

# MINUTES

## BOARD OF REGENTS

May 27, 2015

The Board of Regents met in session at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 27, 2015, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Roy Martin 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  
Joseph Farr, Secretary  
Mark Abraham  
Claudia Adley  
Joel Dupré  
William Fenstermaker  
Robert Levy  
Edward Markle  
William Gray Stream  
Collis Temple III

#### Absent for the meeting were:

Maggie Brakeville  
Raymond Brandt  
Chris Gorman  
Richard Lipsey, Vice Chair  
Joseph Wiley

### 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 APRIL 22, 2015

**On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Farr, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of April 22, 2015.**

## REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Levy, Chair of the Legislative Committee, Ms. Barbara Goodson, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, presented the Legislative Committee Report of May 27, 2015, based on the presentation made to the Legislative Committee by Dr. Uma Subramanian, Deputy Commissioner for Legal and External Affairs.

#### 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 Higher Education Funding

#### ADOPTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT OF MAY 27, 2015

**On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Dupré, the Board voted unanimously to receive and adopt the Legislative Committee Report of May 27, 2015. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Markle, Chair of the Finance Committee, Mr. Terrence Ginn, Associate Commissioner for Finance and Administration, presented the Finance Committee Report of May 27, 2015.

#### ESTABLISHMENT OF MINIMUM EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION RATES FOR BOARD OF REGENTS EMPLOYEES PARTICIPATING IN THE OPTIONAL RETIREMENT PLAN OF THE TEACHER'S RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF LOUISIANA

**On motion of Regent Markle, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the resolution below:**

**NOW, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Regents approves the contribution to the Teacher's Retirement System of Louisiana on behalf of each participant in the optional retirement plan equal to the sum of the amounts calculated pursuant to R.S. 11:102(D)(4)(B),(c), and (d) and 5.1839% of pay in FY 2014-15; 5.4379% of pay in FY 2015-16; 5.6919% of pay in FY 2016-17; 5.9459% of pay in FY 2017-18; and 6.2% of pay in FY 2018-19.**

UPDATE ON THE PROPOSED FY 2015-2016 HIGHER EDUCATION OPERATING BUDGET (HB 1)

There was no action necessary on the update on the Proposed FY 2015-2016 Higher Education Operating Budget (HB 1).

ADOPTION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF MAY 27, 2015

**On motion of Regent Markle, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Finance Committee Report of May 27, 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 May 27, 2015.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

A. Program Proposals

1. A.S. in Surgical Technology (BRCC)
2. A.S. in Nursing (Sowela TCC)
3. P.B.C. in Accounting (SLU)
4. P.B.C. in Business Administration (SLU)

B. Reactivation of Juris Doctor (LSU Law Center)

C. Partial Termination of B.A. in Organizational Leadership (ULS Consortium)

**On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Dupré, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to:**

- (1) Conditionally approve the A.S. in Surgical Technology at Baton Rouge Community College and the A.S. in Nursing at Sowela Technical Community College and approve the P.B.C. in Accounting and the P.B.C. in Business Administration at Southeastern Louisiana University.**
- (2) approve the reactivation of the Juris Doctor degree at the Louisiana State University Law Center, effective immediately.**

- (3) approve the termination of the Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Leadership at all University of Louisiana System institutions with the exception of the University of Louisiana at Monroe.**

POLICY CHANGES

- A. Statewide Minimum Standards for Admission  
B. AcAf 2.18 – Placement in Entry-Level English or Mathematics

Regent Levy offered a motion, seconded by Regent Markle, to defer action on these items until the next regularly scheduled Board meeting in June. At this time, Regent Abraham offered an amendment, seconded by Regent Markle, to defer action until a particular date.

After further discussion,

**On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Markle, a roll call vote was taken to defer action until no later than one week prior to the end of the session regarding:**

- (1) the revised Minimum Admission Standards for First-Time Freshmen, Transfer Students, and Adult Students, with a review in 2017; and  
(2) the changes to Academic Affairs Policy 2.18, *Minimum Requirements for Entry-Level, College-Level Mathematics and English.***

**Yes -- Mark Abraham, Claudia Adley, Joel Dupré, William Fenstermaker, Robert Levy, Edward Markle, Roy Martin, Gray Stream, Collis Temple III**

**No -- None**

**Abstain -- None**

**The motion passed.**

Chair Martin then called a special meeting of the Board of Regents for Monday, June 1, 2015 to discuss these items.

2015-16 MASTER COURSE ARTICULATION MATRIX AND LOUISIANA STATEWIDE COMMON COURSE CATALOG

**On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to approve the proposed *AY 2015-16 Master Course Articulation Matrix* and the *Louisiana Common Course Catalog*, and authorize Regents' staff to continue to work with the colleges and universities in order to expand the Matrix and Catalog throughout the year.**

## CONSENT AGENDA

**On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent Levy, 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: Institute for Industry-Education Collaboration (IIEC) – McNeese (Reauthorization)**

**B. 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 MAY 27, 2015

**On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of May 27, 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 May 27, 2015.

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF RECENT BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION AWARD: NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARD (IDeA), DR. TOM KLEI, IDeA PROJECT DIRECTOR, LSU AND A&M COLLEGE

There was no motion necessary for the announcement by Dr. Tom Klei, Boyd Professor of Parasitology and Veterinary Science at Louisiana State University and A&M College, regarding the recent Biomedical Research and Education Award: National Institutes of Health Institutional Development Award (IDeA).

