

MINUTES  
BOARD OF REGENTS  
AUGUST 27, 2008

The Board of Regents met in session at 12:35 p.m. Wednesday, August 27, 2008, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Pat Strong called the meeting to order. Executive Assistant to the Commissioner, Ms. Carolyn Blanchard, called the roll and a quorum was established.

Present for the meeting were:

Scott Brame  
Robert Bruno  
Richard D'Aquin  
Maurice Durbin  
Donna Klein  
Ingrid Labat  
W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr.  
Mary Ellen Roy  
Victor Stelly  
Harold Stokes  
Pat Strong  
Artis Terrell, Jr.  
Roland Toups  
Joseph Wiley  
Jamey Arnette

Absent for the meeting was:

Robert Levy

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Strong 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 JUNE 26, 2008

**On motion of Regent D'Aquin, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of June 26, 2008.**

**PRESENTATION BY NRG ENERGY, INC. TO  
TEACH FOR AMERICA PROGRAM**

Regent Pat Strong, Chairman of the Board of Regents, informed the audience that due to the changing events regarding the approaching storm Gustav, the presentation by NRG Energy, Inc. has been rescheduled for the September Board of Regents' meeting.

**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Before consideration of the agenda, Chair Strong entertained a motion to dispense with the reading of each Committee report.

**On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to dispense with the reading of each Committee report.**

Chair Strong then entertained a motion to adopt all minutes and reports from Committee meetings held earlier and that all recommended actions and motions contained therein are approved *in globo* as if presented and approved individually.

**On motion of Regent Bruno, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt all minutes and reports from Committee meetings held earlier in the morning and that all recommended actions and motions contained therein are approved *in globo*.**

The following Committee reports contained herein were approved and adopted *in globo*.

**SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Rasberry, Vice Chair of the Sponsored Programs Committee, Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, presented motions from the Sponsored Programs Committee Report.

**LA GEAR UP RETROSPECTIVE, 2002-08; LA GEAR UP PROSPECTIVE, 2008-14**

Dr. Davidson said a presentation briefly described LA GEAR UP which spanned 2002-08 and received \$15 million from the U.S. Department of Education. He said LA GEAR UP was recently funded for an additional six years (2008-14) at a level of \$18 million.

**CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST(S) FOR MATCHING FUNDS TO SUPPORT:****A. NSF EPSCoR RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT TRACK 2 PROPOSAL**

**On motion of Regent Bruno, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to commit matching funds from previously unspent monies in the Board of Regents Support Fund as cost sharing for the NSF EPSCoR Research Infrastructure Improvement Track 2 proposal. The amount of matching funds provided for the project shall not exceed \$400,000 per year for the three-year duration of the award, for a total of \$1,200,000. Matching funds will be provided at a rate of 50% of NSF EPSCoR funding to the Louisiana portion of the grant to the consortium only if the NSF EPSCoR funding is received.**

**B. ENERGY FRONTIERS RESEARCH CENTER PROGRAM OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY PROPOSAL**

**On motion of Regent Bruno, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to commit cash match from previously unspent monies in the Board of Regents Support Fund for the Louisiana State University DOE EFRC proposal entitled "Computational Catalysis and Atomic-Level Synthesis of Materials: Building Effective Catalysts from First Principals." The amount of cash match provided shall not exceed \$931,991 for the five-year duration of the award. Matching funds are to be provided only if DOE EFRC funding is received.**

FUNDING REQUEST FROM LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY FOR K-16 PARTNERSHIPS FOR SCHOOL REFORM (K-16 PSR) PROGRAM

**On motion of Regent Bruno, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve partial funding of Louisiana Tech University's request at the level of \$30,000 for the sole purpose of providing increased documentation and dissemination of project work.**

CONSIDERATION OF REVISIONS IN THE BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT FUND:

A. ENDOWMENT INVESTMENT POLICY TO INCORPORATE THE FIRST-GENERATION ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM THEREIN

B. THE ENDOWMENT PROGRAM POLICIES

**On motion of Regent Bruno, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to adopt the revisions/additions to the "Endowed Chair, Endowed Professorship, and Endowed Scholarship Programs: State of Investment Policy and Objectives and other Endowed Program Policies. (*Copies are available in the Board's office.*)**

Dr. Davidson said updates were given on the following items: (1) 2008-09 Eminent Scholars for Endowed Chairs Program evaluation and (2) Projected 2009-10 Research and Development Program evaluation.

