

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

SEPTEMBER 25, 2008

The Board of Regents met in session at 9:20 a.m. Thursday, September 25, 2008, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, Claiborne Building, 1201 North 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, 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
Maurice Durbin
Donna Klein
Ingrid Labat
Robert Levy
W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr.
Mary Ellen Roy
Harold Stokes
Pat Strong
Roland Toups

Absent for the meeting were:

Robert Bruno
Victor Stelly
Artis Terrell, Jr.
Joseph Wiley
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 this time. There were none.

MINUTES APPROVED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 27, 2008

On motion of Regent D'Aquin, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of August 27, 2008.

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

Chair Strong welcomed representatives from NRG Energy, Inc. and Teach for America Program. He mentioned that the Board of Regents initially brought NRG and Teach for America together at the May 2008 Board meeting for separate presentations. Regent Strong said both were impressed with each other and decided to partner together.

Regent Strong introduced Mr. Jeff Baudier, Senior Vice President and Regional President, South Central Region for NRG. He informed the Regents that an announcement was recently made regarding a two-year partnership between NRG and Teach for America to expand educational opportunities for the students of Pointe Coupee public schools. NRG will provide \$150,000 to Teach for America over two years to offset the cost of recruiting, selecting, training, and supporting top recent college graduates from across the country who commit two years to teach in schools in Pointe Coupee Parish. Mr. Baudier and Mr. Bryan Adams, Director, Asset Management, NRG South Central Region, said they look forward to working with Teach for America and are grateful for the energy and enthusiasm of these dedicated teachers.

Mr. Michael Tipton, Executive Director for Teach for America, introduced Mr. Cordell Haymon, Chair of the Board for Teach for America - South Louisiana, and Ms. Sarah Young, Development Manager for Teach for America. Mr. Tipton said he was impressed with NRG and appreciates the partnership formed. Nine first-year teachers are teaching in Pointe Coupee Parish, serving more than 600 students in Rosenwald Elementary and the state-managed charter school Pointe Coupee Central High School. He next introduced Ms. Michelle Gieg who recently joined the staff of Teach for America as the Managing Director of Programs for the Phoenix

Institute. Ms. Gieg reported that she had taught second and fifth grades at North Highlands Elementary and was student body president at Louisiana State University and A&M College and a former Chair of the Council for Student Body President (COSBP). She said that major strides have been made with her students by assisting them with their reading. She stated that she designed a leadership curriculum for her fifth grade class which produced results.

Mr. Tipton also introduced Mr. Andy Kopplin who joined Teach for America in 2008 to oversee the Growth Strategy and Development team, which manages the organization's national fundraising and expansion efforts. He said millions of dollars have been raised for the Teach for America program and there are over 7,000 members across the country.

A question and answer session followed. Commissioner of Higher Education Sally Clausen stated she was very impressed with both NRG and Teach for America, noting that Teach for America had chosen two great leaders from Louisiana to be on their team – Michelle Gieg and Andy Kopplin.

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 Levy, 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*.

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

SMALL CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

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

Park and Lake Campus Fiber Connection

Southern University in New Orleans

\$127,800 from Self-Generated Funds.

Center for Computational Technologies Annex - Mechanical and Electrical

Louisiana State University and A&M College

\$184,000 from State Funds.

Pentagon Barracks - Gates, Irrigation, Landscape, and Site Improvements

Louisiana State University and A&M College

\$325,000 from Auxiliary Funds.

LSU Vet Med - Northside Pasture Fencing, Squeeze Chute, and Shade Structures

Louisiana State University and A&M College

\$175,000 from State Funds.

LSU Vet Med - Brightside Pasture Fencing, Squeeze Chute, and Shade Structures

Louisiana State University and A&M College

\$300,000 from State Funds.

Residence Hall Second Floor Interior Improvements

Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans

\$248,000 from Restricted Self-Generated Funds.

Medical Education Building Elevator Lobby Renovation

Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans

\$345,000 from Restricted Self-Generated Funds.

Lion's 8th and 9th Floors Common Area Improvements

Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans

\$348,000 from Restricted Self-Generated Funds.

Howe Russell Atrium Refurbishment

Louisiana State University and A&M College

\$348,000 from Other Funds.

Frey Computing Center Supplemental Electrical Power

Louisiana State University and A&M College

REAPPROVAL from previously approved amount of \$210,000 to \$337,220.

