

# MINUTES

## BOARD OF REGENTS

January 12, 2015

The Board of Regents met as a Committee of the Whole at 9:08 a.m., Monday, January 12, 2015, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Regent Roy Martin III called the meeting to order.

### INSTALLATION FOR 2015

#### *Board Officers (Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary)*

It was noted that the newly appointed officers for 2015 would be sworn in by Dr. Uma Subramanian, Deputy Commissioner for Legal and External Affairs. She administered the oaths of office to Regent Roy Martin III as Chair, Regent Richard Lipsey as Vice Chair, and Regent Joseph Farr as Secretary.

#### *Members to Serve on the Executive Committee*

Chair Martin next requested that members of the Executive Committee be sworn in by Dr. Subramanian as follows: Regents Joseph Farr, William Fenstermaker, Robert Levy, Richard Lipsey, Edward Markle, Roy Martin III, and Joseph Wiley.

### SWEARING-IN CEREMONY OF NEWLY APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS

Governor Bobby Jindal recently appointed four new Board members to fill expired terms of four other Regents. Dr. Subramanian administered the oaths of office to these members.

- Ms. Claudia Adley, of Benton, Vice President and Co-Owner of Pelican Gas Management, Inc. and a partner with Adley Consultants, L.L.C.
- Mr. Christopher Bollinger, of Lockport, former President of Bollinger Shipyards, L.L.C.
- Mr. William Gray Stream of Lake Charles, President of Matilda Stream Management, and

- Mr. Collis Temple III, of Baton Rouge, National Sales Director and Agency Owner, Primerica.

Chair Martin officially welcomed the newly appointed Board members and Dr. Joseph C. Rallo, Commissioner of Higher Education.

### ROLL CALL

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

#### Present for the meeting were:

Roy Martin III, Chair

Richard Lipsey, Vice Chair

Joseph Farr, Secretary

Mark Abraham

Claudia Adley

Christopher Bollinger

Maggie Brakeville

Raymond Brandt

William Fenstermaker

Chris Gorman

Robert Levy

Edward Markle

William Gray Stream

Collis Temple III

Joseph Wiley

#### Absent for the meeting was:

Joel Dupré

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Martin 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 DECEMBER 11, 2014

**On motion of Regent Farr, seconded by Regent Wiley, the Board, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve the minutes of December 11, 2014.**

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE AS PAST CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS, W. CLINTON “BUBBA” RASBERRY, JR. AND SERVICE OF REGENT CHARLOTTE BOLLINGER, REGENT PAMELA EGAN, AND REGENT ALBERT SAM

Chair Martin thanked Mr. W. Clinton “Bubba” Rasberry for his leadership as Chair of the Board of Regents for the past two years. A standing ovation was in order. He also thanked Regents Bollinger, Egan and Sam for their service on the Board.

**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

All representatives of management boards in attendance were allowed to participate and vote on any matter before a standing committee. as required by law.

**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 January 12, 2015.

CONSENT AGENDA (SMALL CAPITAL PROJECT REPORT)

**On motion of Regent Fenstermaker, seconded by Regent Wiley, the Board, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Facilities and Property Committee, voted unanimously to approve the Small Capital Project Report as listed below.**

- 1. South Louisiana Community College – T. H. Harris Campus: Extension Building G – Welding Shop Expansion and Renovations**

LEASE REQUEST: LSU AND A&M COLLEGE NUTRITION CENTER

**On motion of Regent Markle, seconded by Regent Farr, the Board, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Facilities and Property Committee, voted unanimously to approve the lease between the Louisiana State University System, on behalf of Louisiana State University and A&M College, and the Tiger Athletic Foundation, for the purpose of the construction of a new LSU Tiger Athletic Nutrition Center.**

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT OF JANUARY 12, 2015

**On motion of Regent Markle, seconded by Regent Farr, the Board, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Facilities and Property Committee, voted unanimously to adopt the Committee Report of January 12, 2015. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

**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 January 12, 2015.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

**On motion of Regent Wiley, seconded by Regent Brandt, the Board, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, voted unanimously to approve the Letter of Intent to develop a proposal for a Master of Education in Higher Education Administration at the University of New Orleans.**

**On motion of Regent Farr, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, voted unanimously to conditionally approve the proposal for a Master of Science in Transportation at the University of New Orleans.**

CONSENT AGENDA

**On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Wiley, the Board, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, voted unanimously to 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. Past Due Reports**
  - 4. Letters of Intent/Proposals in the Queue**

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT OF JANUARY 12, 2015

**On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Wiley, the Board, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Academic and Student Affairs**

**Committee, voted unanimously to adopt the Committee Report of January 12, 2015. (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 January 12, 2015.

### CONSENT AGENDA

**On motion of Regent Brakeville, seconded by Regent Lipsey, the Board, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee, voted unanimously to approve the items listed under the Consent Agenda:**

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

##### **1. License Renewals**

- a. Aspen University**
- b. Herzing University**
- c. Oregon State University**
- d. Wake Forest University**

### OTHER BUSINESS

- *Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act of 2014*

Dr. Larry Tremblay said that Chair Martin had requested information in December 2014 on current laws on out-of-state tuition waivers for veterans and the feasibility of waiving out-of-state tuition for all veterans.

Dr. Tremblay said that recent changes to the federal 2014 Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act require that institutions waive all out-of state tuition and fees for honorably discharged veterans. Therefore, there is no opportunity for Louisiana to gain a strategic marketing advantage. Chair Martin observed that Louisiana could still market the opportunities, since many veterans may be unaware of the new regulations.

