

MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM

February 26, 1999
Baton Rouge, LA

The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System met in regular session on Friday, February 26, 1999, in the Auditorium, State Office Building, First Floor, 150 Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl Shetler at 10:55 a.m. and opened with a prayer by Dr. Smith. The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT:

Mr. Carl Shetler
Mr. Andre G. Coudrain
Dr. Edward B. Anders
Mrs. Elsie Palmer-Burkhalter
Mr. Herman Gesser
Mr. Tex R. Kilpatrick
Mr. Ravis Martinez
Mr. Winfred F. Sibille
Dr. Eunice Wicker Smith
Mrs. Carroll Suggs
Mr. Michael H. Woods
Mr. David Wright

ABSENT:

Mr. Robert C. Davidge
Mr. T. L. "Teddy" Duhé
Mr. Gordon Pugh

On motion of Mr. Kilpatrick, seconded by Mr. Coudrain, the Board unanimously approved the January 8, 1999 minutes.

Attorney Linda Clark administered the Oath of Office to the reappointed and newly appointed Board Members:

Mrs. Elsie Burkhalter	Reappointed
Mr. Carl Shetler	Reappointed
Mr. David Wright	Newly appointed

Chairman Shetler announced that Mr. Robert Davidge and Mr. Gordon Pugh, newly appointed members of the Board, were administered the Oath of Office on Friday, February 12, 1999 to comply with the law. He welcomed the new members to the Board and explained that Mr. Davidge and Mr. Pugh were unable to attend the meeting because of prior commitments.

Mr. David Wright introduced his wife Eula, daughter Debra, son Oliver, son-in-law Reginald, and two grandchildren to the Board and expressed his appreciation and willingness to serve as a member of the Board of Supervisors.

Chairman Shetler recognized and expressed appreciation, on behalf of the Board, to Rev. Clyde Oliver and Mrs. Helen Roberts for their dedicated service to the Board and the University of Louisiana System Institutions. He also explained that Rev. Oliver was unable to attend this meeting because of a prior commitment. Ms. Dawn Wilson read the Resolution presented to Mrs. Roberts.

Mrs. Roberts thanked the Board and stated that she enjoyed her tenure while serving on the Board of Supervisors.

REPORT OF THE FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE

Mr. Gesser, Chairman of the Facilities Planning Committee, presented the Committee's report.

On motion of Mrs. Suggs, seconded by Mr. Wright, the Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of the Facilities Planning Committee and took the following actions:

Agenda Item G.1.

Approved the following Capital Project Requests:

- a. **Grambling State University's** request to expend \$200,000 from System Revenue Funds and/or Renewals and Replacements funds to renovate the shower facilities in Wheatley Hall.
- b. **McNeese State University's** request to expend \$110,000 Riverboat Gaming and Private funds for Renovation and Addition to Stream Memorial Alumni Center.
- c. **Northeast Louisiana University's** request to expend \$296,115 of private donations for the New Library Building.

Agenda Item G.2

Received **Bossier Parish Community College's** update on the proposed lease agreement with the City of Bossier for a new campus.

Agenda Item G.3.

Approved **Delgado Community College's** request to renew a lease agreement with the Board of Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District for the FAA Building, New Orleans Lakefront, Lease Number 19-0052.

Agenda Item G.4.

Approved, as amended, **Delgado Community College's** request to rebid the Slidell Learning Center lease agreement for three years with two one-year renewal options.

Agenda Item G.5.

Approved **Nicholls State University's** request to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for the RUS Grant with South Cameron Hospital, subject to concurrence of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee.

Agenda Item G.6.

Approved **Nicholls State University's** request to enter into Cooperative Endeavor Agreements for the NTIA-TIIAP Grant with Callais Cablevision, R-Media Cable Company, Lafourche Parish School Board, Terrebonne General Medical Center and Lake Charles Memorial Hospital, subject to concurrence of the Academic and Students Affairs Committee.

Agenda Item G.7.

