

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

September 24, 2003

The Board of Regents met in regular session at 2:10 p.m., Wednesday, September 24, 2003, in the Louisiana Purchase Room of the Claiborne Building, 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:

Scott Brame
Richard D'Aquin
Frances Henry, Vice Chair
Stanley J. Jacobs
Robert Levy
William Oliver
W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr.
Virgil Robinson
Clifford Smith
Pat Strong, Secretary
Artis Terrell, Jr.
Roland Toups, Chair

Absent: Billy Blake
Reggie Dupré
Adonis Ducre, Student Member

MINUTES APPROVEDAPPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 28, 2003

On motion of Regent D'Aquin, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of August 28, 2003, as circulated.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Chair Toups recognized Dr. Gregory O'Brien for his 16 years of service as Chancellor of the University of New Orleans with a presentation of a resolution from the Board in his honor. Dr. O'Brien acknowledged the recognition shown him by the Board and mentioned that it has been a privilege to serve as a chancellor in this state. He also noted that the quality of people in Louisiana has kept him here for many years and that Louisiana's economic future lies with the universities. Regents Jacobs also thanked Chancellor O'Brien for his friendship and service to the state.

PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEEPLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT
OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2003

On behalf of Regent Oliver, 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 September 24, 2003.

PROPRIETARY SCHOOLS

On motion of Regent Oliver, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve an initial operating license for ProScribe Voice Reporting Institute, located in Lake Charles, Louisiana.

On motion of Regent Oliver, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve a change of ownership for Central Louisiana School of Therapeutic Massage, located in Alexandria, Louisiana.

On motion of Regent Oliver, seconded by Regent Strong, 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):

**American School of Business (09/27/01)
Baton Rouge College--Slidell (08/24/00)
Baton Rouge School of Computers (8/28/97)
Camelot College (08/28/86)
Coastal College--Alexandria (08/28/97)
Coastal College--Lake Charles (09/28/00)
Crescent City School of Gaming & Bartending (09/14/83)
Franklin College-New Orleans (09/12/80)
H&R Block-Alexandria (08/26/93)
H&R Block-Baton Rouge (2) (08/26/93)
H&R Block-Barataria (08/26/93)
H&R Block-New Orleans (08/26/93)
H&R Block-Pineville (08/26/93)
H&R Block-Shreveport (08/26/93)
H&R Block-Slidell (08/26/93)
H&R Block-Sulphur (08/26/93)
H&R Block-W. Monroe (08/26/93)
Houston Marine Training Services (09/10/75)
Medical Training College (08/22/96)
MedVance Institute of Baton Rouge (09/27/01)
Mercy Educational Institute (08/25/94)
Metropolitan Community College (08/26/93)
New Horizons Computer Learning Center-Lafayette (07/13/00)
PeachTree School of Dental Assisting, Inc. (08/22/02)
Professional Chef's Institute of the South (09/27/01)
Professional Technology "Pro Tech" Technical Training Institute, Inc. (08/22/96)**

REPORT FROM THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

Dr. Clarke made reference to the "Preliminary Enrollment Report" for fall 2003 and focused on the likely impact of enrollment when full implementation of admissions criteria at most 4-year institutions begin in Fall 2005.

Dr. Clarke said that the Board of Regents will host an all-board workshop on October 9 at which Noel-Levitz consultants will present a review of the enrollment management process and findings from fall enrollment.

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2003

On motion of Regent Oliver, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Meeting Report of September 24, 2003, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEEACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2003

On behalf of Regent Henry, Vice 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 September 24, 2003.

PROPOSED ACADEMIC PROGRAM – LOUISIANA TECHNICAL COLLEGE - ASCENSION – A.A.S. IN PROCESS CONTROL TECHNOLOGY

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Smith, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the proposed A.A.S. program in Process Control Technology (CIP Code 15.0699) at Louisiana Technical College-Ascension, effective immediately. By August 1, 2004, the College shall submit to the Commissioner of Higher Education a report addressing weaknesses and problematic areas identified in the staff summary and analysis.

PROGRESS REPORTS ON CONDITIONALLY APPROVED PROGRAMS/CENTERS

Nicholls State University - M.S. in Marine and Environmental Biology

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the AY 2002-2003 Progress Report from Nicholls State University Relative to the Implementation of the M.S. program in Marine and Environmental Biology. The next progress report shall be due October 1, 2004.

Southeastern Louisiana University - M.A. in Organizational Communications

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 receive the AY 2002-2003 Progress Report from Southeastern Louisiana University Relative to the Implementation of the M.A. Program in Organizational Communication. The next progress report shall be due October 1, 2004.

Louisiana Delta Community College – A.S. in General Science, A.A.S. in Business Technology, and A.S. in Early Childhood Education

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive AY 2002-2003 Progress Reports from Louisiana Delta Community College Relative to Implementation of the A.S. Program in General Science, A.A.S. in Business Technology, and A.S. In Early Childhood Education. The next progress reports relative to these programs shall be due October 1, 2004.

Louisiana State University and A&M College – Hurricane Center

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Smith, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the Hurricane Center at Louisiana State University and A&M College for five years from this date. If upon expiration of this term the University decides to continue Center operations, LSU shall submit a subsequent request to the Commissioner of Higher Education for additional authorization.

Louisiana State University and A&M College – Center for Rotating Machinery

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 Center for Rotating Machinery at Louisiana State University and A&M College for five years from this date. If upon expiration of this term the University decides to continue Center operations, LSU shall submit a subsequent request to the Commissioner of Higher Education for additional authorization.

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY-SHREVEPORT - RED RIVER WATERSHED
MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE

On motion of Regent Henry, 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 Red River Watershed Management Institute at Louisiana State University-Shreveport for five years from this date. If upon expiration of this term the University decides to continue Center operations, LSU-S shall submit a subsequent request to the Commissioner of Higher Education for additional authorization.

