Chancellor Emeritus Cecil G. Taylor was appointed honorary member of the Academic Advisory Board to the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana at its semi-annual meeting held on the USL campus in Lafayette.

CODOFIL Chairman James Domengeaux stated that “since the Academic Advisory Board is comprised of Heads of Foreign Language Departments of all universities and colleges in Louisiana, the addition of Chancellor Emeritus Taylor is in keeping with the high standards of education governing this Agency.”

Expand Membership

The by-laws of the Academic Advisory Board were reviewed and amended in order to expand membership to include directors of the federally funded bilingual education programs (ESEA and ESAA, Title VII). The additional representatives from these programs give the Academic Advisory Board a broader range of insight into bilingual education at the elementary level, which now encompasses all phases of education.

Homer Dyess, coordinator of foreign languages and bilingual education, State Department of Education, gave a report to the Board on activities since the last meeting. He stated that the “barrier of bilingual education is being broken and the philosophy is being changed so that parents are included in many of the instructional methods and programs.” He further stated that the CODOFIL French program is now in 36 parishes and reaches over 60,000 students in Louisiana’s elementary schools.

There are 287 associate teachers of French in this program from France, Quebec and Belgium.

A committee was appointed by Dyess to nominate individuals to serve on the executive council of the Academic Advisory Board for a two year period.

Other items reviewed by the board included: The Louisiana Review (semi-annual bilingual publication), summer study programs, for students and teachers, “Second Language Specialists”, television, both educational and commercial, mass media and CODOFIL Chapters.