Student Recreation Complex Cooling Tower Replacement

Louisiana State University and A&M College
\$170,000 from Auxiliary Funds.

School of Veterinary Medicine - Modular Building Purchase and Installation

Louisiana State University and A&M College
\$348,000 from State Funds.

Two New Greenhouses and Irrigation Pump House

Louisiana State University Agricultural Center
\$452,000 from Other - RC/EEP Grant.

Engineering Laboratory Annex Building - Rooms 118 and 118A Renovation

Louisiana State University and A&M College
\$290,700 from Other Funds.

Restroom and Locker Room Facility

Louisiana State University at Eunice
REAPPROVAL from previously approved amount of \$349,000 to
\$423,100 from Auxiliary Funds.

South Campus Building #3110 - Facility Enhancements for Tenants

Louisiana State University and A&M College
\$420,000 from Other Funds.

Conference Center 3rd Floor Restroom Repairs

University of Louisiana at Lafayette
\$330,000 from Auxiliary Funds.

MODIFICATION TO FACILITIES POLICY - INCREASE LOWER LIMIT OF SMALL CAPITAL PROJECTS

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the modification of Facilities Policy 1.2.13 to increase the lower limit for small capital projects to \$175,000.

ACT 959 PROJECTS

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the project for the interior renovation and improvement to mechanical systems of the Frazier Art Building at the Baton Rouge

Community College. The project is to be performed under the provision of Act 959 of 2003. The project is estimated to cost \$950,000.

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the project for the construction of a Welding facility with classroom at the Louisiana Technical College Acadian Campus in Crowley, to be performed under the provision of Act 959 of 2003. The Fluor Corporation will provide approximately half of the funding for this 10,000 GSF facility. The balance of funding will come from LTC carry over funds. The project is estimated to cost \$2,000,000.

HURRICANES GUSTAV AND IKE DAMAGE REPORTS

Mr. Griswold noted that a report had been presented which showed the estimated damages to institutions from Hurricanes Gustav and Ike. He also noted that updates on the damages would be presented at upcoming meetings.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET REQUEST PROCEDURE FOR 2008

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to modify procedures for the administration of Capital Outlay by inserting the following language after the fifth paragraph of Section 1.2.12: “In those years where natural disaster(s) or other events of similar magnitude preclude these specific procedures and schedule from being met, staff may make such modifications as are necessary to meet the intent of section 1.2.12 which outlines procedures for the annual processing of the Capital Outlay Budget Recommendation.”

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2008

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Report of September 24, 2008. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

PROPOSED ACADEMIC PROGRAMS*Northwestern State University - B.A. in Communication*

On motion of Regent Levy, 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 degree program (CIP Code 23.1001) at Northwestern State University, 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 Communication faculty member for Fall, 2009;**
- 2. An assessment of future program faculty needs; and**
- 3. Numbers of program enrollees/completers, and placement of graduates.**

With implementation of this program, the Communication concentration in the existing Bachelor of General Studies program is hereby terminated.

Louisiana State University and A&M College - B.S. in Sports Administration

On motion of Regent Levy, 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 Bachelor of Science in Sports Administration (CIP Code 31.0504) at Louisiana State University and A&M College, effective Spring 2009. Beginning December 1, 2009, and annually on that date until accreditation by COSMA has been achieved, the University shall submit a progress report to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs detailing:

- 1. Numbers of students and graduates;**
- 2. Adequacy of faculty and resources; and**
- 3. Progress toward COSMA accreditation.**

Because of possible duplication concerns regarding this proposed program and

the existing B.S. program in Sports Management at Southeastern Louisiana University (SLU), the Board of Regents requests that both universities meet and formulate a plan for cooperation in course and program delivery and content that compliments both programs and mitigates curricular overlap. A report documenting the efforts of both universities in this regard shall be due to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs by March 15, 2009. In addition to these efforts, the staff shall monitor student enrollment/graduation/ placement in both programs to determine whether south Louisiana can maintain two such similar programs at adequate levels of student participation and production.

PROGRESS REPORTS ON CONDITIONALLY APPROVED PROGRAMS AND UNITS

Louisiana State University and A&M College - Center for Computation and Technology

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant continued approval for the Center for Computation and Technology (CCT) at Louisiana State University and A&M College 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.

