

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

June 26, 2013

NOTE: Earlier in the morning of Wednesday, June 26, 2013, newly elected student Board member Ms. Brooksie L. Bonvillain was administered the oath of office by Dr. Uma Subramanian, General Counsel of the Board of Regents. Chair Rasberry assigned Ms. Bonvillain to the Facilities and Property Committee, the Learning Centers Committee, and the Technology Committee.

The Board of Regents met in session at 11:47 a.m. on Wednesday, June 26, 2013, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr. called the meeting to order. Executive Assistant Carolyn Blanchard called the roll and a quorum was established.

Present for the meeting were:

W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr., Chair
Joseph Wiley, Vice Chair
Mark Abraham
Raymond Brandt
Brooksie Bonvillain
Joel Dupré
Pamela Egan
Joseph Farr
William Fenstermaker
Robert Levy
Roy Martin III
Albert Sam II

Absent from the meeting were:

Charlotte Bollinger, Secretary
Chris Gorman
Richard Lipsey
Edward Markle

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MAY 22, 2013

On motion of Regent Farr, seconded by Regent Dupré, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of May 22, 2013.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Commissioner of Higher Education Jim Purcell introduced staff of the Board of Regents to update the Board on the newest initiatives at the Regents – Dr. Katara Williams, Assistant Commissioner for Public Affairs; Mr. Lance Neal, Assistant Commissioner for Information Services and Data Management; Mrs. Louise Flavin, EPSCoR Communications Manager; and Mr. Jared Avery, Core to College Coordinator.

Dr. Williams spoke regarding the primary communications goal of effectively enhancing and promoting the awareness and understanding of the Board of Regents and Louisiana higher education relative to policies, initiatives, and other developments. She next invited staff to speak on the Board's new website, the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) video and the "Geaux to College" Campaign.

Mr. Neal introduced the new Board of Regents' website to the Board members with a live demonstration. He mentioned that each public system in Louisiana's higher education structure is featured on the website. Mr. Neal continued by reviewing the main sections on the front page of the website along with identifying locations of the statewide initiatives and data/publications.

Mrs. Flavin explained to the Board that the National Science Foundation is holding workshops and seminars to encourage communication education among EPSCoR States. Researchers are known for using very technical language when describing their research; therefore, new communication and social media practices will help break barriers between researchers and the general public. Mrs. Flavin mentioned that a video prepared by the

Sponsored Programs Division won the National Science Foundation award. She then played the video to the Board highlighting Louisiana's research needs and successes to various stakeholders throughout the State and the nation.

Mr. Avery spoke regarding the "Geaux to College" Campaign which targets middle/high school students; non-traditional students over the age of 25; parents, grandparents, and guardians; and mentors interested in encouraging college enrollment. The campaign brings together multiple partners such as the Board of Regents, State Department of Education, Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance, and Louisiana Workforce Commission in an effort to direct the public to important resources that can help new/returning students and families plan for college, and help students be successful when completing certificates and degrees for rewarding careers. He next reviewed the campaign website and presented each Board member with a "Geaux to College" wristband. Mr. Avery said an outreach effort will be featured to promote the message that "All students need a plan for success in college and a rewarding career!" Louisiana Public Broadcasting will also be airing commercials for the campaign.

Dr. Williams concluded that higher education in Louisiana is changing. The Board of Regents is featuring many avenues of communications such as the *Regents' Recap*, newsletters, media appearances, *Facebook*, *Twitter* and soon a *You Tube* account for the Regents. It was suggested that an update be given in six months to the Board.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Wiley, Chair of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee, Dr. Larry Tremblay, Deputy Commissioner for Planning, Research and Academic Affairs, presented the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Report of June 26, 2013.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Regent Wiley, seconded by Regent Dupré, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve the items listed under the Consent Agenda:

R.S. 17:1808 (Licensure)

- 1. Initial Licenses (Simmons College and University of South Florida)**
- 2. License Renewals (Lamar University)**

BOARD OF REGENTS' FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN, 2014-2018

On motion of Regent Wiley, seconded by Regent Dupré, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve the Board of Regents' Strategic Plan (2014/2015 – 2018/2019) as required by Act 1465 of 1997.

