

# MINUTES

## BOARD OF REGENTS

September 26, 2013

The Board of Regents met in session at 10:34 a.m. on Thursday, September 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  
Mark Abraham  
Brooksie Bonvillain  
Raymond Brandt  
Joel Dupré  
Pamela Egan  
William Fenstermaker  
Richard Lipsey  
Roy Martin III  
Albert Sam II

Absent from the meeting were:

Joseph Wiley, Vice Chair  
Charlotte Bollinger, Secretary  
Joseph Farr  
Chris Gorman  
Robert Levy  
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.

Chair Rasberry welcomed Dr. Monique Guillory-Winfield, Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, Southern University System, to her first Board of Regents meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 21, 2013

**On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent Sam, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of August 21, 2013.**

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Commissioner of Higher Education Jim Purcell mentioned that a paper prepared by the Board of Regents staff entitled “*Myths and Facts about the Common Core Standards*” was distributed to each Board member. He noted that the Regents has a grant to assist in integrating common core activities into higher education. He emphasized that Common Core has been a collaborative effort with the Louisiana Department of Education and other states and not a federal mandate.

Dr. Purcell next presented a PowerPoint regarding the funding formula. The Board of Regents has established a Formula Funding Task Force. He reviewed the working principles of the Task Force and mentioned that Louisiana along with 21 other states have a performance-based formula.

Commissioner Purcell cited information provided by Mr. Richard Petrick, Executive Director, Ohio Business Alliance for Higher Education and the Economy, regarding five principles to consider while developing a funding formula, along with pitfalls and problems to avoid.

He discussed the necessity of stability in state funding and the role of tuition in restoring stability. Conversations centered around graduation rates and tuition in SREB states.

Commissioner Purcell spoke on the importance of moving forward and receiving continued input from System Presidents and campus leaders.

## **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS 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 September 26, 2013.

### RECOMMENDED POLICY REVISIONS FOR THE ENDOWED CHAIRS AND ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIPS PROGRAMS

**On motion of Regent Brandt, seconded by Regent Dupré, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the following revisions to the Endowed Chairs and Endowed Professorships program policies:**

- I. Effective Date of Policy Revisions**  
Policy revisions shall take effect January 1, 2014. To provide campuses with sufficient time to adjust to new requirements, calculation of vacancy rates and related policy provisions shall take effect beginning July 1, 2014 for the 2014-15 and subsequent academic years.
- II. Endowed Chairs Vacancies**  
If a campus's percentage of vacancies of greater than two years' duration in the Endowed Chairs program exceeds 20%, that campus shall not be eligible to submit proposals for additional Endowed Chairs matches during that year.<sup>1</sup>
- III. Endowed Professorships Vacancies**
  - A. If a campus's percentage of vacancies of greater than two years' duration in the Endowed Professorships program exceeds 20%, that campus shall not be eligible to submit requests for additional Endowed Professorships matches during that year.<sup>2</sup>**

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<sup>1</sup> **Formula:** A campus's percentage of Endowed Chairs vacancies longer than two years shall be calculated as the number of matched slots reported as unfilled for longer than two years divided by the total number of assigned slots in annual program fiscal reporting. The duration of an Endowed Chairs vacancy shall be calculated from August of the academic year following the departure of the most recent chairholder or, in the case of new or not-yet-filled Chairs, from August of the calendar year in which Board match was provided. Endowed Chairs accounts with market values below corpus are excluded from policy formulae related to vacancy rates.

