

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

APRIL 23, 2009

The Board of Regents met in session at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, April 23, 2009, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, 1201 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Artis Terrell called the meeting to order. Executive Assistant Carolyn Blanchard called the roll and a quorum was established.

Present for the meeting were:

Charlotte Bollinger  
Scott Brame  
Richard D'Aquin  
Maurice Durbin  
Donna Klein  
Ingrid Labat  
Mary Ellen Roy  
Victor Stelly  
Harold Stokes  
Artis Terrell, Jr.  
Joseph Wiley

Absent for the meeting were:

Jamey Arnette  
Robert Bruno  
Robert Levy  
W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr.  
Roland Toups

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

**MINUTES APPROVED**

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MARCH 26, 2009

**On motion of Regent D'Aquin, seconded by Regent Stokes, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of March 26, 2009.**

**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Roy, Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Mr. Gerard Killebrew, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, moved to dispense with the reading of the report in its entirety and present only the motions.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS RELATIVE TO THE REVIEW OF SELECT LOW-COMPLETER PROGRAMS**

**On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to approve the Staff Recommendations Relative to 168 Select Low-Completer Programs and 1 Non-Low-Completer Program, including the termination of 87 of these programs as outlined in Sections E 1 and 2 above. Affected system and campuses shall proceed with actions required of these recommendations forthwith. By December 1, 2009, the staff will update the Committee and Board on the most recent completer numbers for programs that have been recommended as “conditionally maintained.”**

**On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Bollinger, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to authorize the staff to proceed with planning for the review of closely-related duplicated programs as described in Section E 3 of the staff summary.**

**PROPOSED PROGRAM TERMINATIONS**

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

- A. University of Louisiana at Lafayette - Request to Terminate Options**

**Within the B.S. Program in Electrical Engineering**

**Terminate the Computer Engineering and Telecommunications options within the B.S. program in Electrical Engineering at the University of Louisiana-Lafayette, effective August 2009. The University shall continue to offer this degree without separate option distinctions.**

**B. Delgado Community College - Request to Terminate the Certificate of Technical Studies (C.T.S.) in Homeland Security and Emergency Management**

**Terminate the Certificate of Technical Studies (C.T.S.) in Homeland Security and Emergency Management at Delgado Community College (CIP Code 43.9999), effective immediately.**

**PROGRESS REPORTS ON CONDITIONALLY APPROVED PROGRAMS AND UNITS**

**On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the following progress reports for conditionally approved programs and units:**

**A. University of Louisiana at Monroe - B.S. in Health Studies**

**Receive the 2007 and 2008 progress reports relative to the implementation of the Bachelor of Science in Health Studies program at the University of Louisiana at Monroe. A subsequent progress report, addressing numbers and placement of program graduates, shall be due to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs by June 1, 2010.**

**B. South Louisiana Community College – A.S. in Industrial Technology**

**Receive the October 2008 progress report relative to accreditation of the Associate of Science in Industrial Technology program (CIP Code 15.0612) at South Louisiana Community College. As program accreditation has been achieved, no subsequent reports are required and the program is hereby granted full approval.**

**C. Louisiana State University and A&M College - B.S. in Sport Administration**

**Receive the March 2009 progress report relative to the implementation of the B.S. in Sport Administration program at LSU and A&M College. As previously stipulated, the next report shall be due December 1, 2009, addressing:**

- 1. Numbers of students and graduates;**
- 2. Adequacy of faculty and resources;**
- 3. Progress toward COSMA accreditation; and**
- 4. Ongoing efforts toward collaboration with the B.S. in Sport Management program at Southeastern Louisiana University.**

**D. Northwestern State University - B.A. in Heritage Resources**

**Receive the 2009 Progress Report from Northwestern State University relative to implementation of the Bachelor of Arts program in Heritage Resources. A subsequent progress report addressing program enrollment and completion shall be submitted to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs by May 1, 2010.**

**E. Louisiana State University Agricultural Center - Louisiana Center for Rural Initiatives (LCRI)**

**Receive the April 2009 progress report from the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center relative to the budget for the Louisiana Center for Rural Initiatives. Per the most recent Board action relative to this unit, the request for reauthorization of center status shall be due to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs no later than October 25, 2010. Should such a request not be received by the aforementioned date, the Board of Regents shall re-examine the need for this unit.**

