

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

OCTOBER 23, 2008

The Board of Regents met in session at 9:35 a.m. Thursday, October 23, 2008, at Southern University-Shreveport in the SUSLA Metro Center, Room 311 in Shreveport, Louisiana. Chair Pat Strong called the meeting to order. Executive Assistant Carolyn Blanchard called the roll and a quorum was established.

Present for the meeting were:

Scott Brame
Richard D'Aquin
Ingrid Labat
Robert Levy
W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr.
Mary Ellen Roy
Victor Stelly
Harold Stokes
Pat Strong
Artis Terrell, Jr.
Joseph Wiley

Absent for the meeting were:

Robert Bruno
Maurice Durbin
Donna Klein
Roland Toups
Jamey Arnette

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Strong noted that no written requests were received for public comments and asked whether the audience had any comments at the time. There were none.

Chair Pat Strong recognized Representative Patrick Williams and Senator Lydia Jackson in the audience. He mentioned that Shreveport is blessed to have these two legislators representing the Shreveport community.

MINUTES APPROVED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2008

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of September 25, 2008.

APPROVAL OF 2009 SCHEDULE OF BOARD OF REGENTS' MEETINGS

On motion of Regent Terrell, seconded by Regent Stokes, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2009 schedule of Board of Regents' meetings.

WELCOME AND PRESENTATION BY DR. RAY BELTON, CHANCELLOR, SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AT SHREVEPORT

Dr. Ray Belton, Chancellor, Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA), welcomed the Board of Regents to Shreveport. He shared a power point presentation about the campus highlighting the following points:

- The mission of the university is to display a quality of excellence, integrity, viability, accountability and customer service;
 - SUSLA is ranked 44th in the nation in producing African-Americans graduates;
 - In 2007, the University of Texas at Austin recognized SUSLA as a national top performer;
 - Enrollment is 2,449 for the fall 2008 semester;
 - Nursing program has graduated 2 classes. The first graduating class had a 91.4% passage rate on the NCLEX; while the second graduating class had a 98.0% passage rate;
 - The Metro Center, their current downtown location, was purchased in 2006; and
 - The Aerospace Technology Center assists with meeting workforce needs in northwest Louisiana. Entry level salary for graduates will be no less than \$50,000. On October 29, SUSLA is accepting a donation of a 727 jet for the program.
- Dr. Belton said he looks forward to continuing his work with the Board of Regents.

Chair Strong noted that the strong leadership and staff assembled by Dr. Belton has resulted in many accomplishments.

Dr. Sally Clausen, Commissioner of Higher Education, took the opportunity to honor and recognize Dr. Leonard Barnes, an education pioneer in the Shreveport area and the second

Chancellor of SUSLA. She invited Senator Jackson to escort Dr. Barnes' wife, Ms. Dorthea Barnes, to the witness table, as his representative. Dr. Clausen noted that Dr. Barnes was Chancellor for 20 years, and he retired in 1987. She next invited Mr. Artis Terrell and Mr. W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr., members of the Board of Regents, for remarks about Dr. Barnes.

Regent Terrell said that Dr. Barnes influenced the lives of many students and faculty. He remarked that he remembers a stadium being named after Dr. Barnes. Mr. Terrell said that normally you could not name a stadium after someone who was alive, but since there was strong community support, the Booker T. Washington High School Stadium was named "Leonard Barnes Stadium".

Regent Rasberry said he has known Dr. Barnes for many years; in fact, Mr. Rasberry's father cherished the friendship he had with Dr. Barnes and their work toward integration. He said Dr. Barnes was a good football coach and a diligent man.

Dr. Belton mentioned that Dr. Barnes was always there for him, and he considered Mrs. Barnes "a true first lady".

Senator Jackson said Dr. Barnes was a gifted leader, armed with wisdom, an inspiration to many.

Dr. Clausen said Dr. Barnes insisted that his football players keep education as their top priority, not sports. She said he opened many doors of opportunity for students. The Board members presented a gift of recognition, a reproduction of a doorknob from the State Capitol, to Mrs. Barnes, in honor of Dr. Barnes.

