said it would be helpful to work with the freshman fairs and reach those students in high school who need assistance in soft skills.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER

The Commissioner informed the Board of several matters.

- Tulane University received a five-year grant totaling \$4.3 million to establish a center for the preparation, quality testing and distribution to researchers of adult stem cells. The funding agency is the National Center for Research Resources, an arm of the National Institutes of Health;
- Recognized three campus heads who are either retiring or leaving the state – Dr. Donald Ayo from Nicholls State University; Dr. Greg O'Brien from the University of New Orleans; and Dr. Terence Kelly from Delgado Community College;
- The Board of Regents and the Department of Education is hosting an Educational Leadership Summit is being held at Pennington Research Center on Friday, June 27 to bring together key university and district personnel to meet with national leaders and discuss changes that need to occur as educational leadership programs are redesigned by Louisiana's universities and districts during 2003-2004;
- Dr. Savoie will attend an upcoming meeting of the CASE Board of Trustees; a meeting sponsored by the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education with the SHEEO Accountability Committee; State Higher Education Executive Officers meeting;
- Thanked the Governor and the Legislature for their investments in postsecondary education;
- Welcomed the new student member of the Board, Adonis Ducre';
- Applauded outgoing student member, Steven Sumbler for his assistance with major initiatives during the year. Dr. Savoie congratulated him on being one of the first in his

family to graduate from an institution of higher learning;

- Next Committee and Board meetings will be August 27 and 28.

OTHER BUSINESS

Regent Smith noted the many years of dedicated service by Dr. Donald Ayo, President of Nicholls State University. Mr. Smith said that Dr. Ayo has devoted his entire adult life to education in the State and especially the southeast region of Louisiana. He mentioned that Dr. Ayo's last day as president of Nicholls State University is Friday, June 27, 2003.

On motion of Regent Smith, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to direct the staff to prepare a formal resolution to acknowledge Dr. Donald Ayo, President, Nicholls State University for his 46 years of service and the last 20 years as President of the University, and that this Board present the resolution to Dr. Ayo at his convenience.

On motion of Regent Smith, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to thank the Commissioner of Higher Education and the staff for their hard work during the legislative session this year.

On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to direct the staff to prepare a resolution to acknowledge the many accomplishments of Dr. Greg O'Brien while Chancellor of the University of New Orleans and invite him to an upcoming meeting to receive the resolution.

On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to direct the staff to prepare a resolution to acknowledge Dr. Terence Kelly, Chancellor of Delgado Community College and invite him to an upcoming meeting to receive the resolution.

Regent Henry notified the Board that there is an adjustment in the date of the December Committee and Board meetings. The meetings will be held December 10 and 11, 2003, in the Thomas Jefferson Room in the Claiborne Building. The Board of Regents and the Board of Elementary and

Secondary Education will hold a joint meeting on the morning of December 11, 2003.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Vice Chair Henry declared the meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.