**F. Southern University at New Orleans - B.A. in Child Development and Family Studies**

**Receive the January 2009 progress report from Southern University at New Orleans relative to implementation of the B.A. program in Child Development and Family Studies. By August 1, 2010, the University shall submit a subsequent progress report to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs documenting efforts to resolve concerns expressed in the staff summary.**

REAUTHORIZATION OF PREVIOUSLY APPROVED UNIT

**On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant another year of conditional approval through June 30, 2010, for the Ernest J. Gaines Center at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. If upon expiration of this term the University decides to continue Center operations, UL-Lafayette shall submit a request for full approval. Should such a request not be received by the aforementioned date, the Board of Regents shall re-examine the need for this unit.**

PROPOSED ACADEMIC REORGANIZATION - SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA UNIVERSITY - REQUEST TO REORGANIZE/RENAME DEPARTMENTS WITHIN THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

**On motion of Regent Roy, 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 request from Southeastern Louisiana University to restructure and rename departments within its College of Business, as presented.**

REPORTS OF THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER

**On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to approve the proposed Academic Year 2009-2010 Master Course Articulation Matrix.**

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT OF APRIL 22, 2009

**On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Report of April 22, 2009. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

### **SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Klein, Vice Chair of the Sponsored Programs Committee, Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, moved to dispense with the reading of the report in its entirety and present only the motions.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE BoRSF 2008-09 COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE ENDOWED CHAIRS FOR EMINENT SCHOLARS PROGRAM**

**On motion of Regent Klein, seconded by Regent Bollinger, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee as follows:**

- 1. Incorporate recommendations 1-2, 4-7, and 9-12 into the Board of Regents' Endowed Chairs for Eminent Scholars Policy and Guidelines. The staff will discuss revisions with the LEQSF Planning Committee, including draft MOUs between the Regents and campuses as appropriate, and submit the revised policy and guidelines for the Board's consideration. (These recommendations are available in the Sponsored Programs Office.)**
- 2. Refer recommendation #3, related to increased income generation from endowments, to the Finance Committee for consideration. (This recommendation is available in the Sponsored Programs Office.)**
- 3. Approve recommendation #8, for the immediate planning and implementation of an Eminent Scholars website. (This recommendation is available in the Sponsored Programs Office.)**

#### **FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROPOSALS SUBMITTED IN THE FY 2008-09 BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT FUND (BoRSF) COMPETITIVE CYCLE**

*Endowed Chairs Component*

**On motion of Regent Klein, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve Support Fund money as necessary to complete the endowments for proposals ranked 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 in the competitive component (i.e., Proposals 002EC, 007EC, 003EC, 008EC, and 004EC). The Sponsored Programs Committee also unanimously recommended that the Board provide Support Fund money as necessary to complete the endowment for Restricted Bequest Proposal 001EC. All proposals shall comply with the written stipulations of consultants as a condition of funding. The Commissioner shall act for the Board in determining if compliance has been achieved. (Specific information is available in the BoR Sponsored Programs Office.)**

*Research and Development Component*

**On motion of Regent Klein, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve expenditure of \$1,986,240 to fund the first year of new RCS, ITRS, and ATLAS projects. These funds shall be disbursed as follows: (1) Research Competitiveness Subprogram - \$977,440; (2) Industrial Ties Research Subprogram - \$558,800; and (3) Awards to Louisiana Artists and Scholars Subprogram - \$450,000. All R&D proposals shall be funded at the levels, durations, and with the stipulations recommended by consultants. Support Fund money shall be awarded to fully fund the twenty-two (22) top-ranked RCS proposals recommended. Support Fund money shall be awarded to fully fund the eight (8) top-ranked ITRS projects recommended. Support Fund money shall be awarded to fully fund the ten (10) top-ranked ATLAS proposals recommended. While the cutoff level for funding proposals cannot be finally decided until all campus responses have been received and the final allocation for expenditure is determined, the following principles will be adhered to: (1) if the remaining money in the budget for a particular category is insufficient to fully fund the last recommended proposal for that category, the remaining funds shall constitute the total award for that proposal; (2) should an institution refuse or be denied an award, or should FY 2008-09 money be returned from previously funded Research and Development contracts, that money shall be offered to the next ranked proposal which the consultants recommended for Priority I funding within the respective subprogram, subject to the availability of funds; and (3) if there are no remaining Priority I proposals in a particular subprogram the money shall be awarded, in descending rank-order, to Priority I proposal(s) in another R&D subprogram. All R&D proposals shall be funded at the levels and with the stipulations recommended by consultants. (Specific information is available in the BoR Sponsored Programs Office.)**