## BoRSF ENDOWED: TWO-YEAR STUDENT WORKFORCE SCHOLARSHIPS SUBPROGRAM POLICY

**On motion of Regent Fenstermaker, seconded by Regent Farr, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs**

**Committee to approve the BoRSF Endowed: Two-Year Student Workforce Scholarships subprogram policy.**

LOUISIANA SYSTEMIC INITIATIVES (LaSIP) FY 2015 FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

**On motion of Regent Fenstermaker, seconded by Regent Farr, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve \$976,255 in No Child Left Behind monies to support the six (6) LaSIP projects recommended for funding in FY 2015. Projects shall be funded in the amounts and with the stipulations recommended by consultants.**

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT OF MAY 27, 2015

**On motion of Regent Fenstermaker, seconded by Regent Farr, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of May 27, 2015. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

**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 May 27, 2015.

CONSENT AGENDA

**On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent Fenstermaker, 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 (California University of Pennsylvania and University of Missouri)**
  - 2. License Renewals (Georgetown University; Graceland University; Kaplan University; Texas Wesleyan University; and William Carey University)**
  
- B. Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission**
  - 1. Initial Licenses (Dental Assisting Academy, LLC; Medical Technical Institute; and Petra College, Inc.)**
  - 2. License Renewals**
    - a. A & W Healthcare Educators, LLC (03/25/04)**
    - b. Academy of Acadiana, Inc. (03/22/06)**
    - c. Alpha Medical College, LLC (03/20/13)**
    - d. Andrea's Career Institute, LLC (03/26/14)**

- e. At-Home Professions (04/22/99)
- f. Baton Rouge Dental Assistant Academy (03/26/14)
- g. Blue Cliff College--Houma (03/24/05)
- h. Blue Cliff College--Metairie (03/23/00)
- i. Blue Cliff College--Metairie, Satellite Campus (03/23/11)
- j. Blue Cliff College--Shreveport (03/23/00)
- k. Coastal College--Lafayette (04/23/98)
- l. Coastal College--Monroe (03/28/96)
- m. Delta College of Arts & Technology--Lafayette Branch (03/24/05)
- n. Delta School of Business and Technology (05/06/80)
- o. Healthcare & More (03/21/12)
- p. J W Training Center, LLC (03/25/10)
- q. Lenora School of Phlebotomy (04/28/94)
- r. LifeSmart Training Center, LLC (03/26/14)
- s. Louisiana Culinary Institute (03/27/03)
- t. Medical Careers College (04/23/98)
- u. Pet Grooming Academy of Louisiana (03/21/12)
- v. Raymond Career College (03/26/14)
- w. Sparc Academy (03/26/14)
- x. Unitech Training Academy (04/24/97)
- y. Unitech Training Academy--Houma (03/22/06)
- z. Universal Technical Institute--Florida Branch (04/23/98)
- aa. Universal Technical Institute of Texas, Inc. (04/03/85)

At the Planning, Research and Performance Committee meeting held earlier this morning, the Committee voted to remove *Stick It Phlebotomy* from Item III.B.2. on the Consent Agenda (Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission/License Renewals) section of the agenda.

STATE AUTHORIZATION RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT (SARA)

*Institution Applications*

- Grambling State University
- Tulane University

**On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent Fenstermaker, 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 Grambling State University and Tulane University and authorize staff to submit the approved applications to NC-SARA for final approval of SARA membership.**

## GRAD ACT

### A. *Third Quarter Report of BoR GRAD Act Intervention Policy for SUBR, SUSLA, SULC and SUS*

**On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent Fenstermaker, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve the Combined 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report of the BoR GRAD Act Intervention Policy for Southern University and A&M College, Southern University at Shreveport, Southern University Law Center and the Southern University System, authorizing the Southern University Board of Supervisors to release a portion of the funds to Southern University and A&M College, Southern University at Shreveport, Southern University Law Center, and Southern University at New Orleans on the predetermined schedule included in its GRAD Act Performance Improvement Contract.**

### B. *GRAD Act Scoring Process Flexibility*

**On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent Fenstermaker, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to authorize the staff in its GRAD Act scoring to take special/unique circumstances into account when scoring a particular measure and make applicable adjustments to the score for that measure if deemed justifiable. The authorization requires Regents' staff, upon exercising this authority, to present to the Board the details of the institution's circumstances with regard to a particular measure, and any adjustments made to the scoring for that measure based upon the circumstances presented.**

## ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF MAY 27, 2015

**On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent Fenstermaker, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Report of May 27, 2015. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

## RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Commissioner Rallo commended the Regents' staff for their professionalism, dedication and willingness to work on behalf of public higher education while responding to legislative activities.

## OTHER BUSINESS

Other business introduced by Chair Martin included:

- On Wednesday, June 17, 2015, the Board of Regents will hold its joint meeting with the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education followed by regular Committee and Board meetings.
- Chair Martin thanked Senator Adley, Senator Donahue, Senator Appel and Representative Carter for being extremely helpful to higher education during the 2015 session. He also thanked all Board Members, the leaders of the higher education systems and Regents' staff for their active engagement during the 2015 legislative session.
- The next Board meeting will be held on June 1, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. to discuss admission standards.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:53 p.m.