

# MINUTES

## BOARD OF REGENTS

June 25, 2014

*NOTE: Earlier in the morning of Wednesday, June 25, 2014, newly elected student Board member Ms. Maggie Brakeville from Louisiana Tech University was administered the oath of office by Dr. Uma Subramanian, General Counsel of the Board of Regents. Chair Rasberry assigned Ms. Brakeville to the Facilities and Property Committee, the Learning Centers Committee, and the Technology Committee.*

The Board of Regents met in session at 12:55 p.m., Wednesday, June 25, 2014, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr. called the meeting to order.

### ROLL CALL

Executive Assistant Carolyn Blanchard called the roll and a quorum was established.

#### Present for the meeting were:

W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr., Chair  
William Fenstermaker, Vice Chair  
Albert Sam II, Secretary  
Mark Abraham  
Charlotte Bollinger  
Maggie Brakeville  
Pamela Egan  
Joseph Farr  
Robert Levy  
Richard Lipsey  
Edward Markle  
Roy Martin III  
Joseph Wiley

#### Absent from the meeting were:

Raymond Brandt  
Joel Dupré  
Chris Gorman

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Rasberry noted that Chancellor Freddie Pitcher, Southern University Law Center, and Dr. Leon Tarver, a member of the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System,

submitted written requests to make public comments during the Planning, Research and Performance Committee report and were allowed to do so.

#### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MAY 21, 2014

**On motion of Regent Bollinger, seconded by Regent Sam, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of May 21, 2014.**

### **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### **ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Abraham, 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 25, 2014.

#### ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

*Proposed A.A.S. in Application Software Development at South Louisiana Community College*

**On motion of Regent Martin, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval of the Associate of Applied Science in Application Software Development and two associate exit points (CIP Code 11.0201) at South Louisiana Community College, for implementation in fall 2014. An update on program implementation, to include enrollment and completion data, shall be submitted by June 30, 2015.**

#### CONSENT AGENDA

**On motion of Regent Martin, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive and approve the items on the Consent Agenda as listed below:**

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

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT OF JUNE 25, 2014

**On motion of Regent Martin, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of June 25, 2014. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Levy, Chair of the Legislative Committee, Dr. Uma Subramanian, Deputy Commissioner for Legal and External Affairs, presented the Legislative Committee Report of June 25, 2014, regarding updates on the 2014 Legislative Session and Resolutions.

ADOPTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT OF JUNE 25, 2014

**On motion of Regent Abraham, seconded by Regent Markle, the Board voted unanimously to receive the Legislative Committee Report of June 25, 2014. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

**FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Lipsey, 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 25, 2014.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. LSU and A&M – Grandstand Canopy Bird Control at Alex Box Stadium (Budget Increase) - \$363,000 (Auxiliary Funds)
2. Southeastern Louisiana University – Pursley Hall Air Handler Replacements - \$480,000 “Other Funds” (Building Use Fee)

**On motion of Regent Markle, seconded by Regent Egan, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the consent agenda for the small capital projects as noted above.**

BoR FY 2014-2015 CAPITAL OUTLAY RECOMMENDATION STATUS UPDATE

This item was for informational purposes only.

INTERIM EMERGENCY BOARD REQUEST

**On motion of Regent Markle, seconded by Regent Egan, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the Southern University System's request, on behalf of Southern University and A&M College, to seek funding from the Interim Emergency Board (IEB) to correct the road collapse on Elton C. Harrison Drive and repair the current ingress/egress routes (Farm and James L. Hunt Roads, respectively) prior to the commencement of the Fall 2014 semester. In addition to the road project(s), the Board amended the motion to include a third party engineering assessment to determine the cause of the road failure on Elton C. Harrison Drive. The estimated project cost to be submitted to the IEB for repairing all three (3) roads is \$3 million.**

Regent Lipsey presented a resolution during the Facilities and Property Committee urging all stakeholders to work together to find a funding solution for the road failure project and other related repairs on the main campus of Southern University before the commencement of the Fall 2014 semester. (See Attachment I.)