Approved **Northeast Louisiana University's** request to rename "The Northeast Louisiana Hearing Evaluation Center" the "The Lynn Rowe Moore Hearing Evaluation Center."

Agenda Item G.8.

Approved, as amended, **Northwestern State University's** request to approve the agreement with the Succession of Alice Estelle Dear, pending acceptance subject to Level 1 inspection.

Agenda Item G.9.

Approved **River Parishes Community College's** request to proceed with a bid to lease with option to purchase for a Sorrento campus site.

Agenda Item G.10.

Approved **Southeastern Louisiana University's** request to approve the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Hammond Downtown Development District.

Agenda Item G.11.

Approved **Southeastern Louisiana University's** request to name the Administration Building the Luther H. Dyson Hall.

REPORT OF THE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Burkhalter presented the Grievance Committee report.

Agenda Item H.1.

On motion of Mrs. Suggs, seconded by Mr. Wright, the Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of the Grievance Committee and affirmed the action of **Louisiana Tech University** and denied a hearing to Dr. Clyde L. Posey, a faculty member.

REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Dr. Smith presented the Academic and Student Affairs Committee report.

On motion of Dr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Suggs, the Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee and took the following actions:

Agenda Item I.1.a.

Approved **Louisiana Technical College – Teche Area Campus'** Letter of Intent/Proposal for an Associate of Applied Technology degree program in Early Childhood Education with the following stipulations:

- a. Students currently enrolled in the Early Childhood Education's certificate program would be permitted to graduate in the associate degree program as the curriculum was submitted.
- b. Following the graduation of this group of students (after August 1999), the curriculum is to be revised, specifically the general education component, and a collaborative effort with South Louisiana Community College in offering the program is to be developed.
- c. The revised curriculum shall be resubmitted to the Board for final approval.

Agenda Item I.1.b.

Approved **McNeese State University's** Letter of Intent/Proposal for an Associate of Arts degree program in Early Childhood Education.

Agenda Item I.1.c.

Approved **South Louisiana Community College's** Letter of Intent/Proposal for an Associate of Arts degree program in Early Childhood Education.

Agenda Item I.2.

Approved **Louisiana Tech University's** request to approve a Cooperative Agreement with LSU Medical Center-Shreveport for a combined M.D./Ph.D. program.

Agenda Item I.3.

Approved, in concurrence with the Facilities Planning Committee, **Nicholls State University's** request to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for the RUS Grant with South Cameron Hospital.

Agenda Item I.4.

Approved, in concurrence with the Facilities Planning Committee, **Nicholls State University's** request to enter into Cooperative Endeavor Agreements for the NTIA-TIIAP Grant with Callais Cablevision, R-Media Cable Company, Lafourche Parish School Board, Terrebonne General Medical Center and Lake Charles Memorial Hospital.

Agenda Item I.5.

Approved **Southeastern Louisiana University's** request to institute a screened admissions plan.

REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Kilpatrick presented the Personnel Committee report.

On motion of Mr. Kilpatrick, seconded by Mrs. Suggs, the Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of the Personnel Committee and took the following actions:

Agenda Item J.1.

Approved **Louisiana Tech University's** request to appoint Dr. Leslie K. Guice as Dean of the College of Engineering and Science and Jack Thigpen Professor of Engineering effective March 1, 1999 at an annual salary of \$109,000.

Agenda Item J.2.

Approved **University of Southwestern Louisiana's** request to appoint Dr. Phebe Hayes as Dean of the College of General Studies effective February 15, 1999 at an annual salary of \$65,000.

President Reneau introduced Dr. Leslie K. Guice who expressed his appreciation to the Board for their approval of his appointment.

Dr. Gary Marotta, Vice President for Academic Affairs, introduced Dr. Phebe Hayes who expressed her appreciation to the Board for their approval of her appointment.

Mr. Kilpatrick asked Acting President Dr. Carroll Falcon to present the report on Agenda Items J.3. and J.4.

Agenda Item J.3.