*Endowed Professorships*

**On motion of Regent Klein, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to defer action on disbursement of FY 2008-09 Endowed Professorship awards until the June 2009 meeting. By that time the Board will have a clearer picture as to the total availability of funds for this program component.**

*New Traditional, Undergraduate, and Two-year Institutions Enhancement Projects*

**On motion of Regent Klein, seconded by Regent Roy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the following: (1) Traditional Enhancement Program: Money shall be taken as necessary from the \$4,179,262 dedicated to the Enhancement program in the Restricted Reserve Fund to enable the funding of FY 2008-09 Traditional Enhancement projects at the level of \$5,862,365. The \$5,862,365 recommended for expenditure for FY 2008-09 Traditional Enhancement proposals shall be awarded in the rank order and at funding levels and with the stipulations recommended by consultants, and shall be divided among the five eligible disciplines and the multidisciplinary projects as follows: Biological Sciences - \$1,102,522; Computer/Information Sciences - \$676,450; Engineering B - \$1,740,189; Humanities - \$588,967; Social Sciences - \$805,000; and Multidisciplinary - \$949,237. (2) Undergraduate Enhancement Program: The \$1,620,000 recommended for expenditure for FY 2008-09 Undergraduate Enhancement proposals shall be awarded to meritorious proposals in the rank order and at funding levels and with the stipulations recommended by consultants. (3) Enhancement Program for Two-Year Institutions: The \$1,080,000 recommended for expenditure for FY 2008-09 Enhancement Program for Two-Year Institutions proposals shall be awarded to meritorious proposals in the rank order and at funding levels and with the stipulations recommended by consultants. While the cutoff level for funding proposals in these categories cannot be finally decided until the amount of money available in the Support Fund for FY 2008-09 has been determined and all campus responses have been received, the following principles will be adhered to: (a) if the remaining money in the budget for a particular category is insufficient to fully fund the last recommended proposal for that category, the remaining funds shall constitute the total award for that proposal and (b) should an institution refuse or be denied an award, that money shall be awarded, in descending rank order, to the Priority II proposal(s) in the Enhancement Program component in which award(s) were refused or denied. (Specific information is available in the BoR Sponsored Programs Office.)**



*First Generation Endowed Undergraduate Scholarships*

**On motion of Regent Klein, seconded by Regent Roy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve funding for all applications submitted in the FY 2008-09 cycle for the First Generation Endowed Undergraduate Scholarships Program. (Specific information is available in the BoR Sponsored Programs Office.)**

*Recruitment of Superior Graduate Students Component*

**On motion of Regent Klein, seconded by Regent Roy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve funding for recommended proposals submitted in the FY 2008-09 cycle for the Recruitment of Superior Graduate Students program. Funds shall be awarded for the duration, at funding levels, and with the stipulations recommended by consultants. (Specific information is available in the BoR Sponsored Programs Office.)**

*BoRSF/SREB Graduate Fellowships to Promote Diversity Program Recommendations*

**On motion of Regent Klein, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve funding for recommended proposals submitted in the FY 2008-09 cycle for the BoRSF/SREB Graduate Fellowships to Promote Diversity Program. Funds shall be awarded for the duration and at the levels and with the stipulations which consultants recommended. (Specific information is available in the BoR Sponsored Programs Office.)**