OTHER BUSINESS - STAFF RECOMMENDATION RELATIVE TO CHANGE OF PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR OF POST-KATRINA SUPPORT FUND INITIATIVE PROJECT

**On motion of Regent Bruno, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the request from Louisiana State University to appoint Dr. Jarek Nabrzyski as principal investigator of the Post-Katrina Support Fund Initiative project entitled The LONI Institute: Advancing Biology, Materials, and Computational Sciences for Research, Education, and Economic Development.**

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT OF AUGUST 27, 2008

**On motion of Regent Bruno, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of August 27, 2008. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

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

On behalf of Regent Stokes, Chair of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee, Dr. Larry Tremblay, Acting Deputy Commissioner for Academic and Student Affairs, presented motions from the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Report.

### **PROPRIETARY SCHOOLS**

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

**Initial licenses for (1) Healthcare Training Institute, LLC, (2) Julian Certified Nursing Assistant Training School, and (3) Yoga School, LLC.**

**License renewals for the following proprietary schools (*initial license date in parentheses*):**

**Baton Rouge College--Baton Rouge Campus (06/26/86)**

**Blue Cliff College--Alexandria (05/25/06)**

**Cameron College (06/29/83)**

**Central Louisiana Medical Academy (06/24/99)**

**Cyber Academy (Previously known as New Horizons Computer Learning Center--Shreveport) (05/25/00)**

**Delta College of Arts & Technology (06/25/92)**

**Diesel Driving Academy (06/25/87)**

**Eastern College of Health Vocations--Shreveport (05/27/04 )**

**Lafayette General Medical Center (06/27/96)**

**Louisiana Institute of Massage Therapy (06/25/92)**

**MedVance Institute (05/25/00)**

**Nashville Auto-Diesel College (05/22/03)**

**New Horizons Computer Learning Center--New Orleans (05/25/00)**

**Next Level Foundation, LLC (05/26/05)**

**Southern Medical Corporation School of Ultrasound (06/26/97)**

**On motion of Regent Bruno, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to concur with its Advisory Commission's action that the student failed to show how he had been aggrieved by actions of Coastal College.**

2008-09 HEALTH WORKS PLAN & BUDGET

**On motion of Regent Bruno, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to adopt the 2008-09 Health Works Plan & Budget.**

REPORT FROM ACTING DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

Dr. Tremblay said updates were given on the following items:

- (1) Information regarding the success of the Regents' dual enrollment program during 2007-08. He said the Regents' initiative resulted in a 65 percent growth in high school students enrolled in college courses.
- (2) The fall schedule of classes at the Learning Center for Rapides Parish had been distributed, and it was observed that ten institutions would be offering classes at the Learning Center during the Fall term, with programs ranging from the certificate to the doctoral levels.

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE  
REPORT OF AUGUST 27, 2008

**On motion of Regent Bruno, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research and Performance Report of August 27, 2008. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

**ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT**

On behalf of Regent Roy, 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.

