

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

December 9, 1999

The Board of Regents met in regular session at 9:02 a.m., Thursday, December 9, 1999, in the Board of Regents' Auditorium, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Mary Ella Sanders called the meeting to order. Coordinator of Board Services, Ms. Helen Johnson, called the roll and a quorum was established.

Present for the meeting were:

Mary Ella Sanders, Chair
Herschel Abbott
Scott Brame
Harold Callais
Richard D'Aquin, Vice Chair
Michael Dees
Frances Henry
Melvin Rambin
Ron Roberts, Secretary
Virgil Robinson, Jr.
Pat Strong
Jared McGlocklin, Student Member

Absent:

Reggie Dupré
John Georges
Norbert Simmons
Roland Toups

MINUTES APPROVED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 28, 1999

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of October 28, 1999, as circulated.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT OF DECEMBER 8, 1999

On behalf of Regent Dees, Vice-Chair of the Sponsored Programs Committee, Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, presented the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of December 8, 1999.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT FUND ADVISORY AND PLANNING COMMITTEES RELATIVE TO THE SUPPORT FUND PLAN AND BUDGET FOR FY 2000-2001

On motion of Regent Dees, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to adopt the FY 2000-2001 Support Fund Plan and Budget as it appears in Appendix B.

REQUEST FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT LAFAYETTE RELATIVE TO AN EXISTING BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT FUND CONTRACT

On motion of Regent Dees, seconded by Regent Abbott, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request to reallocate \$4,194.00 in LEQSF (1998-2000)-RD-A-38 to support the work of a research associate. Any other unexpended funds originally allocated for the support of the co-principal investigator shall be returned to the Board upon conclusion of the project. Further, the University's request to transfer the \$5,000.00 subcontract from the United States Geological Survey to the Iowa Institute of Hydraulic Research is hereby approved.

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 8, 1999

On motion of Regent Dees, seconded by Regent Abbott, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Meeting Report of December 8, 1999, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEEACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 8, 1999

On behalf of Regent Henry, Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Dr. Carolyn Hargrave, Deputy Commissioner for Academic Affairs, presented motions from the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Report of December 8, 1999.

PROPOSED ACADEMIC PROGRAM -SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY-BATON ROUGE -
Ph.D. IN ENVIRONMENTAL TOXICOLOGY

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the proposed Ph.D. program in Environmental Toxicology (CIP Code 26.0612) at Southern University-Baton Rouge, to be implemented beginning January, 2000. On June 1, 2000, and on that date every year thereafter during the life of the Desegregation Settlement Agreement, SUBR shall submit to the Commissioner of Higher Education a report updating efforts of the University to address weaknesses and problematic areas identified by the external consultants.

PROPOSED LETTER OF INTENT - LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY HEALTH
SCIENCES CENTER- MASTER OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Rambin, 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 Master of Occupational Therapy program at the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, with the stipulation that any proposal forthcoming as a result of this Letter of Intent shall in particular include: (1) a comprehensive five-year budget, including estimated costs and sources of funding; and (2) the results of a needs assessment survey which indicate both substantial employer demand and student interest.

PROPOSED CURRICULAR REVISION - UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT MONROE -
REQUEST TO TERMINATE THE CERTIFICATE and A.S. PROGRAMS IN PAPER SCIENCE
AND TECHNOLOGY

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Dees, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the request from the University of Louisiana at Monroe to terminate the Certificate and A.S. programs in Paper Science and Technology (CIP Code 03.0509), effective immediately.

STAFF REPORT ON CONDITIONALLY APPROVED PROGRAMS AT SOUTH
LOUISIANA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to accept South Louisiana Community College's report as documentation that it has satisfactorily met stipulations specified in the conditional approval of the Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts, the Associate of Science in General Business, the Associate in General Studies, and the Associate of Arts in Early Childhood Education programs. The College is hereby authorized to enroll students in these degree programs, effective immediately.

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 8, 1999

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Report of December 8, 1999, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 8, 1999

On behalf of Regent Strong, Vice-Chair of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee, Dr. Jimmy Clarke, Deputy Commissioner for Planning, Research and Performance presented motions from the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Report of December 8, 1999.

R.S. 17:1808 (LICENSURE)

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve an operating license for Central Texas College to offer associate degree programs in applied management, applied management-microcomputer option, criminal justice, business management, microcomputer technology-programmer analyst option, microcomputer technology-information management option, and general studies at Fort Polk.

PROPRIETARY SCHOOL AREA

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to instruct the staff to write a letter to the Attorney General asking him to review the names of Baton Rouge College (3 locations), Louisiana Community College, Inc., and Louisiana Community Medical College (3 locations) to determine whether there is a likelihood of consumer confusion created by these names. The staff will also express the Board's concerns regarding institutional use of the term college, university, institute, and academy by proprietary institutions, especially those which confer no degrees. A list of these institutions will be forwarded to the Attorney General's office. In addition, the staff will seek the assistance of the Attorney General's office in examining whether legislation should be introduced to clarify these and related issues.

COURSE EQUIVALENCIES FOR REQUIRED CORE COURSES FOR TOPS

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Rambin, the Board voted to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to direct the Board of Regents to inform the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) that, based on review by campuses, the Regents support the courses as submitted by the Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts as equivalent for purposes of eligibility for the Tuition Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS). (See Appendix B of the Committee Report.)