*Contingency Plan for Budgetary Shortfall*

**On motion of Regent Klein, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the following Contingency Plan for budgetary shortfall as follows: Should the final FY 2008-09 Support Fund budget not achieve the revised amount budgeted herein, any shortfall shall be accommodated through a proportionate reduction in the amounts allocated for proposals in the Traditional Enhancement Program.**

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE BoRSF 2009-10 COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

**On motion of Regent Klein, seconded by Regent Roy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs**

**Committee to approve the proposed documents and process for the 2009-10 R&D review.** *(Specific information is available in the BoR Sponsored Programs Office.)*

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT OF APRIL 22, 2009

**On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Meeting Report of April 22, 2009.** *(Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)*

**LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Stelly, Chair of the Legislation Committee, Dr. Kim Hunter-Reed, Chief of Staff, moved to dispense with the reading of the report in its entirety and presented only the motion.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Dr. Reed noted that General Counsel Connie Koury reviewed upcoming bills that would be tracked by the Board of Regents during the upcoming 2009 Regular Legislative Session.

Listed below are some of the bills which will be tracked:

- House Bill 1
- House Bill 27 by Representative Wooton
- House Bill 794 by Representative Tucker
- Senate Bill 285 by Senator Nevers
- House Bill 189 by Representative Greene
- House Bill 673 by Representative Pope

**On motion of Regent Stelly, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Legislation Committee to authorize the Commissioner of Higher Education to act on its behalf on legislative issues that may arise during the 2009 Regular Legislative Session.**

ADOPTION OF THE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE REPORT OF APRIL 22, 2009

**On motion of Regent Stelly, seconded by Regent Roy, the Board voted**

**unanimously to adopt the Legislation Committee Meeting Report of April 22, 2009.** *(Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)*

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

Dr. Sally Clausen, Commissioner of Higher Education, gave special appreciation and thanks to the Regents' staff for all the work done in preparation for the recent presentation before the House Appropriations Committee on Tuesday, April 21, 2009. She continued by discussing the following items:

House Bill 27 Regarding Concealed Weapons

Dr. Clausen noted that there was much interest in the legislation that would legalize the carrying of concealed weapons on college campuses. This issue is being discussed in many states; in fact, several have defeated similar bills. In addition to Louisiana, seven other states have pending gun bill legislation. She informed the Board that Utah is the only state that allows guns on college campuses.

Dr. Clausen recognized Mr. Cedric Hampton, Chairman of the Louisiana Council of Student Body Presidents (COSBP) and President of the Student Government Association at the Baton Rouge Community College. She noted that Mr. Hampton would be addressing the Board on this issue of safety on our college campuses. Before he spoke, Dr. Clausen introduced a short video from the television program "20/20" on ABC News entitled "*If I Only Had a Gun.*"

Mr. Hampton thanked everyone for allowing him the opportunity to speak on an issue that directly impacts students and puts their lives at risk. He said that this is a time when many students are living away from home for the first time, and stress levels are extremely high as they try to succeed in rigorous academic environments. It is a time when social pressures might make a proliferation of guns a very dangerous proposition.

Mr. Hampton said he respects the right of our citizens to carry weapons but that right must be considered in the context of the right to be safe and the right to be educated in a safe environment. He said to insist that the best response to school violence is to place our safety in the hands of college students, rather than trained officers, is equivalent to saying that a Fortune 500 company should be run by a student who has taken first year accounting.

Mr. Hampton reiterated that HB 27 is an ill conceived idea initiated by individuals who will not have to sit in class and suffer the consequences of their decision.

He requested that the governor, the legislature and the Board of Regents join in this fight to protect students, faculty, academic freedom and the present learning environment. Mr. Hampton concluded by reading a resolution to the Regents that was adopted on April 5, 2009, by the Council of Student Body Presidents.

Mr. Hampton introduced Mr. Zealon Solomon, Chair, Student Advisory Council, University of Louisiana System. He, too, noted that student leaders are concerned with any measure that endangers the lives of students as they attend college. Mr. Solomon mentioned that last year, when allowing guns on campuses was first proposed, student body leaders from across the state urged the legislature to provide colleges and universities with the resources needed to hire more police officers, train faculty and students, and take other actions on campuses that would make them safer. He noted that the response to this request was to once again introduce a bill that would allow concealed handguns in our classrooms, cafeterias, athletic events, performing arts events, etc.