PROPOSED ACADEMIC PROGRAMSA. GRAMBLING STATE UNIVERSITY*1. Post-Master Certificate in Developmental Education*

**On motion of Regent Bruno, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the proposed Post-Master Certificate in Developmental Education (CIP Code 13.9999) at Grambling State University, effective immediately.**

*2. M.S. Nursing - Pediatric Nurse Practitioner*

**On motion of Regent Bruno, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the Pediatric Nurse Practitioner option of the Master of Science in Nursing (CIP Code 511609) at Grambling State University, effective Fall 2008.**

- a. **By August 1, 2009, and annually on that date until the program has been reviewed by NLNAC, the University shall submit to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs a report documenting the numbers of students enrolled in and graduated from the program as well as the disposition of the graduates.**
- b. **Concurrently, the staff shall monitor student enrollment/graduation in the PNP program at Northwestern to help determine whether north Louisiana can maintain two such programs at adequate levels of student participation and production.**

B. LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AT ALEXANDRIA*1. B.A. in Communication Studies*

**On motion of Regent Bruno, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the proposed Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies degree program (CIP Code 09.0102) at Louisiana State**

**University at Alexandria, effective Fall 2008, subject to the following stipulations:**

- A. By August 1, 2009, the University shall engage the services of an additional, full-time FTE Communication Studies faculty member. A report to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs indicating that this stipulation has been addressed shall be due the same date.**
- B. Beginning August 1, 2009, and on that date annually thereafter (unless otherwise directed), the University shall report numbers of program enrollees, completers, and placement of graduates to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs.**
- C. With implementation of this program, the Communications Studies major in the existing Bachelor of Liberal Studies program is hereby terminated.**

**2. *B.A. in English***

**On motion of Regent Bruno, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the proposed Bachelor of Arts in English degree program (CIP Code 23.0101) at Louisiana State University at Alexandria, effective Fall 2008, subject to the following stipulations:**

- a. Beginning August 1, 2009, and on that date annually thereafter (unless otherwise directed), the University shall report numbers of program enrollees, completers, and placement of graduates to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs.**
- b. With implementation of this program, the English major in the existing Bachelor of Liberal Studies program is hereby terminated.**

**C. SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA UNIVERSITY**

**1. *B.S. in Engineering Technology***

**On motion of Regent Bruno, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the**



**Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the proposed B.S. program in Engineering Technology (CIP Code 15.0000) at Southeastern Louisiana University, effective immediately. Beginning August 1, 2009, and on that date annually until the program has achieved accreditation from the Accreditation Board of Engineering and Technology (ABET), the University shall submit a progress report to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs addressing the following:**

- a. Numbers of program enrollees and graduates;**
- b. Placement of program graduates;**
- c. Progress toward ABET accreditation; and**
- d. Corrective actions to address long-term concerns identified by the external consultants/staff and identified in the summary above.**

**2. *B.S. in Health Studies - Clinical Option in Radiologic Technology***

**On motion of Regent Bruno, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the Clinical Option in Radiologic Technology of the Bachelor of Science in Health Studies (CIP Code 51.0911) at Southeastern Louisiana University, subject to the following stipulations:**

- a. Upon receipt of documentation from the University indicating the engagement of an appropriately credentialed program director, the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs shall set a date for program implementation.**
- b. By June 1, 2009, a report shall be due to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs providing:**
  - i. Documentation of hiring additional appropriately credentialed full-time faculty for AY 2009-10;**
  - ii. Copies of agreements with all local providers of clinical sites to be used for training purposes;**
  - iii. A list of necessary equipment with timeline**



**Educator option enrollees/graduates, the placement of these graduates, and progress toward CCNE accreditation.**

**E. MCNEESE STATE UNIVERSITY - B.S. IN ATHLETIC TRAINING SCIENCE**

**On motion of Regent Bruno, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the B. S. program in Athletic Training Science (CIP Code 51.0913) at McNeese State University, effective immediately. Beginning August 1, 2009, and annually on that date until a CAATE program accreditation has been achieved, the University shall submit a progress report to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs addressing the following:**

- 1. Numbers of student enrollees and graduates;**
- 2. Placement of these graduates;**
- 3. Findings of the CAATE consultant hired to assess the potential candidacy status of the AT program at McNeese; and**
- 4. Progress toward CAATE program accreditation.**

