

**MINUTES**  
**LOUISIANA OPTICAL NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE**  
**MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

February 2, 2018

The Louisiana Optical Network Infrastructure (LONI) Management Council (MC) met at 1:06 p.m., Friday, February 2, 2018, in the Board Conference Room, 6<sup>st</sup> Floor, Claiborne Building, Baton Rouge, LA. Chair Bettina Owens called the meeting to order and asked for a roll call. A roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

**Council Members Present:**

Beth Courtney  
Uma Subramanian  
Richard Howze  
Lonnie Leger  
Bettina Owens  
Ramu Ramachandran  
Leo Tran  
Rachel Vincent-Finley

**Council Members Absent:**

Mike Asoodeh  
Gabriel Fagbeyiro  
Gene Fields  
Thomas Lovince  
Sherri McConnell  
Tony Moore  
Eric Setz

**Guest:**

Lance Neal  
Angela Mastainich  
Mohamad Qayoom  
John Borne  
Sam White  
Ric Simmons

REVIEW QUEEN BEE REPLACEMENT PROPOSAL:

Mr. Lonnie Leger informed the Council of the need to replace Queen Bee 2 and the process that will need to take place. Dr. Uma Subramanian reminded the Council that replacing Queen Bee 2 is not an action of the Board of Regents. There were suggestions to explore building a shared data center, address a business model, and if permissible, open up the replacement of Queen Bee 2 to non-state agencies. Mr. Dickie Howze and Mr. Derrick Williams, OTS, informed the Council of their data center services, the benefits of utilizing their services and their business practices.

VOTE ON RECOMMENDATION OF PROPOSAL:

Mr. Leger made a recommendation that the Commissioner for Higher Education explore a joint-funding agreement towards the replacement of Queen Bee 2 between the Board of Regents, the four management boards, Tulane University, and any other possible user agency of high-performance computing. The recommendation was amended to change joint-funding agreement to joint-funding model.

**On the motion of Mr. Leger, seconded by Dr. Ramu Ramachandran, the LONI Management Council voted unanimously explore a joint-funding model towards the replacement of Queen Bee 2 between the Board of Regents, the four management boards, Tulane University, and any other possible user agency of high-performance computing.**

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

**On the motion of Ms. Andrea Ballinger, seconded by Ms. Beth Courtney, the LONI Management Council voted unanimously to create a working group to research consolidating data centers and data storage.**

There were suggestions made by the Council to look at archiving, hosting a virtual town hall and exploring cloud based technology.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the LONI Management Council, Chair Owens asked for a motion for adjournment. On the motion of Dr. Ramachandran, seconded by Mr. Leger, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.