GRAD ACT ANNUAL REVIEW

On motion of Regent Wiley, seconded by Regent Dupré, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to (1) approve the GRAD Act 2012-13 institution annual designations for 2013-14 status, thereby allowing the institutions, as appropriate to their designations, to implement the tuition authority and pursue the operational autonomies outlined in the GRAD Act legislation; and; (2) authorize the Commissioner of Higher Education to report on GRAD Act to the Governor and Legislature by the July 15th deadline.

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF JUNE 26, 2013

On motion of Regent Wiley, seconded by Regent Dupré, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Report of June 26, 2013. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Abraham, Vice Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Dr. Karen Denby, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, presented the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of June 26, 2013.

CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE

- Proposed Academic Affairs Policy 2.05A, Centers of Excellence

On motion of Regent Abraham, seconded by Regent Egan, the Board voted unanimously to approve the new Academic Affairs policy 2.05A on *Centers of Excellence*.

- Baton Rouge Community College -- Proposed Center for Workforce Excellence in Transportation Technology

On motion of Regent Abraham, seconded by Regent Egan, the Board voted unanimously to conditionally approve the proposed Center for Workforce Excellence in Transportation Technology at Baton Rouge Community College, with a report and proposal for continued designation as a Center for Workforce Excellence due by 1 August 2014 and annually until fully approved, in accordance with BoR Centers of Excellence Policy.

- Reconsideration of A.A.S. in Helicopter Pilot Operations

On motion of Regent Abraham, seconded by Regent Egan, the Board voted unanimously to conditionally approve the Associate of Applied Science in Helicopter Pilot Operations (CIP 47.0608) as a keystone program in the Center for Workforce Excellence in Transportation Technology. An update on program implementation, to include enrollment and completion data, shall be submitted by 1 June 2014 and annually until fully approved.

PROPOSED NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

On motion of Regent Abraham, seconded by Regent Egan, the Board voted unanimously to conditionally approve:

1. **Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Business Foundations at Louisiana Tech University;**
2. **Graduate Certificate in Business Administration at McNeese State University; and**
3. **Graduate Certificate in Immersion Education at McNeese State University.**

PROPOSED AY 2013-14 MASTER COURSE ARTICULATION MATRIX AND LOUISIANA COMMON COURSE CATALOG

On motion of Regent Abraham, seconded by Regent Egan, the Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed AY 2013-14 Master Course Articulation Matrix and the Louisiana Common Course Catalog and authorize the Board of Regents' staff to work with the colleges and universities to expand the Matrix and the Louisiana Common Course Catalog throughout the year.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Regent Abraham, seconded by Regent Egan, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as listed below:

- A. Requests for Reauthorization (LSU and A&M)**
 - 1. Center for Computation and Technology**
 - 2. Life Courses and Aging Center**
 - 3. Center for GeoInformatics**
- B. Routine Staff Reports**
 - 1. Staff Approval of Routine Academic Requests**
 - 2. Past Due Reports for Academic Programs/Research Units**
 - 3. Letters of Intent/Proposals in the Queue**

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT OF JUNE 26, 2013

On motion of Regent Abraham, seconded by Regent Egan, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of June 26, 2013. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Dupré, a member of the Legislative Committee, Dr. Uma Subramanian presented the Legislative Committee Report of June 26, 2013. Dr. Subramanian said updates were given regarding the legislative session for 2013, resolutions to be addressed by the Board, and resolutions being monitored by the Board.

ADOPTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT OF JUNE 26, 2013

On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent Martin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Legislative Committee Report of June 26, 2013. (Copy on file in the office of the Board.)

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Sam, Vice Chair of the Facilities and Property Committee, Mr. Chris Herring, Budget Analyst for Facilities and Planning, presented the Facilities and Property Committee Report of June 26, 2013.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Regent Sam, seconded by Regent Brandt, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as listed below:

A. Small Capital Projects Report

- 1. LSU and A&M -- Thomas Boyd Parking Lot Improvements (operational funds: \$495,000)**
 - a. LSUHSC-New Orleans -- ADA and Energy Improvements to 1st Floor Entrance at Lions Eye Center (restricted funds: \$250,000)**
- 2. LSU and A&M River Road Annex -- Roof Replacement (other funds: \$275,000)**
 - a. LSU School of Veterinary Medicine -- Anatomy Laboratory Renovation (operational funds: \$220,000)**

FY 2013-2014 CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET RECOMMENDATION STATUS REPORT

Mr. Herring stated that the Governor had not yet signed House Bill 2 as of the morning of June 26, 2013. An update will be forthcoming at a future board meeting.

