

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

DECEMBER 7, 2006

The Board of Regents met in session at 10:15 a.m. on Thursday, December 7, 2006, in the Thomas Jefferson Room (136 A & B) of the Claiborne Building, 1201 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, 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:

Roland Toups, Chair  
Pat Strong, Secretary  
William Blake  
Scott Brame  
Richard D'Aquin  
Stanley Jacobs  
Ingrid Labat  
Robert Levy  
W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr.  
Mary Ellen Roy  
William Smith  
Harold Stokes  
Artis Terrell, Jr.

Absent for the meeting were:

Frances Henry, Vice Chair  
Terry C. Landry, Jr.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

**MINUTES APPROVED**

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 25, 2006

**On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted**

**unanimously to approve the minutes of October 25, 2006.**

**RECOGNITION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW ORLEANS' NEW EDUCATIONAL LEADERS**

Dr. Jeanne Burns, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs for Teacher Education, reminded the Board that all Educational Leadership programs were redesigned. She said the University of New Orleans (UNO) is the first university to graduate educational leaders from the redesigned programs. Dr. Burns noted that 20 individuals started the program the summer before Hurricane Katrina. She said that 10 of the 20 overcame many challenges and returned to New Orleans to finish the program after the hurricane.

Dr. Burns then introduced Dr. James Meza, Dean of Education, from the University of New Orleans. Dr. Meza thanked the Board of Regents and the Wallace Foundation for providing the monetary support needed for the Educational Leadership program. He said the university is committed to developing high quality teachers and leaders for urban schools.

Dr. Meza next introduced Dr. Juanita Haydel, Professor in the Educational Leadership Program at UNO. He mentioned that Dr. Haydel worked tirelessly and before the university had even reopened its doors, she was searching for missing students scattered across the country. Dr. Haydel expressed concern whether her colleagues or students survived the hurricane and flooding.

Dr. Roslyn Smith, University/District Coordinator for the Wallace Foundation grant, explained that she worked with Dr. Haydel and the university to bring together the Orleans Parish School Board, the Recovery School District and the School Leadership Center to find educational leadership residency placement for the 10 students who returned. Dr. Smith

introduced a spokesperson for the group, Ms. Bronwyn Robinson.

Ms. Robinson expressed her appreciation for the university's belief in Cohort #1. She said they have been trained to be outstanding educators and administrators. She said they were faced with many challenges – some having to leave families behind due to the hurricane and one even having a baby during the program. Ms. Robinson said they are now prepared to make an impact in the state that will resound throughout the nation.

Chair Roland Toups and Commissioner of Higher Education Joseph Savoie presented each student with a certificate from the Governor's office recognizing their achievements. Receiving the certificates were: Bronwy Robinson, Avis Flint, Mark Baily, William Logan Crowe, Maryellen Kelly, Shawn Persick, Lois Jones, Tanya Barrow-Hill, Nicolette London and Juaquana Stewart.

#### **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

#### **JOINT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM AND BOARD OF REGENTS ( NOVEMBER 15, 2006)**

#### **GRAMBLING UNIVERSITY NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, ET AL VS. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM, ET AL**

Ms. Connie Koury, Legal Counsel, stated that the Joint Executive Committees of the University of Louisiana System and Board of Regents met on November 15, 2006, and the meeting was chaired by Jimmy D. Long, Sr. Ms. Koury noted that the Committees voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session and upon return into open session, noted that no motions were made while in Executive Session.

After returning to open session, the following motion was made:

**On motion of Ms. Burkhalter, seconded by Mr. Pugh, the Joint Executive Committee of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System and the Board of Regents voted unanimously to direct the attorneys for the state to proceed with due dispatch to first file appropriate notices and motions in order to take appropriate action on behalf of the Board of Supervisors and the Board of Regents to have these suits dismissed and, thereafter, to ask for sanctions pursuant to Federal Rule 11 and the rules of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Louisiana.**

ADOPTION OF THE JOINT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING - BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM AND BOARD OF REGENTS REPORT OF NOVEMBER 15, 2006

**On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to ratify the Joint Executive Committee Meeting of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System and Board of Regents Report of November 15, 2006. (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 December 6, 2006.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS RELATIVE TO THE STATEWIDE REVIEW OF LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSING (LPN) PROGRAMS

**On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Blake, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to approve the following:**

