

MINUTES**LOUISIANA COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BOARD MEETING****MONDAY, MAY 21, 2012****2:00 p.m.****The Louisiana Building
Baton Rouge Community College
201 Community College Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806****A. CALL TO ORDER**

The Louisiana Community and Technical College System Board of Supervisors met for a special meeting of the Board, Monday, May 21, 2012, at Baton Rouge Community College, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Board Chair Vincent St. Blanc, III, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Ms. Bonni Blouin, Coordinator of Board Services, called roll and a quorum was established.

Members Present

Edwards Barham
Robert Brown
Helen Bridges Carter
Deni Grissette
Timothy W. Hardy
Brett Mellington
Michael Murphy, *1st Vice Chair*
Woody Ogé, *2nd Vice Chair*
Paul Price
Stephen Smith
Vincent St. Blanc, III, *Chair*
Mike Stone

Members Absent

Marco Dorsey
Keith Gamble
Dennis Raether
Scott Terrell
Stephen Toups

Staff Present

Dr. Joe May
Bonni Blouin
John Paul Domiano
Leah Goss
Jan Jackson
Lura Kamiya
Jean Ann Kozlowski
Dr. Derrick Manns
Joe Marin
Bill Obier
Jimmy Sawtelle
Shannon Sedberry
Dr. Monty Sullivan
Joel Watkins

C. APPROVAL OF MAY 21, 2012 AGENDA

On motion of Supervisor Ogé, seconded by Supervisor Price, the Board voted to approve the May 21, 2012 agenda as presented.

D. GENERAL ACTION ITEMS****Committee of the Whole Actions**

Chair St. Blanc presented the Committee of the Whole agenda item for consideration by the Board.

1. Presentation – 2012-2013 Budget

Dr. May provided a presentation on the 2012-2013 budget and discussed budget cuts (approximately \$205 million), proposed by the Louisiana legislature and the effect the cuts would have on the LCTCS. A handout was distributed to members of the Board. He noted that the budget currently sits in the Senate Finance Committee awaiting further action.

Dr. May expressed his concern over the fact that there are only two weeks left in the session which means approximately 5 weeks until the new budget for 2012-2013 begins. He noted that the LCTCS budget will need to be approved at the June 13, 2012 board meeting and in preparation for that, it is necessary to look at various scenarios so the LCTCS colleges have the information that they need in order to start the year. He stated that a recommendation will be made at the June Board meeting to adopt the proposed tuition increases that are allowed under the GRAD Act, and through additional authorization, that this be taken to the max. He added that budget scenarios will be presented based on the best available information. He noted that by that time, the session should be over and the recommendations from the legislature should be known, with the exception of any vetoes that might occur given that the governor has line item authority over some of the items.

Dr. May stated that the Funds Bill cleared the House with a healthy vote and that will allow the dollars to be swept into the budget and used. He noted that even though there was a considerable amount of money removed from the budget in the House, the funds were left in on the revenue side giving some opportunity for flexibility in preparing the budget.

Dr. May presented a PowerPoint presentation which included the following charts and discussed the information provided for each:

- LCTCS Enrollment vs. Funding
- LCTCS Funding Per Student FTE by Source
- LCTCS Total Funding Per Student FTE
- Community & Technical Colleges Projected Reductions for 2012-2013 – Total Funds
- Percent Change in Total Funding per FTE from FY 2011-2012 to FY 2012-13 (Proposed)
- LCTCS Percent Change in Total Funding per FTE from FY 2008-09 to FY 2012-13 (Proposed)
- Funding Chart for each LCTCS College providing a breakdown on the percentage of State Funds vs. Self-Generated Funds and Fall Enrollment Counts from 2008-2009 to 2010-2011 and the Appropriated Amount for 2011-2012 and what has been proposed by the legislature.

A discussion among members of the Board followed the presentation.

Supervisor Mellington commented that the universities would no longer be offering remedial courses and those students are likely to turn to community colleges for these courses. It was noted that this would help to increase the amount of self-generated funds for colleges.

Supervisor Barham stated that it is important to take a serious look at the future and consider possible long term alternatives. He mentioned several possibilities – 1) 5 mills that is authorized that nobody is using; 2) start thinking about asking the legislature to create a special taxing district to see if local millage can be voted and dedicated to the LCTCS; 3) due to changes in elementary and secondary education the LCTCS is a natural to go into the high school business to try to save the students that are dropping out of school. He stated there is a real incentive to work toward high schools associated with the LCTCS. He noted that the MFP is approximately \$7,000 per student and he suggested considering the idea going into the charter

school business because the MFP money moves with the student. He stated that there are good educational reasons to do this and now there is a compelling financial reason to consider this option.

Supervisor Brown responded that he believes that going into the charter school business would be one of the longest, deepest and most complex discussions that this Board would ever have had. He stated that he sits on the board of a charter school. He noted that the University of New Orleans was one of the first institutions to venture into this area and it is not an easy endeavor to undertake.

Supervisor Smith commented that he has had discussions with individuals in his area regarding local support for the institutions tied to local entities. He added that he felt that this was something that should be discussed and pursued by all colleges. He further stated that if the System is going to rely on the college administrators to run their colleges primarily on self-generated dollars then they need to have the authority to run the institutions based on the money that they generate. He elaborated that this would mean that approval would not be needed from the Board of Regents or the legislature to set tuition or set prices for the services that are provided. He commented that if you are going to run a college as an independent business you should get the authority to do it.

Dr. May expressed his appreciation to everyone for attending the meeting and for allowing him the opportunity to share this information with the Board. He noted that discussions would continue with members of the House and Senate and the administration and hopefully mitigate these budgets cuts.

E. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion of Supervisor Brown, seconded by Supervisor Barham, the meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.