Deferred discussion of proposed revision to System's policy for Compensatory Leave for Unclassified Professional Staff (12-Month) until the next Board meeting.

Agenda Item J.4.

Dr. Falcon stated that the personnel actions with effective dates prior to the previous meeting agenda deadline (December 14, 1998) were within reason and will be recommended for approval later in the meeting.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Woods presented the Finance Committee report.

On motion of Mr. Gesser, seconded by Dr. Smith, the Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of the Finance Committee and took the following actions:

Agenda Item K.1.

Approved **Louisiana Tech University's** request to establish LEQSF (8g) Endowed Professorships as follows:

- a. Balsley-Whitmore Professorship #1 in Business
- b. Cunningham Interior Design Professorship
- c. Charlotte Lewis Professorship in English
- d. Dr. Walter E. Koss Professorship in Math
- e. Wayne A. and Juanita Spinks Professorship #3 in Engineering
- f. Dr. Harvey Lewis Professorship in Human Ecology
- g. KPMG Peat Marwick Professorship in COES
- h. Joe D. Waggoner Professorship in Political Science
- i. Joe D. Waggoner Professorship in COES
- j. Bank One Professorship
- k. Edmondson/Crump Professorship
- l. Hogan Professorship

Agenda Item K.2.

Approved **Louisiana Tech University's** request to refund and restructure dormitory related debt.

Agenda Item K.3.

Approved **McNeese State University's** request to establish the Violet H. Howell LEQSF (8g) Endowed Professorship for Teaching Excellence.

Agenda Item K.4.

Approved **Nicholls State University's** request to establish LEQSF (8g) Endowed Professorships:

- a. The Betsy Ayo Professorship in the Department of Accounting and Business Law
- b. NSU Contractors Licensing Board Professorship for Production Technology in the Department of Engineering Technology

Agenda Item K.5.

Approved **Northeast Louisiana University's** request to establish LEQSF (8g) Endowed Professorships:

- a. Vernon W. "Bodie" McCrory First Amendment Professorship
- b. Bank One Professorship

Agenda Item K.6.

Approved, as amended, **Northeast Louisiana University's** request to approve the concept of the pay plan for faculty and unclassified staff salary increases.

Agenda Item K.7.

Received **Northwestern State University's** report on the Bond Resolution for the consent and authority to issue, sell, and deliver, not exceeding \$6,850,000, University of Louisiana System NSU Wellness, Recreation and Activity Center, Revenue Bonds, Series 1999.

Agenda Item K.8.

Approved **Northwestern State University's** request to approve a Plan for Supplementary Compensation for Coaches whose teams participate in post-season competition.

Agenda Item K.9.

Approved **Nunez Community College's** request to establish the Tate and Lyle North American Sugars, Inc. LEQSF (8g) Endowed Professorship.

Agenda Item K.10.

Approved **Southeastern Louisiana University's** request to establish LEQSF (8g) Endowed Professorships:

- a. Pennington Professorship in Special Education
- b. Lucius D. McGehee Professorship in Nursing

Agenda Item K.11.

Approved **University of Southwestern Louisiana's** request to establish LEQSF (8g) Endowed Professorships:

Carryover BORSF Professorship Applications – 1998

- a. A-CIM Professorship in Engineering
- b. Richard D'Aquin Professorship in Journalism
- c. The Sagrera Family Memorial Professorship in History
- d. Red Lerille's Health & Racquet Club Professorship in Health and Physical Education
- e. The Stuller Family Professorship
- f. The UNOCAL Corporation Professorship in Engineering

New BORSF Professorship Applications – 1999

- a. Olga Richard Schilling Professorship in Business Systems Analysis and Technology
- b. Home Savings Bank Professorship
- c. Joan D. and Alexander S. Haig Professorship in Education III
- d. Dr. Doris Meriwether Professorship in English
- e. Edward G. Schlieder Education Foundation Professorship in Money and Banking
- f. Drs. Gloria S. and Robert W. Cline Professorship for Dupre Library
- g. The State Farm Insurance Distinguished Professorship
- h. Forrest K. Dowty Professorship in Hospitality Management
- i. Ben Blanco Memorial Professorship
- j. First National Bank of Lafayette I Professorship
- k. First National Bank of Lafayette II Professorship

- l. iBERIABANK Professorship
- m. The Willis Granger and Tom Debaillon Professorship in Francophone Studies
- n. The Edith Winn Estate Professorship
- o. The Flora Levy Professorship

Agenda Item K.12.