<sup>2</sup> **Formula:** A campus's percentage of Endowed Professorships vacancies longer than two years shall be calculated as the number of matched slots reported as unfilled for longer than two years divided by the total number of assigned slots in annual program fiscal reporting. The duration of an Endowed Professorships vacancy shall be calculated from August of the academic year following the departure of the most recent Professorship holder or, in the case of new or not-yet-filled Professorships, from August

- B. The number of BoRSF-matched Endowed Professorships on a campus shall not exceed the number of FTE faculty, defined as all full-time equivalent faculty employed by the institution (including instructional, clinical, research, adjunct and visiting faculty).<sup>3</sup>**
- C. The staff shall revise language in the current Endowed Professorships program policy (Section IV.A.2) to make clear that “annual funding guarantees per institution are contingent upon compliance with policy requirements related to maximum vacancy rates and FTE faculty employed by institution.”**

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

**On motion of Regent Brandt, seconded by Regent Dupré, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to nominate Dr. Kenneth Sewell, Vice President for Research and Economic Development, University of New Orleans, to serve on the EPSCoR Committee.**

UPDATE: DEVELOPMENT OF THE FY 2014-15 BoRSF PLAN AND BUDGET

Dr. Davidson said the Sponsored Programs staff, with the assistance of the BoRSF Planning Committee, would prepare a tentative FY 2014-15 Support Fund Plan and Budget, which the BoRSF Advisory Committee would consider in November. The FY 2014-2015 Plan and Budget would be presented to the Board for consideration during December 2013 – January 2014.

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

**On motion of Regent Brandt, seconded by Regent Dupré, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of September 26, 2013. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

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of the calendar year in which Board match was provided. Endowed Professorships accounts with market values below corpus are excluded from policy formulae related to vacancy rates.

<sup>3</sup> FTE faculty counts by institution shall be required in annual endowment reporting. With the permission of the donor(s), multiple individual Endowed Professorships slots may be combined into a single Professorship for assignment to a faculty recipient. If consistent with donor intent and not explicitly prohibited by the donor, donor permission for such combinations shall not be required under the following circumstances: 1) the donor is deceased; 2) the donor has in writing indicated that the campus may make appropriate changes at its discretion; and/or 3) despite a good faith effort, the donor's contact information could not be located.

**PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Abraham, Member 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 September 26, 2013.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**A. R.S. 17:1808 (Licensure)**

- 1. Initial Licenses** (*New York University, University of Alabama, University of Mount Union, and University of Nebraska*)

**B. Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission**

- 1. Initial Licenses** (*Amazing Careers in Dental Assisting, and Educational and Career Services, LLC*)
- 2. Change of Ownership Application** (*Spartan College of Aeronautics and Technology*)
- 3. License Renewals**
  - *Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy (08/24/11)*
  - *Ark-La-Tex Dental Assisting Academy (08/26/10)*
  - *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 (08/28/03)*
  - *Crescent City School of Gaming & Bartending (09/14/83)*
  - *Dominion Technical College, LLC (08/24/11)*
  - *Falck Safety Services--Houma (08/24/11)*
  - *Falck Safety Services--Maurice (08/24/11)*
  - *Fortis College (08/26/10)*
  - *Healthcare Training Institute (08/27/08)*
  - *Houston Marine Training Services (08/24/11)*
  - *Julian Certified Nursing Assistant Training School (08/27/08)*
  - *Medical Training College (08/22/96)*
  - *N.O.D.C. School for Dental Assisting (08/24/11)*
  - *Peach Tree School of Dental Assisting, Inc. (08/26/10)*
  - *River Cities School of Dental Assisting, Inc. (08/24/06)*
  - *Unitech Training Academy--Lake Charles (08/27/09)*

- *Yoga School, LLC (08/27/08)*

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Tremblay noted that GRAD Act recommendations will be brought to the Board for consideration at the regularly scheduled October meeting.

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

**On motion of Regent Martin, seconded by Regent Egan, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Report of September 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 September 26, 2013.

#### PROPOSED NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

**On motion of Regent Brandt, seconded by Regent Sam, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to approve the Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences, the Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Computer Tomography, and the Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Aircraft Systems Management, with all three to be offered by the University of Louisiana at Monroe.**

#### CONSENT AGENDA

**On motion of Regent Brandt, seconded by Regent Sam, 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. Center for Visual and Decision Informatics (University of Louisiana at Lafayette: Request for Full Approval)**
- B. Teacher Preparation Accountability System Procedures: Revision**
- C. Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) at Nicholls State University: Revision**

**D. Routine Staff Reports**

- 1. Staff Approval of Routine Academic Requests**
- 2. Progress Reports for Conditionally Approved Programs/Units**
- 3. Past Due Progress Reports**
- 4. Letters of Intent/Proposals in the Queue**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**On motion of Regent Brandt, seconded by Regent Sam, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to accept and/or approve:**

- 1. Update on the Post-Baccalaureate and Graduate Certificate Programs; and**
- 2. the Articulation and Transfer Report (Act 623).**

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

**On motion of Regent Brandt, seconded by Regent Sam, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of September 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, Ms. Barbara Goodson, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, presented the Finance Committee Report of September 26, 2013.

**REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF FY 2013-2014 OPERATING BUDGETS**

**On motion of Regent Martin, seconded by Regent Sam, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to conditionally approve the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Operating Budgets of the Board of Regents, Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA), Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium (LUMCON), Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS), Louisiana State University System, Southern University System and the University of Louisiana System upon receipt of detailed information from all entities.**

Regent Dupré expressed dismay with the process of providing the one-time monies (\$10 million) that were distributed to each management board. Though he complimented the Southern University System for submitting a detailed operating budget report, Regent Dupré felt

that some of the projects were not prioritized properly. He hoped that, in these times of austerity, the Southern University System would reconsider these projects.

Regent Fenstermaker reiterated that the management boards have been asked to give granularity in their operating budget reports and, until this is done, the budgets are conditionally approved and will not be submitted to the Division of Administration.

Regent Lipsey reminded the Finance staff that members of the Board should review the detailed operating budget reports before submission to the Division of Administration.

#### REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CARRY-FORWARD BA-7 FOR THE PAUL M. HEBERT LAW CENTER

**On motion of Regent Martin, seconded by Regent Sam, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the BA-7 for the Paul M. Hebert Law Center in the amount of \$481,502.**

#### ADOPTION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2013

**On motion of Regent Martin, seconded by Regent Sam, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Finance Committee Report of September 26, 2013.**  
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#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Rasberry, Chair of the Executive Committee, Dr. Uma Subramanian, Deputy Commissioner for Legal and External Affairs, presented the Executive Committee Report of September 26, 2013.

#### REVISIONS AND UPDATES TO BOARD OF REGENTS' POLICIES

**On motion of Regent Martin, seconded by Regent Lipsey, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee to:**

**Rescind as obsolete and unnecessary the following policies of Planning, Research and Performance and Academic Affairs.**

- **Statement of Academic Freedom, Tenure and Responsibility**
- **Mandatory Guidelines for the Conduct of Off-Campus Activities**
- **Guidelines for Statewide Articulation at the Undergraduate Level**
- **Policy on Telecourses**



➤ **Registration and Licensure of Postsecondary Academic Degree-Granting Institutions**

**Codify with editorial changes the following policies of Sponsored Programs:**

- **BoR Support Fund**
- **LA-EPSCoR**
- **Master Plan Research**
- **LUMCON**

Regent Martin requested that, as Dr. Uma Subramanian reviews the Board of Regents' policies, she report to the Board regarding any gaps and anything the Regents are to be doing that they are not currently doing.

ADOPTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2013

**On motion of Regent Martin, seconded by Regent Lipsey, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Executive Committee Report of September 26, 2013.** (*Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.*)

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Chair Rasberry reminded the Board that the next regularly scheduled meetings are October 23 and 24, 2013.

Regent Rasberry said the budget hearings on Wednesday were very informative and productive. He said there was much conversation regarding workforce development, especially during the presentation by the Louisiana Community and Technical College System. Regent Rasberry noted that huge investments are being made in our state, and there will be a great demand for people to go to work in these incoming industries. He strongly encouraged a *collective response* by higher education for meeting these workforce needs.

He next recognized a few individuals that have been assets to the Board of Regents for more than 30 years:

Carolyn Blanchard -- 32 years of service (1981)  
Regina Simoneaux -- 32 years of service (1981)  
Marlene Freeman -- 35 years of service (1978)  
Larry Tremblay -- 37 years of service (1976)  
Kerry Davidson -- 38 years of service (1975)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.