

MINUTES**LOUISIANA COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 2010
8:15 A.M.**

**Louisiana Community & Technical College System Office
265 South Foster Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70806
~ President's Board Room ~**

** 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

Chair Stevie Smith called the meeting to order at 8:18 a.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Bonni Blouin, Coordinator of Board Services, call roll and a quorum was established. The following board members were in attendance via teleconference:

Edwards Barham
Brett Mellington
Michael Murphy, *2nd Vice Chair*
Vinney St. Blanc, III, *1st Vice Chair*
Stevie Smith, *Chair*

LCTCS staff present for the meeting included: Dr. Joe May, LCTCS President, Jan Jackson, Senior Vice President of Finance and Administration and Bonni Blouin. Melinda Deslatte, reporter for the Associated Press, was also present for the meeting.

C. PROPOSED LCTCS FY 2010 MID-YEAR BUDGET REDUCTIONS

Dr. May presented the agenda item for consideration. He stated that the budget reductions will be presented to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget and the dollars will be removed from the college's budgets creating a new FY 10 budget for the institution. He commented that notification was received from the Governor's Office on December 22nd. He commended Jan Jackson, her staff at the System Office and campus leadership at all seventeen (17) LCTCS colleges in regions around the state for an exemplary job in providing the required information in a short time-frame. He stated that the same process used at the beginning of the year for determining cuts, (a 1/3, 2/3 application of the funding formula – 1/3 funding formula – 2/3rds across the board or pro-rata reduction), was used again because the cuts occurred in the same fiscal year except that enrollment numbers were updated. He further stated that the cuts were based on the 10,537 enrollment increase.

On motion of Supervisor St. Blanc, seconded by Supervisor Mellington, the Executive Committee voted to approve the proposed FY Mid-Year budget reduction for LCTCS, in the amount of \$8,224,315, issued on December 22, 2009, under the Governor's Executive Order 09-21. The Board further authorized the President to implement the Reduction in Force Plan for subsequent ratification at the February 2010 Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

In accordance with LCTCS Board of Supervisor's Bylaws, this action will be presented to the Full Board for ratification at the February 10, 2010 board meeting.

Chair Smith asked for a timeline for implementing the reductions.

Dr. May responded that implementation of the cuts will be immediate. He noted that announcements of program/location closures may be made but may not be enacted immediately due to teach out requirements under accreditation rules and regulations and/or prior commitments with lease agreements.

Supervisor Barham commented that, "up until now, the reductions were largely invisible to the public...I think these cuts are going to start to be visible...and I'm not sure that's a bad thing. I think that the public needs to understand the damage that this is going to do to our efforts."

Dr. May stated that his goal is to deal with the budget cuts in a forthright manner and to be transparent about what is being done. He added that the LCTCS is a public institution that serves the public good of the State of Louisiana and are about the growth of the economy and the work force. He encouraged Board members to serve as the eyes and ears of their communities and to offer up the LCTCS staff for assistance.

D. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

E. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Executive Committee, on motion of Supervisor Mellington, seconded by Supervisor St. Blanc, the Executive Committee adjourned at 8:32 a.m.