**PROPOSED LETTERS OF INTENT**

**A. UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT MONROE**

***1. B.A. in Physics***

**On motion of Regent Bruno, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the proposed Letter of Intent for the projected B.A. Program in Physics (CIP Code 40.0801) at the University of Louisiana-Monroe. Any forthcoming proposal as a result of this Letter of Intent shall address long-term student interest and possible funding concerns as expressed in the staff summary.**

***2. B.S. in Instructional Design***

**On motion of Regent Bruno, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the proposed Letter of Intent for the projected B.S. Program in Instructional Design (CIP Code 13.0501) at the University of Louisiana-Monroe. Any forthcoming proposal as a result of this**

**Letter of Intent shall address possible funding concerns as expressed in the staff summary.**

**B. LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER - NEW ORLEANS  
- PH.D. IN EPIDEMIOLOGY**

**On motion of Regent Bruno, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the proposed Letter of Intent for the projected Ph.D. program in Epidemiology (CIP Code 26.1309) at the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-New Orleans. Any forthcoming proposal as a result of this Letter of Intent shall address funding concerns as expressed in the staff summary.**

**C. NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY - M.S. IN APPLIED SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

**On motion of Regent Bruno, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the proposed Letter of Intent for the projected M.S. program in Applied Science and Technology (CIP Code 30.0101) at Northwestern State University. Any forthcoming proposal as a result of this Letter of Intent shall address program delivery, duplication, and funding concerns as expressed in the staff summary.**

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

**A. SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY - NEW ORLEANS**

***1. B.A. in English***

**On motion of Regent Bruno, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to authorize implementation of the B.A. program in English (CIP Code 23.0101) at Southern University-New Orleans, effective Fall, 2008. Beginning September 1, 2009, and annually on that date until otherwise directed, the University shall report to the Associate Commissioner of Academic Affairs the following data:**

- a. Numbers of program enrollees and completers;**
- b. Placement of program graduates;**
- c. Faculty and support personnel numbers; and**

d. **Annual program budget.**

2. ***B.S. in Mathematics***

**On motion of Regent Bruno, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to authorize implementation of the B.S. program in Mathematics (CIP Code 27.0101) at Southern University-New Orleans, effective Fall, 2008. Beginning September 1, 2009, and annually on that date until otherwise directed, the University shall report to the Associate Commissioner of Academic Affairs the following data:**

- a. **Numbers of program enrollees and completers;**
- b. **Placement of program graduates;**
- c. **Faculty and support personnel numbers; and**
- d. **Annual program budget.**

3. ***B.A. in History***

**On motion of Regent Bruno, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to authorize implementation of the B.A. program in History (CIP Code 54.0101) at Southern University-New Orleans, effective Fall, 2008. Beginning September 1, 2009, and annually on that date until otherwise directed, the University shall report to the Associate Commissioner of Academic Affairs the following data:**

- a. **Numbers of program enrollees and completers;**
- b. **Placement of program graduates;**
- c. **Faculty and support personnel; and**
- d. **Annual program budget.**

**B. SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA UNIVERSITY - INSTITUTE FOR BIODIVERSITY AND INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES**

**On motion of Regent Bruno, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant continued approval for the Institute of Biodiversity and Interdisciplinary Studies (IBIS) at Southeastern Louisiana University through June 30, 2010. By that time, the University shall submit a request to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs for continued approval of the Institute, including a progress report detailing Institute activities to-date and**

**external funding secured to afford future Institute operations.**

**C. FLETCHER TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE - A.A.S. IN RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY**

**On motion of Regent Bruno, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the 2008 Progress Report from Fletcher Technical Community College Relative to Implementation of the A.A.S. Program in Radiologic Technology at Fletcher Technical Community College. By June 1, 2009, the College shall submit to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs a further progress report addressing the following:**

- 1. The status of institutional accreditation by SACS/CoC; and**
- 2. The hiring of a JCERT-qualified Radiologic Technology Program Director.**

