

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

March 25, 2015

The Board of Regents met in session at 12:50 p.m., Wednesday, March 25, 2015, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Roy Martin III called the meeting to order.

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
Claudia Adley
Raymond Brandt
Joel Dupré
Chris Gorman
Edward Markle
William Gray Stream
Joseph Wiley

Absent for the meeting were:

Mark Abraham
Christopher Bollinger
Maggie Brakeville
William Fenstermaker
Robert Levy
Collis Temple III

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 FEBRUARY 23, 2015

On motion of Regent Markle, seconded by Regent Farr, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of February 23, 2015.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Farr, 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 March 25, 2015.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

- Program Proposals
 - A. Graduate Certificates (GC) – LSU

On motion of Regent Wiley, seconded by Regent Lipsey, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval of the following Graduate Certificates at LSU and A&M College: (1) Behavior and Health; (2) Econometrics; (3) Life Span Studies; (4) Fisheries Science and Assessment; (5) Geographic Information Science; and (6) Workforce Development.

- B. Master of Science in Nursing – ULM

On motion of Regent Wiley, seconded by Regent Lipsey, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval of a Master of Science in Nursing at the University of Louisiana at Monroe.

- Program Termination Requests - UNO

On motion of Regent Wiley, seconded by Regent Lipsey, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to terminate/eliminate the following: (1) Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction; (2) M.Ed. and Ph.D. in Special Education; (3) B.S. in Early Childhood Education: GR PreK – 3; and (4) Ph.D. in Political Science; and (5) the elimination of the Department of Geography at UNO.

CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE

- A. Proposed New Center of Research Excellence
 - Stanley S. Scott Cancer Center of Excellence (CRE, LSUHSC-NO)

On motion of Regent Wiley, seconded by Regent Lipsey, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to approve the designation of the Stanley S. Scott Cancer Center at LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans as a Center of Research Excellence under BoR/AA Policy 2.05A, through May 2020.

- B. Continued Designation of Existing Center of Excellence
- Deepwater Center for Workforce Excellence (Fletcher TCC)

On motion of Regent Wiley, seconded by Regent Lipsey, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant full approval of the continued designation of the Deepwater Center for Workforce Excellence at Fletcher Technical Community College, with a report and proposal for continued designation as a CWE due by March 1, 2020.

- C. Proposed Policy Revision: AA 2.05A

On motion of Regent Wiley, seconded by Regent Lipsey, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to approve the draft changes to Academic Affairs Policy 2.05A, Centers of Excellence.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. Research Centers/Institutes

- 1. Transformational Technologies and Cyber Research Center – LSU
(1 Year Approval)**

B. 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 MARCH 25, 2015

On motion of Regent Wiley, seconded by Regent Lipsey, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of March 25, 2015. (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 March 25, 2015.

CONSENT AGENDA (SMALL CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT)

On motion of Regent Farr, seconded by Regent Dupré, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the Small Capital Projects Report as listed below:

- **LSU Ag Center – Rice Research Station: Building Repairs and Metal Roof/Siding Replacement**
- **LSU A&M: Allen Hall Elevator Replacement**
- **LSU A&M: Beauregard Hall (Pentagon Barracks) Staff Apartment**
- **LSU A&M: East and West Laville Waterproofing and Painting**
- **LSU A&M: Highland Hall Basement Modifications**
- **LSU A&M: Jackson Hall (Pentagon Barracks) Roof Replacement**
- **LSU A&M: McVoy Hall Roof Replacement**
- **LSU A&M: Pentagon Barracks Waterproofing and Painting**
- **LSU A&M: Soccer Game & Practice Field Improvements**
- **LSU HSC-S: Biochemistry Lab Renovation**
- **NTCC: Vet Tech and Equine Barn Facility**

MAJOR REPAIR FUND REALLOCATIONS

- **Pennington: Building F Door Replacement**
- **McNeese State: Alpha Hall Renovation**

On motion of Regent Farr, seconded by Regent Dupré, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the reallocation of Major Repair fund balances appropriated to McNeese State University and Pennington Biomedical Research Center, and provided for under the authority of Act 27 of 2006 [SUPP A7 2008], for the purpose of renovating Alpha Hall and replacing the security cameras, respectively.

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT OF MARCH 25, 2015

On motion of Regent Farr, seconded by Regent Dupré, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Report of March 25, 2015. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Markle, Vice Chair of the Legislative Committee, Dr. Uma

Subramanian, Deputy Commissioner for Legal and External Affairs, presented the Legislative Committee Report of March 25, 2015.

2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATES

- Update on Board of Regents' Bills
- Update on Bills Impacting Board of Regents
- Update on Bills Impacting Higher Education

On motion of Regent Stream, seconded by Regent Farr, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Legislative Committee to (a) authorize the Commissioner and staff to pursue the BoR Legislative Agenda during the upcoming 2015 Regular Session as necessary, with regular reports to the Board; and (b) authorize the Commissioner of Higher Education and the Chairman of the Board to act on its behalf on legislative issues that may arise during the 2015 Regular Session.

ADOPTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT OF MARCH 25, 2015

On motion of Regent Stream, seconded by Regent Farr, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Legislative Committee Report of March 25, 2015.
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FINANCE COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Markle, Chair of the Finance Committee, Ms. Barbara Goodson, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, presented the Finance Committee Report of March 25, 2015.

REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE FY 2015-2016 FUNDING RECOMMENDATION

On motion of Regent Brandt, seconded by Regent Stream, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the preliminary funding recommendations for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

ADOPTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT OF MARCH 25, 2015

On motion of Regent Brandt, seconded by Regent Stream, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Legislative Committee Report of March 25, 2015.
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PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Dupré, 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 March 25, 2015.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Regent Brandt, seconded by Regent Stream, 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

a. Gallaudet University

2. License Renewals

a. Relay Graduate School of Education

B. Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission

1. Initial Licenses

a. Caring Minds Resource and Training Services, LLC

b. Goodwill Industries of Southeastern Louisiana, Inc.

c. Mid City College, Inc.

d. Tulsa Welding School & Technology Center

2. License Renewals

a. Baton Rouge School of Court Reporting (01/26/06)

b. Blue Cliff College--Lafayette (01/27/00)

c. Coastal College--Hammond (02/23/89)

d. Dryades YMCA School of Commerce (02/27/97)

e. ITI Technical College (01/27/00)

f. Lafourche Merchant Marine Training Services (01/27/10)

g. Louisiana Dental Assistant School, LLC (01/27/05)

h. Moore Career College, Inc. (01/27/10)

i. Southwest Dental Academy, LLC (01/25/12)

j. Tulsa Welding School--Jacksonville Campus (01/27/10)

k. WyoTech--Florida (01/27/10)

STATE AUTHORIZATION RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT (SARA)

A. Institution Applications

- Louisiana State University and A&M College
- McNeese State University
- Northwestern State University of Louisiana
- Our Lady of Holy Cross College

On motion of Regent Brandt, seconded by Regent Stream, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve the Application for Institutional Participation in SARA for McNeese State University, Our Lady of Holy Cross College, Louisiana State University and A&M College, and

Northwestern State University, and authorize staff to submit the approved applications to NC-SARA for final approval of SARA membership.

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF MARCH 25, 2015

On motion of Regent Brandt, seconded by Regent Stream, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Report of March 25, 2015. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Wiley, Chair of the Sponsored Programs Committee, Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, presented the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of March 25, 2015.

REQUEST FROM CENTENARY COLLEGE OF LOUISIANA FOR WAIVER OF NATIONAL SEARCH REQUIREMENT FOR TWO CHAIRS “IN WHICH THE TEACHING/EDUCATIONAL COMPONENT IS PREEMINENT”

- A. Arthur and Emily Webb Chair of International Studies
- B. George A. Wilson Eminent Scholars Chair of American Literature

On motion of Regent Brandt, seconded by Regent Dupré, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve Centenary’s request to appoint Dr. Dana Kress to the Arthur and Emily Webb Chair of International Studies, and Dr. Jefferson Hendricks to the George A. Wilson Eminent Scholars Chair of American Literature with the stipulation that Centenary College will submit to the Commissioner of Higher Education a report of activities for each chair holder annually in May during the first three years of appointment. Reports will reference the standards of performance listed in the Endowed Chairs policy, the original proposal, and Centenary’s letters of appointment to Dr. Kress and Dr. Hendricks.

REVISIONS IN THE ENDOWED CHAIRS FOR EMINENT SCHOLARS SUBPROGRAM POLICY

On motion of Regent Brandt, seconded by Regent Dupré, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve revisions to the Endowed Chairs for Eminent Scholars subprogram policy as reflected in the Appendix to the summary.

LCTCS APPOINTMENTS TO THE BoRSF PLANNING AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES

On motion of Regent Brandt, seconded by Regent Dupré, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the nominations of Mr. Daniel Roberts, Vice President for Academics and Student Affairs, to the BoRSF Planning Committee and Mr. Joe Marin, Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration, to the BoRSF Planning and Advisory Committees.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Commissioner Rallo stated that he is continuing his learning/listening tours around the state. His communication campaign has focused on media exposure, use of social media, and redesign of Regents' website.

Dr. Rallo introduced Dr. Katara Williams, Assistant Commissioner for Public Relations, to share more on the communication campaign. She said the statewide media tour has been most impactful. Dr. Williams noted that highlights of the Board of Regents and its accomplishments have been conveyed to constituents and the public. A video clip was shown to highlight some of the stops on the tour during the last twelve weeks.

Dr. Williams next spoke on the use of social media such as Facebook and Twitter. She said interest in the Regents' Facebook page has increased by 13% per week. Dr. Williams also mentioned that beginning July 1, 2015, the Board of Regents' website will be redesigned and become a hub for comprehensive information.

Lastly, Dr. Williams spoke regarding a new initiative called the Commissioner's Roundtable, to be held during the 2015 legislative session. This roundtable will involve individuals from chambers of commerce, business and industry, the Faculty Senate and the Council of Student Body Presidents in discussions regarding legislative impacts during the session.

Dr. Rallo congratulated Dr. Lisa Vosper, Associate Commissioner for Workforce Education and Training, and Dr. Williams for organizing the tours. Dr. Williams said she is working with Regent Maggie Brakeville to hold a focus group with the Council of Student Body Presidents at its upcoming meeting in Alexandria to discuss how the Board of Regents can help students.

OTHER BUSINESS

Other business introduced by Chair Martin included:

- He thanked Commissioner Rallo for his leadership and work with the system presidents and higher education's legislative agenda.
- The Baton Rouge regional tour begins tonight with a reception held on the Southern University-Baton Rouge campus and stakeholder conversations on March 26, 2015, at the Pennington Biomedical Research Center.
- Dr. Rallo will speak at the GNO Quarterly Board meeting on April 9, 2015.
- The Legislative Session begins April 13, 2015.
- The next Committee and Board meetings will be held on April 22, 2015.
- The Bayou Region listening tour will be held on April 28 and 29, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.