Mrs. Barnes said she was surprised today and knows that Dr. Barnes will be so happy with his gift of recognition.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Before consideration of the agenda, Chair Strong entertained a motion to dispense with a reading of each Committee report but, rather, adopt the minutes and the reports and entertain the motions contained in each *in globo*.

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to dispense with a reading of each committee report and adopt the reports and approve the actions and motions contained in each report *in globo*.

ACTIONS APPROVED IN GLOBO

FINANCE COMMITTEE (Operating Budget Hearings on October 15 and 16, 2008)

ADOPTION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF OCTOBER 15 AND 16, 2008

Adopt the Finance Committee Report of October 15 and 16, 2008. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

**ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE
REPORT OF OCTOBER 22, 2008**

Adopt the Planning, Research and Performance Report of October 22, 2008.
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LICENSURE

**Approval of license renewals for Delta College of Arts and Technology, Inc. and
ITT Technical Institute.**

BOARD OF REGENTS' OPERATIONAL PLAN, 2009-10

Approval of the Board of Regents' Operational Plan, 2009-10.

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

**ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT OF
OCTOBER 22, 2008**

**Adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of October 22,
2008.** *(Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)*

PROPOSED ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Baton Rouge Community College - A.A.S. in Accounting Technology

**Grant conditional approval for the proposed Associate of Applied Science
program in Accounting Technology (CIP Code 52.0302) at Baton Rouge
Community College, effective immediately.**

- 1. By April 1, 2010, the College shall submit a report to the
Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs addressing the
following:**
 - a. The hiring of one additional full-time Accounting
faculty in time for AY 2010-2011;**
 - b. Numbers of students and graduates; and**
 - c. Placement of graduates.**

2. **Beginning September 1, 2010, and annually on that date until further notice, annual reports addressing “b” and “c” above only shall be due to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs.**

LTC - Florida Parishes Campus - A.A.S. in Criminal Justice

Grant conditional approval for the Associate of Applied Science program in Criminal Justice (CIP Code 43.0104) at LTC-Florida Parishes Campus. Implementation of the program shall be delayed until staff is provided evidence of successful hiring of a full-time instructor to coordinate the program. Beginning September 1, 2009, and annually on that date until otherwise indicated, a report shall be due to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs addressing the following:

1. **Adequacy of faculty and other resources;**
2. **Numbers of students and graduate;**
3. **Placement of graduates; and**
4. **Status of dual enrollment of secondary students in the program.**

Southern University at Shreveport - A.S. in Event Management

Grant conditional approval for the proposed Associate of Science (A.S.) in Event Management degree program (CIP Code 19.0604) at Southern University at Shreveport, effective immediately.

By August 1, 2009, and on that date annually thereafter until otherwise indicated, the University shall submit a progress report to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs addressing the following:

1. **The hiring of an additional, full-time faculty member for Fall 2009;**
2. **An assessment of future program faculty needs;**
3. **Numbers of program enrollees/completers and placement of graduates; and**
4. **Status of program accreditation.**

PROPOSED LETTER OF INTENT - UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT MONROE -
MASTER OF NURSING ADMINISTRATION

Grant approval for the proposed Letter of Intent for the projected online Master of Science in Nursing Administration (CIP Code 51.1602) at the University of Louisiana - Monroe.

PROPOSED NEW ACADEMIC/RESEARCH UNITS

Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at New Orleans

1. South Louisiana Institute for Infectious Disease Research

Grant two-year, conditional approval for the proposed South Louisiana Institute for Infectious Disease Research at the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at New Orleans. This approval shall be effective immediately and valid through July 31, 2010. Prior to that date, the institution shall submit to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs a request for full approval. Should such request not be received by the aforementioned date, the Board of Regents shall re-examine the continuing need for this unit.

2. Louisiana Vaccine Center

Grant one-year, conditional approval for the proposed Louisiana Vaccine Center at the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-New Orleans. This approval shall be effective immediately and valid through July 31, 2009. Prior to that date, the institution shall submit to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs a request for full approval. This proposal should in particular address those concerns referenced in the staff summary. Should such request not be received by the aforementioned date, the Board of Regents shall re-examine the continuing need for this unit.