Nicholls State University - B.S. in Athletic Training

On motion of Regent Levy, 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 Nicholls State University relative to implementation of the Bachelor of Science program in Athletic Training Science. Based on the contents of this report, the following stipulations shall apply:

- 1. By January 15, 2009, a progress report shall be due to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs providing evidence of an active job search for an additional FTE faculty to be hired by Fall, 2009.**
- 2. By August 1, 2009, a second progress report shall be due to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs addressing:**
 - a. Assessment of need for a second, new FTE faculty;**
 - b. Assessment of need for an administrative assistant; and**
 - c. Progress toward successful attainment of CAATE accreditation.**

3. **The program title shall hereby be changed to B.S. in Athletic Training.**

Delgado Community College - A.A.S. in Veterinary Technology

On motion of Regent Levy, 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 the implementation of the Associate of Applied Science in Veterinary Technology at Delgado Community College. The next progress report addressing numbers of students/graduates/placements, comparison to national statistics on persistence and placement, as well as progress toward full program accreditation, shall be due to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs by August 1, 2009.

Baton Rouge Community College

A.A.S. in Entertainment Technologies

On motion of Regent Levy, 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 Baton Rouge Community College relative to implementation of the Associate of Applied Science in Entertainment Technologies. As previously recommended, a subsequent report addressing the program's full development, including adequacy of resources for the program, projected course rotation schedules with faculty assignment for AY 2009-10 and placement of graduates, shall be due to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs by August 1, 2009.

A.S. in Criminal Justice

On motion of Regent Levy, 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 Report relative to the implementation of the Associate of Science degree in Criminal Justice at Baton Rouge Community College. By August 1, 2009, a progress report shall be due to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs documenting:

1. **The hiring of a second qualified FTE faculty by Fall, 2009;**
2. **A criminal justice course rotation schedule with faculty assignments for AY 2010-2012;**

3. **Numbers of student enrollees/graduates and placement of graduates; and**
4. **A corrected and up-to-date budget, including both sources of revenues and areas of expenditures.**

Louisiana Technical College - Shreveport/Bossier Campus

A.A.S. in Office Systems Technology; A.A.S. in Drafting and Design Technology; and A.A.S. in Culinary Arts and Occupations

On motion of Regent Levy, 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 Associate of Applied Science in Drafting & Design Technology, Culinary Arts & Occupations, and Office Systems Technology at LTC Shreveport-Bossier Campus. By June 1, 2009, the College shall submit to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs a subsequent progress report documenting numbers of enrollees/graduates and placement of graduates from both the associate and diploma levels of all three programs and including evidence of aggressive action to increase the numbers of enrollees and graduates of the programs.

Southern University and A&M College

Master of Engineering

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the 2007-2008 Progress Report from Southern University-Baton Rouge relative to implementation of the Master of Engineering Program. The next report due to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs by September 1, 2009, shall document:

1. **Grant proposals submitted and funded for all graduate engineering faculty for AY 2008-09;**
2. **Progress toward establishment of criteria for maintenance of graduate faculty status in the College of Engineering and of a Post Tenure Review policy for the University.**

Ph.D. in Urban Forestry

On motion of Regent Levy, 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 Southern University and A&M College relative to implementation of the Ph.D. program in Urban Forestry. By August 1, 2009, the University shall submit to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs a progress report documenting the following:

- 1. Engagement of a second full-time faculty member as required by external consultants and previous Regents action; and**
- 2. Number of enrollees/graduates and the placement of program graduates.**

Southern University - Shreveport - A.S. in Nursing

On motion of Regent Levy, 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 relative to implementation of the A.S. in Nursing at Southern University- Shreveport. Given that all stipulations associated with initial, conditional approval have been fulfilled, no further progress reports are necessary. As such, the staff further recommends that full program approval be granted at this time.

PROGRAM/UNIT TERMINATION - LSU PAUL M. HEBERT LAW CENTER - CENTER FOR COMMERCIAL AND BUSINESS LAW

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to terminate the Center for Commercial and Business Law effective immediately consistent with a request from the Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center.

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2008

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of September 24, 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 September 24, 2008.

HEALTH SCIENCE CENTERS “FUND FLOW” PROJECT REPORT

Mr. Vandal noted that some background information on the Louisiana State University Health Science Centers “Funds Flow” project was given and reminded the Board that recommendations from ECG Management Consultants were presented at the Regents meetings in April 2008.

Mr. Vandal said Dr. John Lombardi, President of the LSU System, gave a brief report on the progress that has been made toward addressing the issues raised in the Health Sciences Center Funds Flow project report submitted by ECG Management Consultants.