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT OF JUNE 25, 2014

**On motion of Regent Markle, seconded by Regent Egan, the Board voted unanimously to receive the Facilities and Property Committee Report of June 25, 2014. (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 June 25, 2014.

REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF A BA-7 FOR THE LSU SYSTEM

**On motion of Regent Martin, seconded by Regent Wiley, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve a BA-7 for the Louisiana State University System. The System will transfer fifty (50) authorized table of organization (T.O.) positions from the LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport to the Pennington Biomedical Research Center. This will correct an error in classification of personnel at Pennington and does not reflect an increase in staff or research personnel.**

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE FY 2014-2015 OPERATING BUDGET DISTRIBUTION

**On motion of Regent Martin, seconded by Regent Wiley, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Operating Budget Distribution.**

ADOPTION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF JUNE 25, 2014

**On motion of Regent Martin, seconded by Regent Wiley, the Board voted unanimously to receive the Finance Committee Report of June 25, 2014. (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 25, 2014.

ADDITIONAL BoRSF FUNDING FOR UNMATCHED ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIPS

**On motion of Regent Lipsey, seconded by Regent Fenstermaker, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve an additional \$3,000,000 in FY 2013-14 from the BoRSF to match seventy-four (74) Endowed Professorships requests at Louisiana State University and A&M College, and one (1) at LSUHSC-New Orleans, based on the July 2012 survey.**

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT OF JUNE 25, 2014

**On motion of Regent Lipsey, seconded by Regent Fenstermaker, the Board voted unanimously to receive the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of June 25, 2014. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

**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 25, 2014.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Regent Wiley called on Chancellor Freddie Pitcher of the Southern University Law Center to give public comments at this time regarding the GRAD Act review. Chancellor Pitcher thanked Dr. Tremblay for summarizing the Law Center's appeal points during the Committee meeting. He reemphasized that the Law Center would be adversely affected by the denial of the GRAD Act appeal. He indicated that he initially thought the Law Center had passed the GRAD Act and was already busy working to improve the Bar passage rate and accreditation for upcoming cycles. He urged the Board of Regents to consider giving the Law Center a "pass" on GRAD Act.

Chancellor Pitcher also requested that both the Southern University Law Center and the LSU Law Center meet with Board of Regents' staff to develop additional under student success. Dr. Leon Tarver withdrew his opportunity to give comments at this time.

## CONSENT AGENDA

**On motion of Regent Farr, seconded by Regent Egan, the Board voted unanimously to adopt 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** (*Brescia University; College of Mount Saint Joseph; and Oral Roberts University*)
- 2. License Renewals** (*Alcorn State University; Northwood University; Ottawa University; Pennsylvania State University; and Wiley College*)

## GRAD ACT YEAR 4 ANNUAL REVIEW

**On motion of Regent Farr, seconded by Regent Martin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve the GRAD Act 2013-14 institution annual designations for 2014-15 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. (See Attachment II.)**

**On motion of Regent Lipsey, seconded by Regent Martin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to authorize the Deputy Commissioner for Planning, Research and Academic Affairs to report on GRAD Act to the Governor and Legislature by the July 15th deadline.**

**On motion of Regent Markle, seconded by Regent Brakeville, the Board voted unanimously to convene a Committee (members to be determined) to assist in identifying and solving the problems that Southern University Law Center is experiencing regarding the GRAD Act/Bar passage rates.**

Regent Bollinger offered an amendment to the previous motion, which the Board unanimously accepted, to include all public law schools in Louisiana, therefore, assisting not only the Southern University Law Center but also the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center with any problems experienced with GRAD Act/bar passage rates.

Ms. Barbara Goodson spoke regarding the FY 2014-2015 operating budget distribution for the Southern University Law Center. She said the total funds existing as of December 1, 2013 for the Law Center are \$12,701,831. Ms. Goodson said that as of June 3, 2014, the proposed budget for FY 2014-2015 is \$13,870,480. She said this would be a 9.2% increase for the Law Center based on the budgets at this time. Deputy Commissioner Goodson said calculations/adjustments will need to be submitted to the budget office regarding state funds due to actions regarding the GRAD Act.