Louisiana State University Pennington Biomedical Research Center - Institute for Dementia Research and Prevention

Grant one-year, conditional approval for the proposed Institute for Dementia Research and Prevention (IDRP) at the Louisiana State University Pennington Biomedical Research Center, effective immediately through September 30, 2009. Prior to that date, the institution shall submit to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs a request for full approval. Should such request not be received by the aforementioned date, the Board of Regents shall re-examine the continuing need for this unit.

PROPOSED REAUTHORIZATIONS OF PREVIOUSLY APPROVED UNITS*University of New Orleans - Center for Hazards Assessment, Response, and Technology (CHART)*

Grant continued approval for the Center for Hazards Assessment, Response, and Technology (CHART) at the University of New Orleans through June 30, 2013. At that time, the University shall submit a request for reauthorization of center status and provide the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs with a progress report detailing Center activities to-date and external funding secured to afford future Center operations. Should such request not be received by the aforementioned date, the Board of Regents shall re-examine the continuing need for this unit.

Louisiana State University at Shreveport - Red River Watershed Institute

Grant continued approval for the Red River Watershed Institute at Louisiana State University-Shreveport through September 30, 2013. At that time, the University shall submit a request for reauthorization of Institute status and provide the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs with a progress report detailing activities to-date and external funding secured to afford future operations. Should such request not be received by the aforementioned date, the Board of Regents shall re-examine the continuing need for this unit.

Louisiana Tech University - Center for Entrepreneurship and Information Technology

Grant continued approval for the Center for Entrepreneurship and Information Technology (CEnIT) at Louisiana Tech University through September 30, 2013. At that time, the University shall submit a request for reauthorization of center status and provide the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs with a progress report detailing center activities to-date and external funding secured to afford future center operations. Should such request not be received by the aforementioned date, the Board of Regents shall re-examine the continuing need for this unit.

Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at New Orleans - The Epilepsy Center

Grant continued approval for the Epilepsy Center at the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at New Orleans through September 30, 2013. At that time, the University shall submit a request for reauthorization of center status and provide the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs with a

progress report detailing Center activities to-date and external funding secured to afford future Center operations. Should such request not be received by the aforementioned date, the Board of Regents shall re-examine the continuing need for this unit.

PROGRESS REPORTS ON CONDITIONALLY APPROVED PROGRAMS

Delgado Community College - A.A.S. and Certificate Programs in Horticulture Technology

Receive the 2008 Progress Report from Delgado Community College relative to the implementation of the Certificate and Associate of Applied Science Programs in Horticulture Technology. By August 1, 2009, the College shall submit a report to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs addressing the following:

- 1. Corrective steps taken to increase numbers of program completers;**
- 2. Numbers of program enrollees and completers; and**
- 3. Placement of program graduates.**

Louisiana Technical College - Baton Rouge - A.A.S. in Occupational Education

Receive the AY 2007-08 Progress Report from the LTC-Baton Rouge relative to the implementation of the A.A.S. in Occupational Education. By August 1, 2009, the College shall submit a further progress report to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs documenting:

- 1. Numbers of enrollees;**
- 2. Timely progress of students toward degree completion;**
- 3. Numbers of graduates; and**
- 4. Placement of graduates.**

Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at New Orleans - Ph.D. in Biostatistics

Receive the Progress Report relative to implementation of the Ph.D. Program in Biostatistics at the LSUHSC-NO.

As required by previous Regents action, the next report shall be due August 31, 2009, and annually on that date until CEPH accreditation has been achieved by the School of Public Health, the LSUHSC-NO shall submit to the Associate

Commissioner for Academic Affairs a progress report addressing the following:

1. **Numbers of students/graduates/placement of graduates, when applicable;**
2. **Updates on faculty workload;**
3. **Documentation of the use of adjunct faculty, graduate teaching associates and distance learning technology to distribute teaching load/effect interactions with closely related state institutions (LSUHSC-S, LSU A&M, UNO, La Tech, Pennington); and**
4. **Progress toward CEPH accreditation.**

RESEARCH UNIT TERMINATIONS***Southern University and A&M College***

Terminate the Urban Recreation Research Center at Southern University and A&M College, effective immediately.

