MINUTES
BOARD OF REGENTS
August 27, 2014

NOTE: Earlier in the morning of Wednesday, August 27, 2014, Chair Rasberry assigned Ms. Maggie Brakeville, student member of the Board of Regents, to two additional Committees – the Finance Committee and the Sponsored Programs Committee.

The Board of Regents met in session at 12:05 p.m., Wednesday, August 27, 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
Charlotte Bollinger
Maggie Brakeville
Joel Dupré
Pamela Egan
Joseph Farr
Chris Gorman
Robert Levy
Richard Lipsey
Edward Markle
Roy Martin III
Joseph Wiley

Absent from the meeting were:

Mark Abraham
Raymond Brandt

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Rasberry 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 JUNE 25, 2014
On motion of Regent Wiley, seconded by Regent Egan, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of June 25, 2014.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Dupré, a member of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Dr. Karen Denby, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, presented the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of August 27, 2014.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

A. Letters of Intent
   1. Master of Science in Nursing at the University of Louisiana at Monroe
   2. Master of Public Administration at the University of Louisiana at Monroe

On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent Farr, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval of the Letters of Intent to develop proposals for a Master of Science in Nursing (CIP Code 51.3801) and a Master of Public Administration (CIP Code 44.0401) at the University of Louisiana at Monroe.

B. Proposed New Programs
   1. A.A.S. in Technical Studies at Northwest Louisiana Technical College
   2. A.A.S. in Business Administration at South Louisiana Community College
   3. B.S. in Health Care Management at the University of New Orleans
   4. B.S. in Health Systems Management at Southeastern Louisiana University and McNeese State University
   5. G.C. in Coastal Sciences and G.C. in Coastal Engineering at the University of New Orleans

On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent Farr, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval of the following degree programs: A.A.S. in Technical Studies (CIP Code 47.9999) at Northwest Louisiana Technical College; A.A.S. in Business Administration (CIP Code 52.0101) at South Louisiana Community College; Bachelor of Science in Health Care Management (CIP Code 51.2211) at the University of New Orleans; and Bachelor of Science in Health Management Systems (CIP Code 51.2211) at Southeastern Louisiana University and McNeese State University and approval of Graduate Certificates in Coastal Sciences (CIP Code 40.0605) and in Coastal Engineering (CIP Code 14.2401) at the University of New Orleans.
C. Termination Request
   1. B.S. in Engineering Technology at McNeese State University
   2. G.C. in Rural Development at Louisiana Tech University

On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent Farr, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval of the termination of the Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology (CIP Code 15.0000) at McNeese State University and the Graduate Certificate in Rural Development (CIP Code 01.0103) at Louisiana Tech University.

CENTER OF EXCELLENCE FOR ARTHRITIS AND RHEUMATOLOGY (CEAR) AT THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER IN SHREVEPORT

On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent Farr, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval of the designation of the Center of Excellence for Arthritis and Rheumatology (CEAR) at the LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport as a Center of Academic Excellence under BoR/AA Policy 2.05A, through December 2019.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent Farr, 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. Research Centers/Institutes
   1. Initial Conditional Approval: Leadership Development Institute at the Louisiana State University and A&M College
   2. Reauthorization: Center for Nursing Research in Education and Practice at Southeastern Louisiana University
   3. Reauthorization: Professional Development and Research Institute on Blindness at Louisiana Tech University

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 AUGUST 27, 2014

On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent Farr, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of August 27, 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. Terrence Ginn, Associate Commissioner for Finance and Administration, presented the Facilities and Property Committee Report of August 27, 2014.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. LSU A&M – Business Education Complex Donor Signage
2. LSU A&M – David Boyd Hall – Exterior Stucco Repairs
3. LSU A&M – J.C. Miller Classroom Upgrades
4. LSU A&M – U-High Cub Complex – Baseball Synthetic Turf
5. LSU-E – Health & Physical Education Building Roof Replacement
6. LSUHSC- NO – 1st Floor Lobby Renovation (School of Nursing/Allied Health Professions)

On motion of Regent Wiley, seconded by Regent Levy, 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 SITE VISIT UPDATE AND SCHEDULE

No action was required on the capital outlay site visit update and schedule.

INTERIM EMERGENCY BOARD REQUEST UPDATE (SUBR ROAD FAILURE)

No action was required on the Interim Emergency Board update on work progress on Southern University’s E.C. Harrison Drive.

OTHER BUSINESS

On motion of Regent Wiley, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the request that United States Senators Mary Landrieu and David Vitter urge the Federal Emergency Management Agency to approve funding for the repair of the bulkhead at the Port Fourchon laboratory located in Port Fourchon, Louisiana (Attachment A).
ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT OF AUGUST 27, 2014

On motion of Regent Wiley, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Report of August 27, 2014. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Gorman, a member of the Sponsored Programs Committee, Ms. Carrie Robison, Associate Commissioner for Sponsored Programs Administration, presented the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of August 27, 2014.

