

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

April 22, 2015

The Board of Regents met in session at 9:45 a.m., Wednesday, April 22, 2015, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Vice Chair Richard Lipsey called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Due to legislative Committee meetings at the capitol, several Board members and Commissioner of Higher Education Joseph C. Rallo had to leave the Board meeting.

Executive Assistant Carolyn Blanchard called the roll of the remaining members in attendance, and a quorum was established.

Present for the meeting were:

Richard Lipsey, Vice Chair
Joseph Farr, Secretary
Claudia Adley
Christopher Bollinger
Maggie Brakeville
William Fenstermaker
Edward Markle
William Gray Stream
Collis Temple III

Absent for the meeting were:

Roy Martin III, Chair
Mark Abraham
Raymond Brandt
Joel Dupré
Chris Gorman
Robert Levy
Joseph Wiley

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Vice Chair Lipsey 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 MARCH 25, 2015

On motion of Regent Farr, seconded by Regent Stream, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of March 25, 2015.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Regent Markle, Vice Chair of the Legislative Committee, presented the Legislative Committee Report of April 22, 2015.

2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATES

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

ADOPTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT OF APRIL 22, 2015

On motion of Regent Stream, seconded by Regent Farr, the Board voted unanimously to receive and adopt the Legislative Committee Report of April 22, 2015. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

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 April 22, 2015.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

- Letter of Intent
 - A. Birth to Kindergarten Programs – Statewide Initiative

On motion of Regent Brakeville, seconded by Regent Bollinger, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to approve the Letter of Intent to develop a proposal for a Birth to Kindergarten teacher education program that will include a statewide curriculum and stackable credentials.

- Program Proposals

1. Master of Digital Arts and Engineering at LSU and A&M College

On motion of Regent Brakeville, seconded by Regent Bollinger, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee for conditional approval of a Master of Digital Media Arts and Engineering at Louisiana State University. A progress report on program implementation shall be due by September 1, 2016.

CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

- Neuroscience Center of Research Excellence at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans

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

2014-15 LOW COMPLETER REVIEW

On motion of Regent Brakeville, seconded by Regent Bollinger, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to approve the recommendations relative to the 177 academic programs included in the attachment to this review, including:

- Continuation of 112 programs, with enrollment and completer updates at staff request;
- Termination of 56 programs; and
- Consolidation of 6-9 programs, with the cancellations and revisions in the Curriculum Inventory, as warranted.

The statewide Academic Program Review should be repeated in 2016-17, after the 2015-16 completer reports are finalized.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Regent Brakeville, seconded by Regent Bollinger, 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: Precision Agriculture and Unmanned Aircraft Systems Research and Applications Center at the University of Louisiana at Monroe (Full 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**

OTHER BUSINESS

- Co-Requisite Delivery Pilot

Dr. Karen Denby, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, said an update was given on the Co-Requisite Delivery Pilot. (See the minutes of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee meeting for additional details.)

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT OF APRIL 22, 2015

On motion of Regent Brakeville, seconded by Regent Bollinger, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of April 22, 2015. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Fenstermaker, Vice 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 April 22, 2015.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Regent Brakeville, 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 (Post University and Savannah College of Art and Design)**
- 2. License Renewals (Michigan State University, Northcentral University, Texas Christian University and University of Wyoming)**

STATE AUTHORIZATION RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT (SARA)

A. Institution Applications

- Louisiana State University at Alexandria
- University of Louisiana at Lafayette
- University of Louisiana at Monroe

On motion of Regent Brakeville, 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 Louisiana State University at Alexandria, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and the University of Louisiana at Monroe, and authorize staff to submit the approved applications to NC-SARA for final approval of SARA membership.

GRAD ACT

A. Request to Amend Data Submission – Louisiana Delta Community College

On motion of Regent Brakeville, seconded by Regent Stream, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve the request from Louisiana Delta Community College to submit data corrections to its Statewide Student Profile System and Completers file to more accurately reflect its performance in the Year 5 GRAD Act Annual Report. Regents' auditors will review and verify all data corrections.

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF APRIL 22, 2015

On motion of Regent Brakeville, seconded by Regent Stream, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Report of April 22, 2015. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Fenstermaker, Vice Chair of the Sponsored Programs Committee, Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, presented the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of April 22, 2015.

FY 2014-2015 BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT FUND AWARDEES

On motion of Regent Adley, seconded by Regent Temple, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs

Committee to approve \$22,167,851 in the eleven competitive and two non-competitive Support Fund subprograms to fund 258 new projects submitted in FY 2014-15. This amount includes \$14,886,098 from FY 2014-15 monies and \$7,281,753 from FY 2015-16 through FY 2019-20.

REQUEST FROM SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA UNIVERSITY TO DIVIDE THE EDWARD G. SCHLIEDER FOUNDATION ENDOWED CHAIR

On motion of Regent Adley, seconded by Regent Temple, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve division of the Edward G. Schlieder Foundation Endowed Chair into four (4) endowed professorships, each with a corpus value of \$250,000, as follows:

- **Edward G. Schlieder Foundation Professorship of Environmental Studies and Sustainability #1**
- **Edward G. Schlieder Foundation Professorship of Environmental Studies and Sustainability #2**
- **Edward G. Schlieder Foundation Professorship of Environmental Studies and Sustainability #3**
- **Edward G. Schlieder Foundation Professorship of Environmental Studies and Sustainability #4**

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY SYSTEM NOMINATION TO THE MASTER PLAN RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MPRAC)

On motion of Regent Adley, seconded by Regent Temple, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the nomination of Dr. Patrick Mensah, Professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering at Southern University and A&M College, as the Southern University System representative on the Master Plan Research Advisory Committee (MPRAC).

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT OF APRIL 22, 2015

On motion of Regent Adley, seconded by Regent Temple, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of April 22, 2015. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Commissioner Rallo had to attend Committee hearings at the capitol for the 2015 Legislative Session, so there were no comments.

OTHER BUSINESS

Other Business introduced by Vice Chair Lipsey included:

- Board Development was canceled for today due to staff going to the legislature for several higher education bills that are on the Senate Education Committee agenda.
- Next month's meeting is scheduled for May 27th.
- Regent Maggie Brakeville was recognized for her service as the student member of the Board of Regents. She will continue her education at Louisiana Tech while she pursues the MBA. She eventually wants to attend law school and study agricultural law. Vice Chair Lipsey thanked Regent Brakeville for her dedicated service and leadership. He presented her with a plaque as a token of appreciation. Regent Brakeville said that she has gained a greater understanding of higher education during her year on the Board. She thanked the Board and staff for being her education family.
- Today is Administrative Professionals Day and Vice Chair Lipsey acknowledged the dynamic administrative professionals at the Board of Regents:
 - ✓ Carolyn Blanchard
 - ✓ Michelle Brandon
 - ✓ Vera Dear
 - ✓ Jill Holton
 - ✓ Kathy Hoyt
 - ✓ Gayla Sanchez
 - ✓ Carla Smith

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.