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE  
REPORT OF JUNE 25, 2014

**On motion of Regent Farr, seconded by Regent Egan, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Report of June 25, 2014. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

At this time, Chair Rasberry read a statement regarding the Southern University Law Center GRAD Act appeal. He said:

*The Board of Regents has been charged with implementing the GRAD Act and enforcing the performance metrics. We are, therefore, obligated to enforce it,*

*though the incentives promised under the GRAD Act haven't really materialized. Thus, our institutions have been required to meet their GRAD Act targets, even when they haven't been allowed to retain their increased tuition revenues. The Board of Regents is cognizant of the impact of reduced funding and diminishing revenues on our institutions' performance.*

*Thanks to the Administration's and the Legislature's efforts this year that trend was reversed for the first time in six years.*

*In summary, we understand the financial impact of steadily diminishing revenues over the last few years. Our institutions are a shadow of their former selves and at least one has declared financial exigency. However, the Board of Regents must still enforce the GRAD Act with fidelity. We therefore ask the Southern University System management board to carefully consider the GRAD Act outcome of the three institutions discussed today and to work with Board of Regents' staff to develop a plan to strengthen performance even during these times of financial distress. With this year's funding bringing much-needed stability, and with the hard work and dedication of the management board, I am hopeful that the three institutions can begin to improve their performance.*

Chair Rasberry reminded the Board that there will not be a Board meeting in July. He said the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 27, 2014. The Commissioner's Search Committee meeting is set for the afternoon of August 27 and will continue the next morning.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:16 p.m.



**ATTACHMENT I  
LOUISIANA BOARD OF REGENTS' SUPPORT RESOLUTION FOR  
SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AND A&M COLLEGE, JUNE 2014**

WHEREAS, the Southern University and A&M College was established in 1880 in New Orleans, prior to moving to the institution's permanent home in Baton Rouge in 1914;

WHEREAS, designated as an historically black, 1890 Land-Grant Institution, Southern University and A&M College serves as an essential resource to the region and state as a provider of four-year, graduate, professional, and doctoral degree programs to a diverse student body offering opportunities to achieve a high-quality, global educational experience, the ability to engage in scholarly research and creative activities, and meaningful public service to the community and the state;

WHEREAS, Southern University and A&M College's Office of Residential Life's provides students with a living and learning community that is conducive to academic success, and cultural and social development through programming and service;

WHEREAS, approximately 1,000 freshman and 2,000 upper class students reside in one of the nine residence halls or one of the four apartment units on campus;

WHEREAS, Elton C. Harrison Drive serves as the main, and only paved, thoroughfare to the student dormitory and social complex area; Farm Road and James L. Hunt Road serve as emergency ingress and egress routes respectively;

WHEREAS, the failure of Elton C. Harrison Drive to be repaired prior to the commencement of the fall 2014 semester, will cause undue hardship on student, parents, Southern University and A&M staff and personnel, potential first responders and emergency personnel entering and exiting the student living and social area of the campus;

WHEREAS, the number of students that will use Farm Road as ingress and James L. Hunt as egress once the fall 2014 semester begins will further deteriorate the condition of these two roads;

WHEREAS, Elton C. Harrison Drive requires repair of the road failure, and Farm Road and James L. Hunt Road require paving and upgrading;

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Board of Regents supports Southern University and A&M College, the Southern University System, and the Southern University Board of Supervisors in their request to secure emergency funding to stabilize Elton C. Harrison Drive and upgrade Farm and James L. Hunt Roads;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Board of Regents supports Southern University and A&M College, the Southern University System, and the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, so that they may pursue all available avenues of funding to ensure that Elton C. Harrison Drive receives emergency funding to correct the failure of the road and funding to upgrade Farm and James L. Hunt Roads. The Louisiana Board of Regents recognizes the importance of repairing Elton C. Harrison Drive, and upgrading Farm and James L. Hunt Roads, prior to the commencement of the fall 2014 semester, and as such, will provide any assistance available to secure funding for these important projects.