MASTER PLAN RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MPRAC) TASK FORCE REPORT: REQUEST FOR EXTERNAL REVIEW

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Lipsey, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve a review by external consultants, at a cost of approximately $25,000, to: (a) assess research priorities identified in each Task Force report; and (b) recommend to the Board those action-oriented research priorities which represent the strongest opportunities for achieving economic development objectives consistent with Goal 2 of the Regents’ Master Plan.

REGENTS/NASA LaSPACE PROGRAM: FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE RESEARCH ENHANCEMENT AWARDS (REA) COMPONENT

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Lipsey, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the LaSPACE consultants’ report and funding recommendations relative to the four LaSPACE Research Enhancement Award (REA) projects recommended for funding. Three projects, totaling $95,460, will be contracted with Support Funds allocated to the LaSPACE program in FY 2014-15; the remaining project, totaling $75,000, will be contracted if additional funds become available. All projects shall be funded in the amounts recommended in the consultants’ report.

UPDATES

A. RECENTLY FUNDED FEDERAL PROJECTS
   1. Smart Materials Design, Analysis, and Processing (SMATDAP) Consortium (NSF EPSCoR Track 2)
   2. STEM Discovery Camps (NSF EPSCoR Track 3)
3. Building Neutron Scattering Infrastructure in Louisiana for Advanced Materials (Department of Energy EPSCoR Implementation)

B. August 2014 NSF EPSCoR Track 1 Five-Year Proposal

No action was required.

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT OF AUGUST 27, 2014

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Lipsey, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of August 27, 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 August 27, 2014.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Regent Egan, seconded by Regent Gorman, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve the items listed under the Consent Agenda:

R.S. 17:1808 (Licensure)
1. Initial Licenses (Arkansas Tech University, Bellevue University, Duquesne University and Rutgers University)

2. License Renewals (Remington College and University of Southern California)

Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission
1. Initial Licenses (Advance Nursing Training, LLC and Digital Media Institute at Intertech)

2. License Renewals
   Advance Healthcare Institute, LLC (05/26/11)
   BAR/BRI (Baton Rouge) (05/23/12)
   BAR/BRI (New Orleans) (05/23/12)
   Blue Cliff College--Alexandria (05/25/06)
3. Notice of Intent to Amend Proprietary Schools Rules and Regulations

PROPRIETARY SCHOOLS ADVISORY COMMISSION

*Divine Touch Healthcare Training, LLC*

On motion of Regent Egan, seconded by Regent Gorman, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to deny the request from Divine Touch Healthcare Training, LLC to pay a late fee and file a renewal application.

As with any applicant, the Board of Regents’ staff will be glad to assist representatives of Divine Touch Healthcare Training, LLC in preparation of an initial license application to operate a proprietary school in Louisiana.

**GRAD ACT**

*Additional GRAD Act Targeted Measures for Law Centers*

On motion of Regent Egan, seconded by Regent Gorman, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve the additional optional Targeted Measures for the law centers and authorize staff to negotiate with each law center Year 5 benchmarks and Year 6 targets for each of the chosen measures.
**GRAD Act Intervention Policy (Southern University System)**

No action was necessary under this item.

**STATE AUTHORIZATION RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT (SARA)**

*Louisiana Application*

On motion of Regent Egan, seconded by Regent Gorman, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve Louisiana’s Application for State Membership in SARA and authorize the staff to submit it on the Board’s behalf to the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) SARA Steering Committee. The Board further authorizes the staff to work with SREB to make any non-substantive changes to the application necessary to ensure approval.

**MASTER PLAN**

*Third Annual Review of the Master Plan for Public Postsecondary Education in Louisiana: 2011*

On motion of Regent Egan, seconded by Regent Gorman, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to receive the Third Annual Review of the Master Plan for Public Postsecondary Education in Louisiana: 2011.

**ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF AUGUST 27, 2014**

On motion of Regent Egan, seconded by Regent Gorman, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Report of August 27, 2014. *(Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)*

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Other business introduced by Chair Rasberry included:

- Recommendation of a resolution acknowledging the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development’s assistance with the collapsed road at Southern University and A&M College. The Regents are extremely pleased with DOTD’s immediate response and the timely repair - especially prior to the fall semester. Regent Lipsey commended the staff for acting quickly to reach a solution on the road problems at Southern.

  On motion of Regent Lipsey, seconded by Regent Fenstermaker, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the commendation resolution to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for its hard work and
collaboration to ensure that the intersection of Elton C. Harrison Drive and Roosevelt Steptoe Avenue on the Southern University and A&M College campus received immediate attention to remedy the collapsed road (Attachment B).

- A special committee from the Board of Regents is being appointed to collaborate with the Southern University Board of Supervisors to focus on improving the performance of Southern’s institutions. Appointed from the Regents are: Mr. William Fenstermaker, Mr. Robert Levy, Mr. Richard Lipsey, Dr. Albert Sam II and Mr. Joseph Wiley.