PROPOSED CURRICULAR/ADMINISTRATIVE REVISION – DELGADO COMMUNITY
COLLEGE - REQUESTS TO TERMINATE THE CERTIFICATE IN ELECTRONICS REPAIR
AND A.A.S. IN ELECTRICAL SERVICE TECHNOLOGY – ELECTRONICS REPAIR
PROGRAMS

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 terminate the Certificate in Electronics Repair (CIP Code 47.0101) and A.A.S. in Electrical Service Technology-Electronics Repair (CIP Code 47.0101) programs, effective immediately.

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2003

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Oliver, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Report of September 24, 2003, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE CAPITAL OUTLAY PUBLIC HEARING REPORT OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2003

On behalf of Regent Henry, Chair of the Facilities and Property Committee, Mr. Marvin Roubique, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Facilities, presented the Facilities and Property Committee Capital Outlay Public Hearing Report of September 9, 2003.

CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET REQUEST FOR FY-2004-2005 PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Roubique noted that each of the four management boards presented their capital outlay needs for FY 2004-2005 along with a status report on current projects in their respective system.

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE CAPITAL OUTLAY PUBLIC HEARING REPORT OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2003

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Capital Outlay Public Hearing Report of September 9, 2003, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2003

On behalf of Regent Henry, Chair of the Facilities and Property Committee, Mr. Marvin Roubique presented motions from the Facilities and Property Committee Report of September 24, 2003.

SMALL CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

ON MOTION OF REGENT HENRY, SECONDED BY REGENT OLIVER, 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.

University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Chimpanzee Housing Facility
\$330,000 Auxiliary Funds

Nicholls State University

Biology Phase II Renovation
\$197,260 Building Use Fees

Northwestern State University

Soccer Complex Lighting
\$165,000 Other Funds

Louisiana State University and A&M

Fire Alarm System Replacement at LSU Union
Reapproval
\$300,000 Auxiliary Funds

PROJECTS UTILIZING ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF FINANCING

ON MOTION OF REGENT HENRY, SECONDED BY REGENT LEVY, THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF

THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE THE SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY SYSTEM TO SEEK APPROVAL FROM THE STATE BOND COMMISSION FOR THE PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL HOUSING, ATHLETIC FACILITIES AND PHYSICAL PLANT PROJECT. FURTHER, THAT THE SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY SYSTEM PROVIDE COMPLETED DOCUMENTATION OF THE PROJECT AND RECEIVE FINAL APPROVAL FROM THE BOARD AT ITS NEXT MEETING.

CAPITAL OUTLAY RECOMMENDATION FOR FY 2004-2005 PRELIMINARY APPROVAL

ON MOTION OF REGENT HENRY, SECONDED BY REGENT STRONG, THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE TO APPROVE THE FY 2004-2005 PRELIMINARY CAPITAL OUTLAY RECOMMENDATION.

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2003

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Meeting Report of September 24, 2003, as presented. (*Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.*)

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2003

On behalf of Regent Robinson, Chair of the Personnel Committee, Mr. Donald Vandal, Deputy Commissioner for Administration, presented motions from the Personnel Committee Report of September 24, 2003.

ANNUAL SALARY MERIT PAY PLAN

On motion of Regent Robinson, seconded by Regent Oliver, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Personnel Committee to approve and recommend authorization to proceed with unclassified staff annual merit evaluations and implementation of cost-of-living/merit salary adjustments applicable to all unclassified staff of the Board not to exceed an average of 4%, and limited to 4% in the aggregate during FY 2003-04.

ADOPTION OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2003

On motion of Regent Robinson, seconded by Regent Smith, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Personnel Committee Meeting Report of September 24, 2003, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2003

On behalf of Regent Toups, Chair of the Executive Committee, Mr. Vandal presented the Executive Committee Report of September 24, 2003.

UPDATE ON DESEGREGATION SETTLEMENT

Mr. Vandal noted that Chair Toups announced that the Executive Committee entered into Executive Session to discuss desegregation issues. He said a roll call vote was taken with 6 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstaining, and 1 absent. Mr. Vandal said that no motions were made and no votes were taken during the Executive Session.

ADOPTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2003

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Executive Committee Meeting Report of September 24, 2003, as presented. *(Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)*

APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS' PROPRIETARY SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMISSION

Chair Toups stated that currently there are eight members on the Board of Regents' Proprietary School Advisory Commission, but a recent change in the law during the 2003 Regular Legislative Session allows an additional appointment by the Board of Regents.

On motion of Regent D'Aquin, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Rogers M. "Mickey" Prestridge, Coordinator of Legal Affairs for the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in Shreveport, as a member on the Board of Regents' Proprietary School Commission.

Regent D'Aquin remarked that Mr. Prestridge had served on the Board of Regents during the 1970s and was dedicated in his service to higher education.

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

Commissioner E. Joseph Savoie informed the Board of several upcoming events as follows:

- A televised Gubernatorial Education Forum hosted by the Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Board of Regents to be held at 7 p.m. on October 8th at Louisiana Public Broadcasting in Baton Rouge.
- An all-board workshop to be held on October 9th at the Pennington Conference Center with a luncheon to honor Governor Mike Foster for his contributions to higher education during his tenure.
- Louisiana State University at Eunice was named the USA National Champions (2-year college division) for 2003 Students in Free Enterprise. Each year, a nationwide SIFE competition

draws together thousands of students and business leaders who serve as judges to pay tribute to extraordinary educational outreach projects. *Kellogg's Frosted Flakes* carries the recognition of this achievement on the back of the cereal box.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Toups declared the meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.