University of Louisiana at Lafayette - Center for Business and Economic Research

Terminate the Center for Business and Economic Research (CBER) at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette effective immediately.

TEACHER EDUCATION INITIATIVES - REPORT ON THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Stokes, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval of the appointment of the following individuals to the Blue Ribbon Commission for Educational Excellence with two other appointments forthcoming at a later date:

1. **Dr. Randy Moffett, President, University of Louisiana System (representing university presidents);**
2. **Dr. Diane Allen, Southeastern Louisiana University (representing the public College of Education Deans); and**
3. **Dr. Patricia Morris, Dillard University (representing the private College of Education Deans)**

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT OF OCTOBER 22, 2008

Adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Report of October 22, 2008.

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SMALL CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

Approval of the Small Capital Projects Report as presented by the staff.

Coates Hall Classroom Renovation - Rooms 234, 236, and 237 - Louisiana State University and A&M College

\$130,000 from State Funds

Paul M. Hebert Law Center Law Clinic Renovation - Louisiana State University Law Center

\$397,000 from State Funds

Miller Hall Roof Project - Louisiana State University and A&M College

REAPPROVAL from \$250,000 to \$325,000 from State Funds

FY 2009-2010 CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET RECOMMENDATION

Approval of the FY 2009-2010 Capital Outlay Budget Recommendation.

PROJECTS UTILIZING ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF FINANCING

Approve the project for the Renovation of and Addition to the Student Union at Southeastern Louisiana University utilizing alternative means of financing.

ACT 971 PROJECTS

Approve the Act 971 submittals for the following institutions: Southern University and A&M College, the Southern University Law Center, Southern University at Shreveport, Nunez Community College, Grambling State University, Southeastern Louisiana University, and the University of Louisiana at Monroe.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

ADOPTION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF OCTOBER 22, 2008

Adopt the Finance Committee Report of October 22, 2008. *(Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)*

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF THE FY 2008-09 OPERATING BUDGETS

Approval of the FY 2008-2009 Operating Budget Submissions.

REVIEW OF FORMULA FUNDING DEVELOPMENT

Authorize the staff to continue to work with the System Presidents in refining the formula and in development of budget proposals directed at implementing the formula.

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT OF OCTOBER 22, 2008

Adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of October 22, 2008. *(Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)*

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ADOPTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT OF OCTOBER 22, 2008

Adopt the Executive Committee Report of October 22, 2008. *(Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)*

BOARD OF REGENTS' STAFF COST-OF-LIVING PROPOSAL

Approval of an unclassified staff merit evaluation and pay plan 3% on the average.

ENDOWED CHECK PRESENTATION

Dr. Clausen next recognized two campuses, the University of Louisiana at Monroe (ULM) and Southern University at Shreveport and their donors today at the Endowed Check presentation.

Regents Strong and Levy presented a check in the amount of \$40,000 to Dr. Mark Doherty, Department Chair, Department of Kinesiology, at ULM for the George L. “Chip” Luffey Endowed Professorship in Kinesiology. Dr. Clausen said that Mr. George Luffey, former member of the Board of Regents, has funded four scholarships in his late son’s name. She said Mr. Luffey had recently been honored at ULM with a Lifetime Achievement Award for his generosity, community service and leadership.

Regents Strong, Rasberry and Terrell presented a check in the amount of \$120,000 to Dr. Kassie Freeman and Mr. Tolor White of the Southern University System along with Senator Lydia Jackson, Representative Patrick Williams, and Dr. Ray Belton for two professorships in the name of Jack Binion/Shreveport Endowed Professorship in Business. Dr. Freeman said she was honored to have the Regents in Shreveport, and she said the SUSLA campus was a model for all Southern University campuses.

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

Dr. Clausen once again thanked Dr. Belton for his “Jaguar” hospitality. She also expressed gratitude to Regent Rasberry for hosting the Regents and staff at dinner on Wednesday night.

She continued by listing activities since the last Board meeting as well as upcoming events ranging from working with staff from the Governor's office, attending national board meetings and presenting endowed check presentations.

ADJOURNMENT

Regent Strong thanked everyone for being here and stated there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.