STAFF UPDATES

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted to adopt the Board of Regents' 1999-2000 Operational Plan and forward it to the Division of Administration and other appropriate parties as required by Act 1465 of 1977.

PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 8, 1999

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Meeting Report of December 8, 1999, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 8, 1999

On behalf of Regent Roberts, Mr. Marvin Roubique, Deputy Commissioner for Finance, presented motions from the Facilities and Property Committee Meeting Report of December 8, 1999.

CAPITAL PROJECTS COSTING LESS THAN \$350,000

LA. TECH UNIVERSITY

Neilson Hall Absorption Chiller
\$210,000 Auxiliary Funds

SOUTHEASTERN LA. UNIVERSITY

Cafeteria Boiler Replacement
\$198,000 Auxiliary Funds

North Hazel Street Improvements
\$107,613 Other Funds

UNIVERSITY of LOUISIANA - LAFAYETTE

Cajun Field Parking Lot Road Replacement
\$140,000 Other Funds

McLaurin Gymnasium Air Conditioning
\$165,000 Other Funds

DELGADO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Student Service Center 1st & 3rd Floors Building 2
\$348,474 Other-Albania Funds

LSU & A&M

Mechanical & Industrial Engineering Shops Facility
\$280,000 State Funds

LSU Soccer-Locker/Squad Room Facility
\$330,000 Auxiliary Funds

LSU Gymnastics - Gym Expansion and Renovations
\$348,989 Auxiliary Funds

LSU Tennis - Locker Room/Stadium Renovations
\$300,000 Auxiliary Funds

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the projects.

INTERIM EMERGENCY BOARD REQUEST

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the request from Southeastern Louisiana University to seek funding from the Interim Emergency Board in the amount of \$666,000 for repairs to Pottle Hall.

OTHER BUSINESS

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee that Charles L. Martin be awarded a certificate of recognition by the Board of Regents for his many years of outstanding service to higher education.

On behalf of the Board, Regent Roberts, Chair Sanders, and Commissioner Savoie presented a certificate of recognition to Charles L. Martin, Vice President of Institutional Affairs, Louisiana State University System for his years of outstanding service to the LSU System.

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING AND MEETING REPORTS OF DECEMBER 8, 1999

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Meeting Report of December 8, 1999, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT OF DECEMBER 8, 1999

On behalf of Regent D'Aquin, Vice-Chair of the Personnel Committee, Mr. Donald Vandal, Deputy Commissioner for Administration, presented the Personnel Committee Report of December 8, 1999. He reported that the Committee went into Executive Session to discuss

the Commissioner's evaluation/compensation.

On motion of Regent D'Aquin, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Personnel Committee that the Commissioner's salary be adjusted to the SREB average salary for comparable statewide higher education executive officer positions, as reflected by the most recent State Higher Education Executive Officers (SHEEO) salary survey, a salary of \$170,000.

On motion of Regent D'Aquin, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Personnel Committee to adopt the personnel action recommendations, as reflected in Appendix B of the committee report.

ADOPTION OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 8, 1999

On motion of Regent D'Aquin, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Personnel Committee Meeting Report of December 8, 1999, as presented.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 8, 1999

Regent Dees, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the Nominating Committee Meeting Report of December 8, 1999.

NOMINATION OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2000

On motion of Regent Dees, seconded by Regent Ramin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee to approve the following:

(1) Officers for the year 2000:

Chair:	Mary Ella Sanders
Vice Chairman:	Richard D'Aquin
Secretary:	William T. Roberts, Jr.

(2) Executive Committee for the year 2000:

**Regents' Chair Mary Ella Sanders
Regents' Vice Chair Richard D'Aquin
Regents' Secretary Wm. T. Roberts, Jr.
Regent Harold Callais**

**Regent Michael Dees
Regent John Georges
Regent Pat Strong**

- (3) Regents' representative on the Louisiana Student Financial Aid Commission (LASFAC) for the year 2000:**

Regent Frances Henry

The second representative to be appointed by the Chair at a later date.

ADOPTION OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 8, 1999

On motion of Regent Dees, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Nominating Committee Meeting Report of December 8, 1999, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT OF DECEMBER 8, 1999

On behalf of Regent Sanders, Chair of the Executive Committee, Mr. Donald Vandal, presented the Executive Committee Report of December 8, 1999. He reported that there were no action items.

ADOPTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 8, 1999

On motion of Regent Sanders, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Executive Committee Meeting Report of December 8, 1999, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Savoie distributed a recent publication from the Council for a Better Louisiana (CABL) entitled *Fighting Poverty, Building Community* to members of the Board.

He stated that the report describes the social and economic conditions of our state and encouraged the Board to review it. He also referred members to two other publications from SREB entitled Funding Public Higher Education in the 1990's and A Primer on Funding of Public Higher Education.

Dr. Savoie then commented on the SACS Conference recently held in Atlanta. He announced that the first five recipients of the SACS Outstanding Service Award were recognized at the conference and congratulated Dr. Carolyn Hargrave for being one of the first five to receive the award.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Sanders thanked members of the Board for the privilege of serving as Chair for another year. She then asked members to give individual comments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Sanders declared the meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.