**Immediate Actions**

- 1. Prior to implementation of actions suggested by the LCTCS in its Action Plan, the staff recommends that the LCTCS be directed to institute immediately a comprehensive review of LPN needs and resources within each new service district.**
  - a. A complete demographic profile (population by number, age, sex, location, income, occupation, perceived health needs, etc.);**

- b. **A complete physician office/nursing home/ hospital/ clinical/other medical facility sites profile (number, type, location, regional service area, educational outreach, current personnel, anticipated personnel needs, current patient population, anticipated patient population, etc.)**
- c. **A complete collegiate profile (number, type, faculty, staff, equipment, facilities, regional service area, current student population, current student base, etc.)**
- d. **Any other desirable area profile which the LCTCS believes would be helpful.**

**The results of these assessments shall be used by the LCTCS to refine its approach to addressing recommendations of the Statewide Review Committee.**

2. **The Board of Regents shall recommend that the Health Works Commission provide additional funding of LCTCS efforts to strengthen LPN education. In particular, since such funding would be from surplus one-time monies, emphasis shall be placed on plans that quickly address the most pressing issues. Student retention is an area which deserves special attention. The LCTCS and Regents staff shall work together to provide the Health Works Commission with a coordinated plan and budget.**

#### **Intermediate Actions**

3. **The timeline for the accomplishment of recommendation 1. above shall be January 1 - March 15, 2007. The LCTCS shall forward copies of these reports to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs. By June 1, 2007, the LCTCS shall submit a revised Action Plan which specifically sets forth changes to be undertaken and a compressed timeline to do such, consistent with both the recommendations of the Statewide Review Committee and staff comments relative to specific LPN program recommendations. This revised Action Plan shall resolve the following critical issues for each service district:**
  - a. **The appropriate redesign of LPN nursing education programs to include:**
    - **At least one, fully articulated LPN-Diploma/ADN-RN**

- program in each district using a 1+1 curricular model;**
- An appropriate number of terminal LPN Diploma Programs;**
- An appropriate number of CNA and other applicable allied health paraprofessional “feeder” programs which can lead to either immediate licensure or entrance into the 1+1 LPN/ADN or terminal LPN programs; and**
- A comprehensive remediation program for students needing general education assistance or reentry into nursing education programs.**

**Regarding the need for numbers of LPN programs, the LCTCS should be guided in part by the findings of the Statewide Review Committee and the staff analysis of numbers of programs per population in states with similar size to Louisiana.**

- b. The appropriate redesign and redistribution of nursing education programs to allow students to enroll in programs offered at a variety of times (starting in different semesters, at nighttime, on weekends) and through a variety of modes (classroom, distance learning, web-based).**
- c. The appropriate development, acquisition, and assignment of essential resources (faculty, facilities, equipment, clinical sites, etc.) to nursing education campuses, based on nursing education programs to be offered.**
- d. A student development and support system which addresses their needs for financial support, life support (child care), and academic support, taking into consideration student abilities to perform and the level of educational pursuit.**
- e. A clear set of academic standards required of each student to enter into and succeed in varied levels of nursing education. These standards should not be needlessly prohibitive, but should reflect the realities of student capacities required to succeed.**
- f. An active and aggressive system of faculty support and development, including both opportunities and requirements for continuing education, degree advancement, and professional development.**
- g. A progressive plan for the solicitation of external support needed**

to afford required resources.

- h. The development of District LPN Advisory Committees, representing all affected parties within each area, which seek to support regional nursing education programs. These Advisory Committees shall report to the Statewide LPN Coordinator and the LTC Regional Directors.

#### **Intermediate and Long-Term Actions**

4. The State of Louisiana, the Board of Regents, and the LCTCS must provide necessary resources required of comprehensive LPN education reform as described in this document. Besides a past history of chronic underfunding, the rapid evolution of nursing practice today requires that related education programs be afforded more and increasing sophisticated faculty, more flexible and responsive curricula, up-to-date medical equipment and facilities, and access to a variety of medical settings to ensure a quality educational experience. Student needs must be addressed more effectively than in the past to ensure that lack of essential supporting resources is not the cause of student failure. While significant savings could be realized from the redistribution of existing resources currently underutilized or inappropriately utilized, the State must consider all viable options (enhanced state resources, increased student tuition rates, student program fees, etc.) to address this critical issue.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS RELATIVE TO STATE LICENSURE AND REGULATION OF LPN PROGRAMS**