Chairwoman Bridget Dinvaut of the Southern University Board of Supervisors has appointed from the Southern Board to serve on the special committee - Reverend Joe R. Gant, Jr., Mr. Myron Lawson, Mr. Diangleo Frazer, Dr. Leon Tarver II and Reverend Samuel Tolbert, Jr.

- Budget hearings will be conducted by the Finance Committee on Wednesday, September 24 with the Regents’ Committee and Board meetings held on Thursday, September 25, 2014.

- The WISE Council met on Monday, August 25, 2014. The primary focus of this meeting was to review the major policy issues associated with a recommendation for distribution of funds. No action was taken at the meeting. However, a working group has been appointed by the Council, and is tasked with developing recommendations for action at the next WISE Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:18 p.m.
ATTACHMENT A
LOUISIANA BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT RESOLUTION FOR
THE LOUISIANA UNIVERSITIES MARINE CONSORTIUM, AUGUST 2014

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium for Research and Education was authorized by the Louisiana Legislature in Act 557 of 1979 upon the recommendation of the Board of Regents to promote and conduct research and education in the marine sciences and marine technology, particularly where related to coastal resources and the impact of energy-related industries upon these coastal resources; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium scientists increase public and private research and development activity in the marine sciences and related fields by generating research dollars from sources including, but not limited to, the NOAA Center for Sponsored Coastal Ocean Research, Minerals Management Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, Louisiana Sea Grant College Program, U.S. Geological Survey, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and National Science Foundation, Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Louisiana Coastal Recovery Authority; and private industry, aquaculture ventures; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium strives to be a learning enterprise in which all Louisiana businesses, institutions and citizens are actively engaged in the pursuit of knowledge by increasing student achievement and the number of students completing courses in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium provides a unique research and education structure, in terms of people, resources and philosophy, that enhances the success of staff, collaborators, visitors and the public in a better understanding of Louisiana's important and valuable resources; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium Port Fourchon laboratory is located in Port Fourchon, Louisiana, 75 miles southeast of the W. J. DeFelice Marine Center in Cocodrie, Louisiana and provides field access to vast salt and brackish marshes, barrier islands and offshore environments of the northern Gulf of Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the Port Fourchon laboratory bulkhead was badly damaged in 2005 and 2008 by Hurricanes Katrina and Gustav, which has accelerated land erosion near the laboratory, making it exceedingly dangerous for scientists to launch research vessels into the Gulf of Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency has made minimal progress in approving the project funding to repair the damaged bulkhead, resulting in the endangerment of employees and visitors of the Port Fourchon laboratory.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Board of Regents do hereby request that United States Senators Mary Landrieu and David Vitter urge the Federal Emergency Management Agency to approve funding for the repair of the bulkhead at the Port Fourchon laboratory located in Port Fourchon, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be transmitted to the office of United States Senator Mary Landrieu at 703 Hart, Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510, and the office of United States Senator David Vitter at 516 Hart, Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510.

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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 August 27, 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 27th day of August 2014.

W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr. Chairman
Board of Regents
ATTACHMENT B

LOUISIANA BOARD OF REGENTS COMMENDATION RESOLUTION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT, AUGUST 2014

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend the Department of Transportation and Development upon the timely completion of emergency repairs on a collapsed road on the Southern University and A&M College campus that prevented students, employees, and visitors from utilizing the only safe route of ingress and egress to the residence halls; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and Development is responsible for the development, improvement, expansion, and maintenance of an efficient, safe, and well-maintained system of roads, highways, transit ways, bridges and other transportation facilities essential to the well-being of the citizens of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the intersection at E. C. Harrison Drive and Roosevelt Steptoe Avenue on the Baton Rouge campus of Southern University collapsed and was closed to traffic due to several high water events and the failure of a concrete culvert underneath this intersection; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and Development worked diligently with the Board of Regents, Facility Planning and Control, Capital Area Legislative Delegation and Southern University officials to develop a plan to remedy the collapsed road prior to the commencement of the fall 2014 semester; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and Development was authorized by Governor Bobby Jindal to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement to provide personnel, equipment and materials needed to perform the emergency repairs of the intersection of E.C. Harrison Drive and Roosevelt Steptoe Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and Development exercised its authority by quickly and comprehensively repairing the intersection at E. C. Harrison Drive and Roosevelt Steptoe Avenue on the Baton Rouge campus of Southern University; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and Development completed the repairs to the collapsed road significantly below initial cost estimates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Board of Regents do hereby commend the Department of Transportation and Development for its hard work and collaboration to ensure that the intersection of Elton C. Harrison Drive and Roosevelt Steptoe Avenue received immediate attention to remedy the collapsed road. The Louisiana Board of Regents also commenorates the Department of Transportation and Development for the significant positive impact made on the Southern University and A&M College students, employees, and visitors to ensure the well-being of all individuals traveling on the campus.

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In witness thereof, I have signed my name and affixed the official seal of said Board of Regents at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, this 27th day of August, 2014.