REPORT FROM DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

Mr. Vandal indicated that the Finance Committee would meet in mid-October to review the operating budgets of the institutions, and specific scheduling would be sent out as soon as that has been finalized.

ADOPTION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2008

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Finance Committee Report of September 24, 2008.
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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.

LICENSURE

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve an initial operating license for the State University of New York at Buffalo.

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve license renewals for Alliant International University and Remington College.

PROPRIETARY SCHOOLS

On motion of Regent Levy, 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 license for Southern Security School, Inc.

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

Academy of Dental Assisting (08/23/07)

Art Instruction School (09/21/74)

Baton Rouge School of Computers (08/28/97)

Camelot College (08/28/86)

Coastal College – Alexandria (08/28/97)

Crescent City Career Institute (Previously Crescent City Coders) (08/28/03)

Crescent City School of Gaming & Bartending (09/14/83)

Jefferson Nursing Knowledge, LLC (08/23/07)

Medical Training College (08/22/96)

Ouachita Truck Driving Academy (05/22/03)

Peach Tree School of Dental Assisting (08/22/02)

River Cities School of Dental Assisting, Inc. (08/24/06)

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2008

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research and Performance Report of

September 24, 2008. *(Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)*

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

Dr. Clausen stated that since the last Board meeting in August, the state has been affected by two hurricanes (Gustav and Ike). She said that higher education is responsible for the safety of its students and also must respond to answer the call from the Governor's Office of Emergency Preparedness. She introduced Dr. Kim Hunter Reed, Chief of Staff, who provided a higher education after-action report on Hurricanes Gustav and Ike by means of a power point.

Dr. Reed summarized the following items regarding the two storms: (1) campus closures; (2) higher education's response; (3) estimates of campus damage for all four higher education systems; (4) action taken by the Board of Regents following the storms; and (5) reviewed future considerations submitted by the systems such as ready access to essential emergency supplies, alternate communications systems and better volunteer coordination.

Dr. Clausen continued by reporting on the following items:

- The article in the Advocate regarding the higher education forum held on Wednesday, September 24, 2008, with national speaker Dr. Paul Lingenfelter, President, State Higher Education Executive Officers.
- She thanked the senior staff for their tireless efforts after the storms in addressing campus needs, coordinating and handing out meals, and answering phone calls at the Governor's office. She thanked system heads for providing the Regents' staff with meeting places and meals. She stated she was proud to represent the Board of Regents at a time like this.
- She read a thank you note from Dr. Stephen Hulbert, President of Nicholls State University, to Dr. Reed expressing his appreciation for her arrangements for Nicholls to receive needed tarps and bottled water on campus.

Dr. Clausen next thanked Ms. Connie Koury, General Counsel, and Dr. Karen Denby,

Senior Policy Analyst, who developed the “Statement Regarding Louisiana National Guard Mobilization.” Ms. Koury noted that the current policy was created in response to students being activated for long-term service during times of war. She stated that over 1,000 postsecondary education students were deployed by the National Guard during Hurricane Gustav which interrupted their education. To ensure compliance with Louisiana Revised Statute 29:420(2)(a) and to provide students with every reasonable opportunity to complete the 2008 fall semester, the following statement was issued by the Commissioner of Higher Education and the Presidents of each system to assist students who were activated and deployed during Hurricanes Gustav and Ike.

CLARIFICATION OF POLICY FOR SERVICE DURING HURRICANES GUSTAV AND IKE

Students who are mobilized/activated during a semester or term will be given the option of either: (1) complete withdrawal from the college or university for the semester with a refund of 100% of their tuition and fees including student insurance fees and other mandatory fees; or (2) withdrawal from individual courses within college or university or (3) continuation in individual courses with the concurrence of the instructor and dean (or equivalent) upon a determination that university guidelines are met or that it is educationally sound to allow such continuation. Consideration shall be taken of the minimum impact policies of La. R.S. 29:420(2)(a).

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to ratify La.R.S.29:420(2)(a) regarding Louisiana Guard Mobilization during these hurricanes.

Regent Strong urged the staff to review all actions taken by higher education after the storms. He reminded the Board that the Commissioner has been empowered to act for the Board at times of crises, but it would be good to have a policy in place that outlines written directions during these emergencies. Dr. Clausen agreed to have staff undertake this review.

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 10:20 a.m.