**On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to approve the following:**

##### **Immediate and Intermediate**

**It appears that current Louisiana nursing licensure/regulation law may present some barriers to the most effective and efficient use of the State's nursing education system, particularly with regard to LPNs. Accordingly,**

1. The Board of Regents shall immediately form a Task Force for Nursing Licensure and Regulation Law Clarification.
2. This Commission shall be composed of representatives from essential

**stake holders, including, but not limited to:**

**The Governor's Office**

**The Louisiana House of Representatives**

**The Louisiana Senate**

**The Louisiana State Board of Nursing**

**The Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners**

**The Louisiana Board of Regents**

**The Louisiana Community and Technical College System**

3. **The Task Force shall decide on a mode of operation which seeks and encourages the input of all interested and affected parties.**
4. **The Task Force shall seek the advice and guidance of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing during its deliberations. The Board of Regents shall engage the services of a consultant from the Council to assist the Task Force in its efforts.**
5. **The Task Force shall compare and contrast current state law for the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners, and any other state agency with nursing licensure/regulation/practice oversight to standards contained in the 2004 National Council for State Boards of Nursing "Model Nursing Practice Act and Model Nursing Administrative Code" and make recommendations for needed changes. At the core of these discussions shall be the resolution of three primary questions:**
  - a. **What, if any, components of state law need updating to reflect the most current standards for nursing licensure and regulation?**
  - b. **What, if any, barriers exist in state law which inhibit the implementation of the Statewide Review Committee's recommendations regarding LPN education in Louisiana?**
  - c. **What, if any, changes are needed in state law to address the findings of a and b above?**
6. **The Commission shall submit its findings relative to 5. above to the Governor and Legislature in time for the introduction and consideration of appropriate legislation during the 2007 Regular Legislative Session. If during its work, the Task Force identifies any problematic issues or barriers in current administrative code, this group shall refer these items to the appropriate nursing board for its review and action.**



TEACHER EDUCATION INITIATIVES

## A. REPORT OF THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION FOR EDUCATION EXCELLENCE

Mr. Killebrew noted that Ms. Frances Henry, Board of Regents and Glennie Lee Buquet, Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, will continue serving as the co-chairpersons for the Blue Ribbon Commission during 2006-2007.

**On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to approve the appointment of the following individuals to serve on the Blue Ribbon Commission for Educational Excellence:**

1. **Dr. John Crain (Southeastern Louisiana University) – Representative of University Provosts;**
2. **Dr. Connie Walton (Grambling State University) – Representative of College of Arts/Science Deans;**
3. **Dr. Carmen Riedlinger (Our Lady of Holy Cross College) – Representative of Private College of Education Deans/Directors;**
4. **Dr. Phyllis Sanders (University of Louisiana-Monroe) – Representative of PK-16+ Initiatives; and**
5. **Leigh Jefferson (Southern University and A&M College) – Representative of Pre-service Teachers.**

## B. EVALUATION OF REDESIGNED INITIAL TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAMS AND GRADUATE PROGRAMS FOR TEACHERS AND EDUCATIONAL LEADERS

**On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to approve the following redesigned programs:**

1. **The Master of Education in Special Education with a concentration in Instructional and Assistive Technology (CIP Code: 13.1099) at Southeastern Louisiana University.**
2. **The Master of Education in Special Education with a concentration in Significant Disabilities - Advanced Knowledge (CIP Code: 13.1006) at the University of New Orleans.**

PROPOSED STATEWIDE BUSINESS COURSE ARTICULATION MATRIX – AY 2006-2007

**On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Labat, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to approve the AY 2006-2007 Board of Regents Statewide Business Course Articulation Matrix.**

REPORTS OF THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER

Mr. Killebrew said that updates were given on the following items:

- A. Louisiana's Participation in the American Diploma Project
- B. Status of Reviews of Conditionally Approved Programs
- C. Status of Reviews for Proposed Programs/Units
- D. Staff Approval of Routine Academic Requests

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT OF DECEMBER 6, 2006

**On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Blake, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of December 6, 2006. (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 December 6, 2006.

