

MINUTES
BOARD OF REGENTS
September 24, 1998

The Board of Regents met in regular session at 9:15 a.m., Thursday, September 24, 1998, in the Board of Regents' Auditorium, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Coordinator of Board Services, Ms. Helen Johnson, called the roll and a quorum was established.

Present for the meeting were:

Harold Callais, Chairman
Mary Ella Sanders, Vice Chairman
Richard D'Aquin, Secretary
E. Edwards Barham
Reggie Dupré
John Georges
Frances Henry
Ron Roberts
Ryan Gatti, Student Member

Absent:

Michael Dees
John Keller
George Luffey
Norbert Simmons
Pat Strong
Roland Toups

MINUTES APPROVED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 27, 1998

On motion of Regent D'Aquin, seconded by Regent Dupré, the Board voted to approve the minutes of August 27, 1998, as circulated.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEEXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF SEPTEMBER 23, 1998

On behalf of Chairman Callais, Mr. Donald Vandal, Deputy Commissioner for Administration, presented motions from the Executive Committee Meeting Report of September 23, 1998.

OATH OF OFFICE - RYAN GATTI

Mr. Vandal reported that Mr. Ryan Gatti from the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center was administered the oath of office as the new student member of the Board of Regents. Chairman Callais assigned him to the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee, the Technology Committee, and the LUMCON Committee.

UPDATE ON DESEGREGATION SETTLEMENT

Mr. Vandal reported that Ms. Johnson, Assistant to the Commissioner for Desegregation Compliance, informed the Board that a formal reply from the Monitoring Committee to the Commissioner's letter regarding River Parishes Community College would be forthcoming.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Executive Committee to amend the Board of Regents' bylaws to include the new standing committee, *Board Development*. This Committee would study the internal functions of the Board, including the review of Board policies and procedures.

Appointed to this newly formed committee are Regent Henry, Chair; Regent Strong, Vice Chair; Regent D'Aquin, Regent Toups and Regent Sanders.

UPDATE ON COMMUNITY COLLEGE/TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

Mr. Vandal reported that on Saturday, October 3, 1998, eighteen proposed constitutional amendments will be on the ballot. Proposed Amendment #1 provides for a community college/technical college system.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF SEPTEMBER 23, 1998

On motion of Chairman Callais, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Executive Committee Meeting Report of September 23, 1998, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF SEPTEMBER 23, 1998

On behalf of Regent Roberts, Chairman of the Facilities and Property Committee, Mr. Marvin Roubique, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Facilities, presented motions from the Facilities and Property Committee Meeting Report of September 23, 1998.

CAPITAL PROJECTS COSTING LESS THAN \$300,000

Southern University-A&M

Acquisition of Developed Land
\$190,000 Other Funds

Southeastern Louisiana University Cafeteria Chiller Replacement

\$185,000 Auxiliary Funds

Taylor Hall Showers Renovation

\$199,000 Auxiliary Funds

LSU-Baton Rouge

Install Air Conditioning, Gym Armory
\$192,500 State Funds

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the projects.

CAPITAL OUTLAY FOR FY 1999-00 - PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to extend the deadline for submission of business plans for self-generated projects to November 1, 1998. If a business plan is not received by November 1, 1998, the project will be deleted from the Board's recommendations. All business plans will be reviewed by the staff and presented to the Board for final action at its second meeting in January 1999. Only projects with business plans accepted by the Board will remain in the recommendations.

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to adopt the staff's preliminary recommendations for FY 1999-2000 Capital Outlay Request.

OTHER BUSINESS

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve a correction to the August 1998 Facilities and Property Committee Report to reflect the source of funding and construction as the LSU-Alexandria Foundation for the Child Care Center at LSU-Alexandria.

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the lease request for space for use by the Southern University Athletic Department.

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF SEPTEMBER 23, 1998

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Meeting Report of September 23, 1998, 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 SEPTEMBER 23, 1998

On behalf of Regent Sanders, Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee,

Dr. Carolyn Hargrave, Deputy Commissioner for Academic Affairs, presented motions from the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Report of September 23, 1998.

PRESENTATION FROM THE LOUISIANA WORKFORCE COMMISSION - MR. RONNIE ROBERT, CHAIRMAN

Dr. Hargrave reported that Mr. Robert made a presentation to the members of the committee on the goals of the Workforce Commission.

PROGRESS REPORTS FOR CONDITIONALLY APPROVED PROGRAMS- UNIVERSITY OF NEW ORLEANS-Certificate and M.S. in Engineering

On motion of Regent Sanders, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee that:

- 1. Full program approval is hereby granted for the M.S. program in Engineering Management (CIP Code 14.3001) at the University of New Orleans; and**
- 2. The Board of Regents hereby terminates the Certificate program in Engineering Management (CIP Code 14.3001) at the University of New Orleans.**

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF SEPTEMBER 23, 1998

On motion of Regent Sanders, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Report of September 23, 1998, 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 SEPTEMBER 23, 1998

On behalf of Regent Dupré, Vice Chairman of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee, Dr. Wayne Brown, Deputy Commissioner for Planning, Research and Performance,

presented motions from the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Meeting Report of September 23, 1998.