Mr. Solomon stated that giving students permission to resort to guns is not the answer. He urged the Board, along with college and university leaders, to join in opposing this life-threatening measure. He concluded by reading the resolution opposing House Bill 27 adopted on April 5, 2009, by the University of Louisiana System Student Advisory Council.

Chair Terrell thanked both Mr. Hampton and Mr. Solomon for their presentations and noted that the Regents will strongly support their actions and asked for an official motion in support.

**On motion of Regent Stelly, seconded by Regent Stokes, the Board voted unanimously to strongly support the request of the Louisiana Council of Student Body Presidents to oppose House Bill 27 which allows concealed weapons on college campuses.**

#### Administrative Professional Week

Dr. Clausen noted this was Administrative Professionals Week. She requested all of the Board of Regents' Administrative Professionals to stand and requested that Ms. Carla McMorris,

Administrative Assistant, introduce each individual. Chair Terrell thanked everyone for their assistance to the Board and Regents. She expressed appreciation for all their hard work and dedication to the Regents.

#### NGA Grant

Dr. Clausen stated that the National Governors Association (NGA) Center for Best Practices announced the selection of Louisiana as one of six states to be awarded grants to Create New Models of Teacher Compensation that Enhance Teacher Effectiveness. The grant allows representatives of Louisiana's Blue Ribbon Commission for Educational Excellence to work with other states as participants in a Policy Academy. The academy will assist the states in developing new models of teacher compensation in order to recruit new talent to the profession, retain existing talent within the profession and provide incentives for teachers to work in shortage areas and hard-to-staff schools.

The Policy Academy will pair influential state policy makers with leading national experts to help develop state-specific policy strategies. Dr. Clausen congratulated Dr. Jeanne Burns, Ms. Glenny Lee Buquet, Ms. Mary Ellen Roy, and the entire Blue Ribbon Commission for their continued work in education.

#### Current Budgetary Matters

Dr. Clausen asked Regent Wiley to read a statement from the Board of Regents regarding current budgetary matters and the expected shortfall in 2012. The statement read:

“The Board of Regents is constitutionally given budgetary responsibility for postsecondary education. We are specifically charged to make recommendations to the governor and legislature regarding budgetary matters, capital outlay, as well as consolidations and mergers of departments and institutions. The Board of Regents

recognizes and understands its constitutional authority. The Board also recognizes that the challenges are greater than they have ever been in the past.

In this time of extraordinary financial crisis across our country, our state and specifically, in Louisiana's Higher Education community, we intend to aggressively and imaginatively exercise the full authority of the Board in examining our enterprise and innovatively restructure it, as necessary, to meet the current financial reality and the near half a billion shortfall in 2012.

We will accomplish this mission while protecting the academic, educational and workforce goals we have set for higher education. We will produce more graduates and protect access. Our students remain this Board's top priority."

**On motion of Regent Wiley, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopted the statement regarding the current budgetary matters and the expected shortfall in 2012 as presented.**

#### Activities Since March 26, 2009

1. Dr. Kim Hunter-Reed gave a brief statement on the April 21<sup>st</sup> House Appropriations Committee meeting. She noted that the meeting was a great success due to the team effort of all higher education, including the Regents' staff.
2. Commissioner Clausen participated in the Towson 5-year Review which place on March 31 through April 2, 2009.
3. The Effectiveness and Efficiency Task Force has begun looking at new measures to be more cost-effective.
4. The Governor's News Conference on reducing dedicated funds was hosted by Dr. Joseph Savoie, President of the University of Louisiana Lafayette on April 8, 2009.
5. The University of Louisiana System held a news conference regarding Economic Impact on April 16, 2009.
- 6.. Commissioner Clausen will participate in the Public Affairs Research (PAR) annual conference on April 24, and
7. Dr. Clausen will speak at a meeting hosted by the Association of Louisiana Faculty Senates (ALFS) on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Roy, there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.**