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT OF JUNE 26, 2013

On motion of Regent Sam, seconded by Regent Brandt, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Report of June 26, 2013. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Fenstermaker, Chair of the Finance Committee, Mr. Terrence Ginn, Associate Commissioner for Finance and Administration, presented the Finance Committee Report of June 26, 2013.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE FY 2013-2014 OPERATING BUDGET DISTRIBUTION

On motion of Regent Fenstermaker, seconded by Regent Martin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the FY 2013-14 Operating Budget Distribution. In addition, the Board authorizes the Commissioner of Higher Education to make any technical adjustments to the final distribution and allocation of the table of organization. The Board further authorizes the Commissioner of Higher Education to request a seed appropriation to address potential cash flow issues resulting from collections flowing to the Overcollections Fund.

UPDATE ON INVESTMENT POLICY REVISION

Mr. Ginn said an update was given on the June 20th meeting of the Investment Policy Advisory Committee where there was a discussion of requested changes to the current investment policy, management fees and the financial reporting requirements for endowments.

ADOPTION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF JUNE 26, 2013

On motion of Regent Fenstermaker, seconded by Regent Martin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Finance Committee Report of June 26, 2013. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Martin, Chair of the Sponsored Programs Committee, Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, presented the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of June 26, 2013.

POLICY REVISIONS RELATED TO THE ENDOWED CHAIRS AND ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIPS CAMPUS SURVEY

On motion of Regent Martin, seconded by Regent Farr, the Board voted unanimously to table consideration of proposed changes to the Endowed Professorships and Endowed Chairs program policies until its August 2013 meeting, pending staff discussions with affected campuses.

FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE RESEARCH ENHANCEMENT AWARDS (REA) PROGRAM COMPONENT OF THE JOINTLY SPONSORED (REGENTS/NASA) LaSPACE PROGRAM

On motion of Regent Martin, seconded by Regent Farr, the Board voted unanimously to approve the LaSPACE consultants' report and funding recommendations in the amount of \$172,440 relative to the six LaSPACE Research Enhancement Awards (REA) projects recommended for funding, to be paid from Support Funds annually allocated to the LaSPACE Research Enhancement Awards program. Projects shall be funded in the amounts recommended in the consultants' report.

APPROVAL OF NOMINATION TO THE LOUISIANA EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM TO STIMULATE COMPETITIVE RESEARCH (EPSCoR) PROGRAM

On motion of Regent Martin, seconded by Regent Farr, the Board voted unanimously to approve the nomination of Dr. Jacqueline Stephens, Director of Basic Science, Pennington Biomedical Research Center, to the EPSCoR Committee.

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT OF JUNE 26, 2013

On motion of Regent Martin, seconded by Regent Farr, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of June 26, 2013. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Rasberry spoke on the following items:

- Regent Gorman has notified staff that, due to scheduling conflicts, he is no longer able to serve on the Regents' Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission. Commissioner of Higher Education Jim Purcell has recommended that the Board appoint Ms. Melanie Amrhein, recently retired Executive Director of the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance, to the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission.

On motion of Regent Farr, seconded by Regent Dupré, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Ms. Melanie Amrhein, recently retired Executive Director of the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance, to the Regents' Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission.

- He congratulated the higher education institutions on a job well done in the recent legislative session, not only with the passage of the GRAD Act, but also with the increases in both graduation and retention rates. All of this progress is aligned to the Master Plan and signifies the hard work that is occurring in our Systems.
- The Master Course Articulation Matrix and Louisiana Common Course Catalog, along with the addition of courses to the matrix, are truly a collaborative effort among our faculty and administration and are living documents that will continue to grow and be a great planning resource for our students.
- The Board of Regents has always strived to be fair and equitable with the budget allocation of resources. Our actions are always in the best interest of all of our Systems, and the Board is making the right choices for our institutions.
- The Board does not meet in July. The August meetings will be held August 21 and 22, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.