ACT 129 OF 1991 (LICENSURE)

On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve an operating license for Pearl River Community College to offer practicum experiences in Louisiana for its students enrolled in the institution's associate degree in nursing program.

On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve an operating license for Southwest Mississippi Community College to offer practicum experiences in Louisiana for its students enrolled in the institution's associate degree in nursing program.

On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve an operating license for Southern Arkansas University to offer practicum experiences in Louisiana for its students enrolled in the institution's associate degree in nursing program.

PERFORMANCE/INCENTIVE CRITERIA

On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve the six performance/incentive funding criteria recommended by the staff for incorporation within the formula for initial funding during the 1999-2000 fiscal year. The Committee further recommends that the Board of Regents authorize the Commissioner of Higher Education to appoint and appropriately charge the seven performance/incentive funding task forces recommended by the staff to be activated during the 1998-1999 fiscal year.

On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to instruct the staff to continue to work with the management boards, institutions, and consultants (Brenda Albright and Dennis Jones) to (1) study the potential of including additional performance/incentive funding criteria for funding in fiscal years subsequent to 1999-2000, (2) identify those criteria which are most appropriate for use in rewarding performance,

and (3) identify those criteria which are most appropriate for use as incentives to alter institutional behavior.

UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR RAPIDES PARISH

On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to accept the University Center for Rapides Parish Annual Report.

BOARD OF REGENTS' 1998-99 STUDENT TRANSFER GUIDE AND GENERAL EDUCATION ARTICULATION MATRIX

On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to adopt the Board of Regents' 1998-99 Student Transfer Guide and General Education Articulation Matrix as a final draft. The Board authorizes the Commissioner of Higher Education to make any necessary revisions to the document prior to its official publication.

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF SEPTEMBER 23, 1998

On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Meeting Report of September 23, 1998, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Savoie began by extending condolences to Regent Luffey for the death of his brother and to John Kemp, Associate Commissioner for Communications, for the death of his stepfather.

Dr. Savoie reminded Board members that they had authorized him to establish the Industrial Targets Advisory Committee. This committee will assist in the establishment of higher education task forces for each of the industrial targets identified by the Department of Economic

Development. He notified the Board that a meeting will be held Monday, September 28, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Burden Center for the Industrial Target Advisory Committee to recommend ways in which the higher education community can assist the State in achieving a more aggressive economic development and diversification program. The Commissioner noted that this is directly connected with the presentation made to the Board on Wednesday by Mr. Stephen Perry, Chief of Staff, Governor's Office, and by Mr. Mark Drennen, Commissioner of Administration.

Dr. Savoie then referred members of the Board to an opinion received from the Attorney General's office regarding the authority of higher education management boards and their institutions to employ independent certified public accounting firms to perform certain financial examinations. (See Appendix A.)

In closing, the Commissioner commented that this was National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week and recognized these institutions. He also extended congratulations to the University of New Orleans which celebrated its 40th anniversary on September 19, 1998.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Callais recognized Regent Gatti who introduced Chancellor John J. Costonis, the newly appointed chancellor of the L.S.U. Paul Hebert Law Center. Chancellor Costonis addressed the Board and stated that the Law Center provides very important public services to the State. He continued by saying that it was experiencing fiscal difficulties but he sensed an exciting desire here to see that the Law Center move forward.

Chairman Callais recognized Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for

Sponsored Programs. Dr. Davidson referred board members to the report on the Review of the Endowed Chairs for Eminent Scholars Program and stated that it would be discussed in committee at its October meeting.

Chairman Callais then recognized Regent Dupré who spoke about Proposed Constitutional Amendment #1.

On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent Roberts, the Board voted unanimously that upon passage of proposed Constitutional Amendment #1 which establishes a new management board for community and technical colleges, Chairman Callais arrange for a meeting of the Board of Regents with Governor Foster to 1) assure the Governor of the commitment of the Board of Regents to work with and support the new management board, 2) stress the importance of the appointments to the new board, 3) emphasize the critical nature of the duties of the new board, and 4) note that the Board of Regents understands the importance and difficulties associated with bringing together the community and technical colleges into an effective, consolidated system.

Chairman Callais recognized Regent Gatti who introduced Ravis Martinez, from the University of Southwestern Louisiana, currently serving as the student member of the Board of Trustees in the University of Louisiana System.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Callais declared the meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

