

**MINUTES  
LOUISIANA OPTICAL NETWORK INITIATIVE  
MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

**May 9, 2006**

The Louisiana Optical Network Initiative (LONI) Management Council (MC) met at 2:03 p.m., Tuesday, May 9, 2006, in the Board of Regents Conference Room, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Chair, Les Guice called the meeting to order. The roll was called and a quorum was established.

**Council Members Present:**

Les Guice, Chair  
Dr. Brad O'Hara  
Mr. Paul Barron  
Mr. Bob Fudickar  
Steve Landry  
Michael Ralph  
Jeffery Smith  
Michael Stubblefield

**Council Members Absent:**

Laura Levy  
Ed Seidel  
Harold Silverman  
Greg Speyrer  
Joel Tohline

**Guests:**

Mike Abbiatti, by Telephone  
John Hoolahan, Bell South  
Don Ballard, LETA  
Angie Welch, IBM  
Sherri Thompson, LSU

APPROVAL OF APRIL 11, 2006 MINUTES

**On motion of Dr. Steve Landry, seconded by Mr. Paul Barron, the LONI Management Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2006, LONI Management Council meeting.**

NLR AND LONI MC LEADERSHIP BRIEFING

Dr. Guice asked Mike Abbiatti to give an update on NLR. Mr. Abbitatti told the Council that there has been significant traffic relative to restarting the NLR and I2 merger. Next, he told

the Council that three board members had been chosen to review the actions of the I2 proposals.

He reiterated that the core issue is to protect the research community.

#### CHIEF ADVISOR REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

Next, Dr. Guice asked Dr. Steve Landry to give the technical update. Dr. Landry noted that in the minutes from the April 11, 2006 meeting he should not have included LPB as part of the current cooperative endeavor agreement discussions. He then told the Council that the cooperative endeavor agreement is close to completion and that the Division of Administration and Board of Regents are in full agreement at this point.

Next, Dr. Landry asked Lonnie Leger to give an update of the progress of the LONI infrastructure. Mr. Leger showed slides of the different route areas and discussed the completeness of each route. He then stated that at each meeting the slides would be updated to show the progress of the work from one meeting to another.

Next, Dr. Landry asked Charlie McMahon, Executive Director of LONI to give an update. Mr. McMahon began by telling the Council that he has asked Brad Clark with the University of Louisiana System to lead the allocations committee and that it would now be active. He then told the Council that a couple of the P5's have now been deployed and the need is to figure out how people get access to the machines in the communities. Next, he told the Council that a software committee is needed to come to a consensus on software issues. He suggested that each campus have someone on their faculty assigned to the software committee in an order to get identify software needs.

Next, he told the Council that staff positions had been authorized and the positions needed to be filled. He then told the Council that CISCO is offering discounts on purchases in this fiscal year and that some conditions apply to ordering.

Next, he told the Council that he is targeting a good set of financials to bring to the next meeting. Mr. McMahon then suggested that a member representing the Division of Administration needed to be added to the Management Council.

#### **LONG-TERM LONI MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

Dr. Guice began by telling the Council that he would be attending an NSF EPSCoR Cyberinfrastructure Conference on Wednesday. Next, he stated that an NSF EPSCoR RII proposal would be issued pretty soon with an emphasis on IT, and that Louisiana has been very successful in winning proposals in previous years. Next, he stated that the proposal might be released on May 15 with a June 1<sup>st</sup> letter of intent and a June 30<sup>th</sup> completed proposal.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Dr. Guice told the Council that they were targeting having the Management Council Meeting next month in Lafayette.

#### **PUBLIC EVENTS IN SUPPORT OF LONI**

Kevin Hardy was present and asked the Council if they would like to have a LONI Day while the Legislature was in session. After discussion it was decided not to proceed with the idea.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the LONI Management Council, the meeting adjourned at 3: 28 p.m.