**Depending upon the contents of the report, the staff may authorize program implementation with additional reporting required until JCERT accreditation has been achieved.**

**D. SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AND A&M COLLEGE**

***1. International Center for Information Technology and Development (ICITD)***

**On motion of Regent Bruno, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the June 2008 Progress Report Relative to Implementation of the International Center for Information Technology and Development (ICITD) at Southern University and A&M College. By June 1, 2009, the institution shall submit to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs revised annual budgets for the remaining years of Center approval.**

2. *Master of Business Administration*

**On motion of Regent Bruno, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the AY 2007-08 Progress Report Relative to Implementation of the Master of Business Administration Program at Southern University-Baton Rouge. As no further reports are deemed necessary, full approval of the program is recommended.**

E. NICHOLLS STATE UNIVERSITY

1. *B.S. in Manufacturing Engineering Technology*

**On motion of Regent Bruno, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the AY 2007-2008 Progress Report from Nicholls State University Relative to Implementation of the B.S. Program in Manufacturing Engineering Technology. By February 1, 2009, the University shall submit a progress report to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs addressing the following:**

- a. **The actual and projected numbers of AY 2008-2009 program enrollees/graduates and placement of these graduates; and**
- b. **A summary of ABET/TAC accreditation progress , along with copy of all related communication to and from ABET and Nicholls regarding this matter.**

2. *B.S. in Geomatics*

**On motion of Regent Bruno, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the AY 2007-2008 Progress report from Nicholls State University Relative to Implementation of the B.S. Program in Geomatics. By August 1, 2009, and annually on that date until ABET accreditation has been achieved, the University shall submit to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs a subsequent progress report addressing:**

- a. Numbers of enrollees and graduates;
- b. Placement of graduates;
- c. Adequacy of learning resources; and
- d. Progress toward specialized accreditation.

3. *M.S. in Community/Technical College Mathematics*

**On motion of Regent Bruno, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the AY 2007-2008 progress report from Nicholls State University relative to implementation of the M.S. program in Community/Technical College Mathematics. By August 1, 2009, the University shall submit to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs a progress report addressing the following:**

- a. The number of program enrollees and graduates for AY 2008-2009 as well as projections for at least three years (this information should be submitted annually until otherwise notified);
- b. The number of graduate assistantships allocated to the program and awarded for AY 2008-2009; and
- c. Career information on the placement of program graduates.

F. NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY - B.S. IN UNIFIED PUBLIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

**On motion of Regent Bruno, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the August, 2008 Progress Report from Northwestern State University Relative to Implementation of the B.S. Program in Unified Public Safety Administration. The next progress report shall be due August 1, 2009.**

G. UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE/SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA UNIVERSITY - CONSORTIUM FOR A JOINT ED.D. PROGRAM IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

**On motion of Regent Bruno, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the AY 2007-2008 Progress Report from the University of Louisiana-Lafayette and Southeastern Louisiana University**



**Relative to Implementation of the Consortium for a Joint Ed.D. Program in Educational Leadership. The next progress report shall be due July 1, 2009.**

**H. LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY-ALEXANDRIA**

***1. B.S. in Nursing***

**On motion of Regent Bruno, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to authorize immediate implementation of the B.S. program in Nursing at Louisiana State University-Alexandria.**

***2. B.S. in Criminal Justice***

**On motion of Regent Bruno, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the 2008 Program Report from Louisiana State University-Alexandria Relative to Resource Needs for the B.S. Program in Criminal Justice. Beginning August 1, 2009, and on that date thereafter until otherwise directed, the University shall report to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs numbers of enrollees, graduates, and the placement of these graduates.**

**I. LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY A&M COLLEGE - STEPHENSON DISASTER MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE**

**On motion of Regent Bruno, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the Stephenson Disaster Management Institute (SDMI) at Louisiana State University and A&M College through June 30, 2012, subject to the following stipulations:**