SMALL CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

**On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent Labat, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the small capital projects as listed:**

**Sewer Line Replacement - Southern University in New Orleans  
\$160,000 from self-generated sources.**

**Renovation of Biomedical Lab Equipment in Collier Hall -**

**Southern University-Shreveport  
\$139,915 from grants.**

**Replace Domestic Hot Water Boilers at Evangeline Hall - LSU A&M College  
\$260,000 from auxiliary funds.**

**Install Fire Sprinkler, Upgrade Fire Alarm, and Install Grid Ceilings in  
Hallways at Louise Garig Hall - LSU A&M College  
\$250,000 from auxiliary funds.**

**Replace Domestic Hot Water Boilers at Louise Garig Hall - LSU A&M College  
\$200,000 from auxiliary funds.**

**Renovate Laundry Areas in Buildings in Horseshoe Dorms - LSU A&M College  
\$200,000 from auxiliary funds.**

**Install Automatic Fire Sprinkler and Extend Corridor Walls in McVoy Hall -  
LSU A&M College  
\$349,000 from auxiliary funds.**

#### ACT 959 PROJECTS

**On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the renovation of the Pentagon Dining Hall at Louisiana State University and A&M College under the provisions of Act 959 of 2003. The project is estimated to cost \$3,000,000.**

**On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent Labat, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the renovation of the H&PE Building at Southern University in New Orleans under the provisions of Act 959 of 2003. The project is estimated to cost \$1,858,000.**

#### ACT 971 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 work to be performed utilizing funds under the provisions of Act 971 of 1985 as listed:**

**Grambling State University (\$216,595)  
Northwestern State University (\$1,267)**

**Southeastern Louisiana University (\$17,503)**  
**University of Louisiana at Monroe (\$33,220)**  
**Delgado Community College (\$349,546)**  
**Southern University and A&M College (\$955,608)**  
**Southern University Law Center (\$295,344)**  
**Southern University in Shreveport (\$66,428)**

#### AMENDMENT TO CAPITAL OUTLAY

**On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent Labat, the Board voted unanimously to accept as amended the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to amend its FY 2001-2002 and FY 2005-06 capital outlay recommendations to include the acquisition of approximately 4.74 acres of land along Highway 80 adjacent to and north of the Bossier Parish Community College campus at a cost of \$1,100,000. An appraisal was completed, and the asking price is at fair market value.**

#### EXPEDITED APPROVAL REPORT

Mr. Griswold noted that officials from Louisiana State University and A&M College requested approval to seek funding from the Interim Emergency Board (IEB) to cover \$1,400,000 associated with a force main sewage system rupture adjacent to Alex Box Stadium which affected the railroad crossing. Mr. Griswold continued by stating that the use of the expedited approval was sought because the IEB was scheduled to meet prior to the December 2006 meeting of the Board of Regents.

#### SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOND PROJECT STATUS REPORT

Mr. Griswold noted that an update was given on the Southern University Bond Project which includes construction of a residence facility and athletic department improvements at Southern University and A&M College and the acquisition of the 610 Texas Street facility in Shreveport at a cost of approximately \$68 million.

#### ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT OF DECEMBER 6, 2006

**On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Report of December 6, 2006. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

### **PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Labat, Vice 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 December 6, 2006.

### LICENSURE

**On motion of Regent Labat, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to issue an initial license for Delta College of Arts & Technology, located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.**

**On motion of Regent Labat, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to renew licenses of the following institutions:**

1. **Baton Rouge College**
2. **Grantham University**
3. **Herzing College**

### PROPRIETARY SCHOOLS

**On motion of Regent Labat, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve the recommendations as submitted by its Advisory Commission including:**

1. **initial operating licenses for Fishers of Men Training and Career Development Center, LLC, located in Lafayette, Louisiana, Livingston Parish Technical College, LLC, located in Livingston, Louisiana, and Tulsa Welding School, located in Tulsa, Oklahoma.**
2. **license renewals of the following proprietary schools (initial license date in parentheses):**

**Acadiana Area Career College (10/22/97)**  
**Ayers Institute (10/25/90)**  
**Becker Professional Review--Baton Rouge (10/24/96)**  
**Becker Professional Review--Lake Charles (12/09/04)**  
**Becker Professional Review--New Orleans (10/24/96)**  
**Coastal College--Baton Rouge (09/28/00)**  
**Compass Career College (09/23/04)**  
**Crosby Court Reporting Center (10/28/93)**  
**Delta College, Inc. (10/26/95)**  
**Delta College, Slidell Branch (09/23/04)**  
**Diesel Driving Academy--Shreveport (06/21/73)**  
**Eastern College of Health Vocations (10/28/99)**  
**MedVance Institute of Baton Rouge (09/27/01)**  
**Nursing Assistant Network Association (10/27/94)**  
**Professional Institute of Court Reporting (10/27/94)**  
**South Louisiana Institute of Massage, LLC (10/28/99)**  
**Thomas Training & Development Center, Inc. (10/26/95)**  
**Training Academy for Dental Assistants (08/23/04)**  
**Unitech Training Academy, West Monroe (09/23/04).**