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I, W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr., Chairman of the Board of Regents of Louisiana, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the said Board of Regents at a Board meeting, duly called and held on June 25, 2014, at which meeting more than a quorum was present and voted.

In witness thereof, I have signed my name and affixed the official seal of said Board of Regents at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014.



W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr. Chairman, Louisiana Board of Regents

**ATTACHMENT II**

**GRAD ACT YEAR 4 INSTITUTIONAL RESULTS**

Passage of a performance objective requires a minimum overall score of 80%. An institution must pass the Student Success objective to retain tuition authority and be eligible for autonomies for the next academic year.

As a result of the overall scores, institutions were given one of the following annual evaluation designations. The annual designation determines the institution’s status for tuition authority and eligibility for autonomies for the next academic year.

Year 4 Annual Designation:	Status for Year 5:
Green	Retains tuition authority and eligible for autonomies
Yellow	Retains tuition authority and eligible for autonomies
Orange	Retains tuition authority, but not eligible for autonomies
Red	Loses tuition authority and eligibility for autonomies

**2013-14 Annual Designations**

**Louisiana Community and Technical College System:**

Institution	Board of Regents Determination				
	Student Success	Articulation & Transfer	Workforce & Economic Development	Institutional Efficiency and Accountability	Annual Evaluation Designation
Baton Rouge CC	89%	100%	88%	100%	GREEN
Bossier Parish CC	89%	100%	100%	100%	GREEN
Central Louisiana TCC	100%	100%	100%	100%	GREEN
Delgado CC	100%	100%	100%	100%	GREEN
Delta CC	90%	100%	100%	100%	GREEN
Fletcher TCC	100%	100%	100%	100%	GREEN
Northshore TCC	100%	100%	100%	100%	GREEN
Nunez CC	100%	100%	100%	100%	GREEN
River Parishes CC	89%	100%	100%	100%	GREEN
South Louisiana CC	100%	100%	100%	100%	GREEN
Sowela TCC	100%	100%	100%	100%	GREEN
Northwest LA TC	87%	100%	100%	100%	GREEN
South Central LA TC	100%	100%	100%	100%	GREEN

**Southern University System:**

Institution	Board of Regents Determination				
	Student Success	Articulation & Transfer	Workforce & Economic Development	Institutional Efficiency and Accountability	Annual Evaluation Designation
Southern Univ. A&M	74%	100%	100%	100%	RED
Southern Univ. Law Center	79%	N/A	100%	100%	RED
Southern Univ. New Orleans	100%	92%	100%	100%	GREEN
Southern Univ. Shreveport	67%	100%	100%	100%	RED

*Passage of a performance objective requires a minimum overall score of 80%.*

**Louisiana State University System:**

Institution	Board of Regents Determination				
	Student Success	Articulation & Transfer	Workforce & Economic Development	Institutional Efficiency and Accountability	Annual Evaluation Designation
LSU A&M	90%	100%	100%	100%	GREEN
LSU Alexandria	90%	100%	100%	100%	GREEN
LSU Eunice	91%	100%	100%	100%	GREEN
LSU Shreveport	91%	100%	100%	100%	GREEN
LSU HSC New Orleans	88%	N/A	92%	100%	GREEN
LSU HSC Shreveport	91%	N/A	100%	100%	GREEN
LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Ctr.	100%	N/A	100%	100%	GREEN

**University of Louisiana System:**

Institution	Board of Regents Determination				
	Student Success	Articulation & Transfer	Workforce & Economic Development	Institutional Efficiency and Accountability	Annual Evaluation Designation
Grambling State Univ.	100%	100%	100%	100%	GREEN
Louisiana Tech Univ.	91%	100%	100%	100%	GREEN
McNeese State Univ.	91%	100%	100%	100%	GREEN
Nicholls State Univ.	100%	100%	100%	100%	GREEN
Northwestern State Univ.	92%	100%	100%	100%	GREEN
Southeastern LA Univ.	91%	100%	100%	100%	GREEN
University of LA at Lafayette	92%	100%	100%	100%	GREEN
University of LA at Monroe	86%	100%	100%	100%	GREEN
University of New Orleans	100%	100%	100%	100%	GREEN

