

**LOUISIANA COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RETREAT**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2006

**Louisiana Community and Technical College System Office
1st Floor Conference Room – 265 South Foster Drive
Baton Rouge, LA 70806**

** The Board of Supervisors of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System reserves the right to enter into Executive Session in accordance with R.S. 42.6.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Kathy Sellers Johnson called the annual Board retreat to order at 9:30 a.m.

The following Board members were in attendance: Edwards Barham, John DeLaney, Ava Dejoie, Carl Franklin, Ann Knapp, Kathy Sellers Johnson, Brett Mellington, Vincent St. Blanc, III, Stevie Smith, Mike Stone and Karondellet Womack-Williams.

Chair Johnson reviewed the Retreat agenda with members of the Board. She indicated that Dr. E. Joseph Savoie, Commissioner of Higher Education, Board of Regents, planned to join the retreat later to discuss HB 505.

Dr. Bumphus addressed the group and stated that Mr. Leo Hamilton, General Counsel for the LCTCS, will also join the group later to discuss several issues and updates by the System President will follow.

A draft of the Final Report of the LTC Ad Hoc Committee was distributed to Board members for review. Dr. Bumphus stated that staff completed the chronology of events for the report, minus formal recommendations, and that Mr. Mellington and Dr. Royal would provide the review of the document. He stated that the Board of Regents had not completed their report, but Dr. Savoie would provide a brief update.

Mr. Mellington began the review of the report. He provided an overview of his thoughts on the chronology of the LTC Ad Hoc Committee.

Discussion among Board members followed.

Supervisor Smith presented a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the LTC Ad Hoc Committee report as it relates to personnel issues. Supervisor Knapp seconded the motion. The Board entered into Executive Session at 9:55 a.m.

[Dr. E. Joseph Savoie entered the Executive Session to provide input on issues related to personnel].

The Board closed the Executive Session at 11:38 a.m.

On motion of Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor Womack-Williams, the Board reconvened the retreat. Chair Johnson indicated that no actions or votes were taken and no consensus was reached during Executive Session.

Dr. Bumphus distributed organizational charts from other state community and technical college systems and reviewed them with members of the Board.

The Board resumed discussion of the LTC Ad Hoc Report in conjunction with Dr. Savoie.

Supervisor Mellington suggested that he and Dr. Royal review the information received today, along with comments provided by Dr. Savoie, to formulate a couple of recommendations and provide the recommendations to members of the LTC Ad Hoc Committee for further review. He added that final recommendations will be brought forward at the next Board meeting.

Dr. Savoie discussed the 2006 Special and Regular Legislative Sessions. He indicated that the Special Session is scheduled for February 6-17, 2006 and will focus on the consolidation of levee boards and local government issues related to New Orleans. He added that the Regular Session will begin in late March and will focus more on budget issues.

Dr. Bumphus asked if there was any word on the distribution of the \$95 million that Louisiana will receive.

Dr. Savoie indicated that eligible institutions will receive funds defined three (3) different ways. He stated that they are waiting on clarification. The funds will be distributed to public, private and proprietary schools. He added that a meeting with campus heads is scheduled for next week.

At this time, 1:17 p.m., the Board convened a formal meeting of the Board to consider official Board business. (Minutes from the official Board meeting are attached.)

The Board resumed the Board retreat at 1:26 p.m.

Mr. Leo Hamilton, General Counsel, addressed the Board and discussed Force Majeure plans and actions. He emphasized that Force Majeure plans are based on cuts to programs and/or services or the ability to provide services (facilities).

Jan Jackson reported that a search was conducted for a new Director of Facility Services for the LCTCS and a candidate for final consideration has been selected.

Ms. Jackson provided a handout to Board members showing information on LCTCS campuses in hurricane impacted parishes.

Leo Hamilton discussed Executive Session Open Meeting Laws. He indicated that a training session will be provided in the future to address executive session issues in detail. Chair Johnson stated that this topic will be addressed at a future Professional Development Breakfast of the Board.

Dr. Bumphus spoke to anonymous letters that some Board members had received and suggested a procedure to use to handle any letters received: 1) unsigned letters will receive no response; 2) signed letters will receive a response from the Board Chair and/or Dr. Bumphus.

Mr. Hamilton provided an update on the Tommy Wright trial.

Dr. Bumphus provided an update on the chancellor search for Louisiana Delta Community College (LDCC). He stated that Jeff Hockaday has been retained to facilitate the search and he hopes to present a candidate for Board consideration at the May Board meeting.

Dr. Bumphus provided a status report on grants received and/or pending. A handout was provided.

Supervisor Dejoie recommended, in regards to the LTC Ad Hoc Committee Report, that the Board wait to submit a final recommendation for approval by the Board at the March Board meeting due to the fact that the February Board meeting has been moved up to February 1, 2006, and no formal recommendation/report has been received from the Board of Regents for review.

On motion of Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor Knapp, the Board entered into Executive Session to discuss pending legal items within the LCTCS. The Board entered into Executive Session at 2:45 p.m.

The Board members reconvened the Board retreat at 3:15 p.m. Chair Johnson indicated that no action or votes were taken and no consensus was reached.

The retreat adjourned at 3:18 p.m.

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