- 3. License renewal with stipulations for Crescent City School of Gaming & Bartending (09/14/83). However, prior to resuming classes, the institution must have completed the following tasks:**
  - a. submitted for staff approval a plan detailing steps to be taken to reopen; and**
  - b. submitted to staff copies of the necessary permits/clearances from the appropriate local/state officials.**

**In addition, a site visit from the Board of Regents' Proprietary School Section Staff will be undertaken within 30 days of the school's reopening.**

**On motion of Regent Labat, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to authorize the staff to initiate the process of promulgating the Rules and Regulations for the Administration of the Proprietary Schools Law.**

**On motion of Regent Labat, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to authorize the staff to develop and distribute a Request for Proposal for the delivery of technical and community college services at the Learning Center for Rapides Parish, with services to begin as soon as summer, 2007.**

REPORT FROM THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER

Dr. Tremblay said updates were given on several matters:

1. Continuing growth in the percentage of high school graduates taking the core;
2. A video segment from LPB's "The State We're In" regarding the state of education in Louisiana. The video summarized Miles to Go, a study conducted by the Southern Education Foundation.

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF DECEMBER 6, 2006

**On motion of Regent Labat, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee Report of December 6, 2006. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Regent Rasberry, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented motions from the Nominating Committee Report of December 6, 2006.

NOMINATION OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2007

**On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Blake, the Board voted unanimously to approve the recommendation of the Nominating Committee to accept the following nomination of officers for 2007:**

**Chair: Regent Pat Strong**  
**Vice Chairman: Regent Scott Brame**  
**Secretary: Regent Artis Terrell**

NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2007

**On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Blake, the Board voted unanimously to approve the recommendation of the Nominating Committee unanimously to accept the nomination of the Executive Committee as follows for 2007:**

**Chair Pat Strong  
Vice Chair Scott Brame  
Secretary Artis Terrell  
Regent Richard D'Aquin**

**Regent Stanley Jacobs  
Regent W. Clinton Rasberry  
Regent Mary Ellen Roy**

**NOMINATION OF MEMBER(S) TO SERVE ON THE LOUISIANA STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE COMMISSION (LASFAC) FOR 2007**

**On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Blake, the Board voted unanimously to approve the recommendation of the Nominating Committee to accept the nominations of Regent Stanley Jacobs and Regent Pat Strong to serve as the Regents' representatives on the Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission (LASFAC) for 2007.**

**ADOPTION OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT OF DECEMBER 6, 2006**

**On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Blake, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Nominating Committee Report of December 6, 2006. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Toups, Chair of the Executive Committee, Mr. Donald Vandal, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, presented the Executive Committee Report of December 6, 2006.

**PRESENTATION BY DR. FRED CERISE, SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HOSPITALS ON THE FUTURE OF HEALTHCARE DELIVERY IN LOUISIANA**

Mr. Vandal said that Dr. Fred Cerise, Secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals, gave a power point presentation on the future of healthcare in Louisiana which focused on the work and recommendations of the Health Care Reform Collaborative and how



health care delivery can be improved in Louisiana.

GRAMBLING UNIVERSITY NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, ET AL VS. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM, ET AL AND LITIGATION REGARDING CO-GENERATION ENERGY PROJECT

Mr. Vandal said the Executive Committee entered into Executive Session to discuss desegregation issues. He explained that the Executive Committee later reconvened in open session and no votes or actions were taken while in Executive Session.

ADOPTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT OF DECEMBER 6, 2006

**On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Executive Committee Report of December 6, 2006.**  
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**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER**

Commissioner Savoie reported on the following items:

- A special session of the legislature begins on December 8, 2006;
- Installation of Board of Regents' officers will be on January 4, 2007;
- The next regularly scheduled Committee and Board meetings will be January 24-25, 2007.

Regent Toups thanked Dr. Savoie and the staff for being the "best in the business." He also appreciated the time he spent serving as Chair and congratulated the new officers for 2007.

ADJOURNMENT

**On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Rasberry, there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.**