- 1. By August 1, 2009, the University shall submit a progress report to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs detailing faculty appointments affiliated with the Institute; and**
- 2. By June 30, 2010, a second progress report detailing external funding to afford Institute operations shall be due to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs.**

**Lastly, a request for reauthorization of Institute status shall be due to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs by June 30, 2012. Should this**

**request not be received by this date, the Board of Regents shall re-examine the need for this Institute.**

**J. BOSSIER PARISH COMMUNITY COLLEGE - A.A.S. PROGRAMS IN CYBER TECHNOLOGY**

**On motion of Regent Bruno, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the August, 2008 Progress Report from Bossier Parish Community College Relative to Development of Five A.A.S. Programs in Cyber Technology. Based on the contents of this report, the Committee authorizes immediate implementation for all five of these degrees. The College shall proceed cautiously and carefully with program implementation, as supported by proven industrial need for program graduates and the availability of essential resources required of high-quality programs.**

**The next progress report addressing these same matters shall be due to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs by January 15, 2009.**

**REPORTS OF THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER**

Mr. Killebrew said he gave updates on the following: (1) the status of progress reports for conditionally approved programs; (2) the status of reviews of proposed new academic programs and units; (3) staff approval of routine academic requests; and (4) his attendance at the SHEEO Professional Development Conference in San Diego, CA.

Mr. Killebrew said he and Commissioner of Higher Education Sally Clausen announced the upcoming retirement of long-time Board of Regents employee, Ms. Bessie P. Mitchell, Administrative Assistant for the Division of Academic Affairs.

**ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT OF AUGUST 27, 2008**

**On motion of Regent Bruno, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of August 27, 2008. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Brame, Chair of the Finance Committee, Mr. Donald Vandal, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, presented the Finance Committee Report of August 27, 2008.

### **FORMULA REVISION UPDATE**

Mr. Vandal said he presented a power point which reviewed the basic concepts and summary of the work underway to revise the Formula Funding mechanism.

Deputy Commissioner Vandal said that although work is still underway, the new formula mechanism would be used for the 2009-10 budget request that is due by November 1, 2008 to the Division of Administration.

### **REPORT FROM THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER**

Mr. Vandal noted that discussions had been held with Regent Brame, Chair of the Finance Committee, regarding a Finance Committee meeting in early October to review the FY 2008-09 Operating Budgets. He also reminded the Board that at an earlier meeting this year, the Health Sciences Center Funds Flow project was presented. He said that Dr. John Lombardi, President of the LSU System and Dr. Fred Cerise, Vice President, Health Affairs and Medical Education, were requested to appear at a future Board meeting, possibly in September, to outline plans for complying with the consultant's recommendations.

### **ADOPTION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF AUGUST 27, 2008**

**On motion of Regent Bruno, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Finance Committee Report of August 27, 2008. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

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

Dr. Clausen again thanked the Board for appointing her as the Commissioner of Higher Education. Dr. Clausen discussed the following items:

- (1) Introduction of the newly appointed Board member, Mr. Joseph Wiley. He is currently the vice president and general counsel for Excel Group, an industrial construction company.
- (2) Introduction of Ms. Meg Casper, Communications Director for the Board of Regents.
- (3) Request for the Board's approval to hire three additional staff members: Ms. Janet Quarles as support staff; Dr. Kim Hunter Reed as Chief of Staff and Emergency Response Coordinator; and Ms. Sharon Southall, Senior Policy Advisor.

**On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board unanimously voted to approve the recommendation of the Commissioner of Higher Education to employ three additional staff members: Ms. Janet Quarles, Dr. Kim Hunter Reed, and Ms. Sharon Southall.**

Dr. Clausen informed everyone that the Board Development meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup> was canceled due to the implementation of a hurricane emergency order, and it would be rescheduled at a later date. Regent Strong asked if the Board should give the Commissioner any special authority to act on its behalf during the emergency declaration. Regent Toups, who was chair during Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, stated that the Governor's Executive Order provided for any authority needed by the Commissioner.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