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE  
REPORT OF JANUARY 12, 2015

**On motion of Regent Brakeville, seconded by Regent Lipsey, the Board, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee, voted unanimously to adopt the Committee Report of January 12, 2015. (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 January 12, 2015.

ENDOWED CHAIRS FOR EMINENT SCHOLARS: RESPONSES FROM PUBLIC  
CAMPUSES REGARDING FY 2014-2015 WAIVER OF VACANCY RATE POLICY

**On motion of Regent Fenstermaker, seconded by Regent Brakeville, the Board, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Sponsored Programs Committee, voted unanimously that, based on responses received, the following campuses, previously deemed ineligible, are now eligible to submit proposals in the FY 2014-15 Endowed Chairs competition: Louisiana State University and A&M College, LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans, LSU Health Sciences Center – Shreveport, LSU Law Center, Louisiana Tech University, Northwestern State University, Southeastern Louisiana University, Southern University and A&M College, Southern University at New Orleans, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, and the University of New Orleans. All campuses rendered eligible by this action shall submit an update to the Board by October 1, 2015, detailing progress in achieving goals identified in the responses. The staff will report to the Board on campus updates during October/December, 2015.**

REVISED ENDOWED CHAIRS POLICY APPLICABLE TO ALL CAMPUSES

**On motion of Regent Fenstermaker, seconded by Regent Farr, the Board, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Sponsored Programs Committee, voted unanimously to approve, effective immediately, that all campuses shall provide documentation to the Commissioner of Higher Education that each Chair vacancy is being filled – whether externally or internally – following a national search. Any request for waiver of this policy shall be made in writing to the Commissioner of Higher Education and reviewed by external consultants. Upon receipt of the consultants' response, the Commissioner will provide a formal recommendation for consideration and approval by the Board of Regents. Board approval of the waiver must be provided prior to appointment of the chair holder. The Board reserves the**

**right to render a campus not in compliance with this policy to be ineligible for new Endowed Chairs funds.**

UPDATE: RATIONALES FOR ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIP VACANCY RATES FROM INELIGIBLE CAMPUSES

Ms. Carrie Robison, Associate Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, said responses from presidents/chancellors of ineligible campuses were submitted to the Board of Regents providing each campus's rationale for high Endowed Professorship vacancy rates.

COMBINED CHAIR/PROFESSORSHIP ENDOWMENT PROGRAM, EFFECTIVE FY 2016-2017

**On motion of Regent Brakeville, seconded by Regent Lipsey, the Board, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Sponsored Programs Committee, voted unanimously to approve that a study be undertaken during 2015 to develop a tiered and competitive Chair/Professorship Endowment program, to be implemented during FY 2016-17, which combines the existing Endowed Chairs for Eminent Scholars and Endowed Professorships subprograms. The minimum corpus level of each tier will ensure that endowments, when combined with campus resources, are sufficient to achieve the goals of recruiting and retaining superior faculty.**

**The staff, with advice from the Planning Committee, along with campuses and systems statewide, will submit recommendations to the Board during the fall of 2015.**

Commissioner Rallo noted this combined program would maximize the ability to use the dollars available to fill Chairs/Professorships with eminently qualified individuals. This action would streamline the program by increasing the dollars funding fewer slots.

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT OF JANUARY 12, 2015

**On motion of Regent Brakeville, seconded by Regent Lipsey, the Board, meeting as a Committee of the Whole on behalf of the Sponsored Programs Committee, voted unanimously to adopt the Committee Report of January 12, 2015. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

## REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Commissioner of Higher Education Joseph C. Rallo said that several meetings have been held with members of the Sexual Assault Working Group, and a draft policy will be shared with the Board of Regents at its February meeting.

Dr. Rallo noted that he would begin regional tours this week in the northern region of Louisiana. He requested that Dr. Lisa Vosper, Associate Commissioner for Workforce Education and Training, and Dr. Katara Williams, Assistant Commissioner for Public Relations, share with the Board the details of the tour.

Dr. Williams said there would be a preview of two videos. One video was an introduction of Commissioner Rallo that will be emailed throughout the state. The second video, she said, was prepared in conjunction with the Louisiana Department of Economic Development showcasing accomplishments in the state and would be used during the regional tours.

Dr. Vosper said Commissioner Rallo will have one-on-one meetings with Chancellors/ Presidents at the campuses, and visit with legislative leadership and stakeholders in each region. She invited all Board members to participate in the events scheduled for the tours. Dr. Williams said Dr. Rallo would be interviewed by several editorial boards and morning radio shows.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Other business introduced by Chair Martin included:

- New Committee assignments for 2015; and
- Next regularly scheduled Board meeting on Monday, February 23, 2015, following the annual Trusteeship Conference.

Chair Martin said the Board of Regents is an excellent board that is ready to face the challenges ahead. He said to remember that the character of leaders is not defined in good times



– but in times of challenge and adversity, and he knows that this Board is equipped to meet the leadership challenge.

Regent Adley commented that she had deep respect for former Chair W. Clinton “Bubba” Rasberry, Jr. She said he has given his life to public service and is filled with knowledge. Ms. Adley said she learned a lesson many years ago; she was raised by a public and successful father, but learned she could not fill his shoes –she only hoped to follow in them. The same was true of Mr. Rasberry. She said he has offered to share his time and knowledge with her and the Board, and she expects to take advantage of that.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:53 a.m.