Received the report and recommendations for **RULES** revisions of the Subcommittee on Scholarships and Fee Waivers.

Chairman Shetler requested that excused absences be granted to Mr. Duhé, Mr. Davidge, and Mr. Pugh.

On motion of Mr. Gesser, seconded by Mrs. Suggs, the Board unanimously approved Chairman Shetler's request to grant excused absences to Mr. Duhé, Mr. Davidge, and Mr. Pugh.

Chairman Shetler also announced that Mr. Duhé, as Chairman of the Athletic Committee, requested the System staff to obtain information from System Institution Presidents regarding their Athletic programs.

Dr. Falcon suggested that the Athletic Committee also review game guarantees and gender equity financing plans.

REPORT OF THE SYSTEM OFFICE BUSINESS

Agenda Item L.1.

On motion of Mr. Martinez, seconded by Mr. Gesser, the Board unanimously approved the **personnel actions** as submitted by **System Institutions**.

Agenda Item L.2.

On motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mrs. Burkhalter, the Board unanimously approved the Board **RULES** addition to the **BYLAWS** Section VII. Councils. E. Council of Chief Officers for Facilities Planning and Operations.

Agenda Item L.3.

On motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mr. Gesser, the Board unanimously approved the **University of Louisiana System's Employee Drug Testing Policy.**

Agenda Item L.4.

On motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mr. Wright, the Board unanimously approved **Grambling State University's** request to bestow, posthumously, the B.S. Degree in Accounting upon Carlos Mayweathers.

Agenda Item L.5.a.&b.

On motion of Mrs. Suggs, seconded by Mr. Martinez, the Board unanimously approved **Louisiana Tech University's** request to confer Emeritus title upon Dr. Lou Davison, Emeritus Head and Professor.

On motion of Mr. Kilpatrick, seconded by Mrs. Suggs, the Board unanimously approved **Louisiana Tech University's** request to confer Emeritus title upon Dr. Nancy Tolman, Associate Dean and Professor Emeritus.

**Agenda Item L.6.
System President's Report**

Dr. Falcon made the following announcements for Board consideration and information:

1. Included in the Board folders is a copy of "**NOTES**," A new System publication designed primarily as an information source for Board members and institution presidents. The intent is to keep them apprised of higher education, System, and institutional news and events. Dr. Falcon requested that any information of interest for this new publication be forwarded to the System Office.

Mr. Coudrain expressed appreciation to the System staff for the "**NOTES**" publication.

2. Also included in the folders is a copy of a resolution entitled the "*Joint Resolution of Continuing Education*" which has been signed by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Louisiana Community and Technical College System and which will be sent to the Council on Occupational Education. Dr. Falcon stated that this document is necessary to ensure the continuance of accreditation for Louisiana Technical College-Teche Area Campus when that college becomes part of the Louisiana

Community and Technical College System on July 1, 1999. Dr. Falcon also asked for a motion to approve the resolution.

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Coudrain, the Board unanimously approved the "*Joint Resolution of Continuing Education*" to be submitted to the Council on Occupational Education on behalf of **Louisiana Technical College – Teche Area Campus**.

3. At a meeting on February 25, 1999, the Board of Regents asked System Institution presidents to consider coordinating efforts to secure support for the Governor's Executive Budget for Higher Education. Dr. Savoie specifically requested that institutions together with students and alumni (whenever possible) make presentations to their respective communities. He also asked that meetings with local legislators be held to secure support for the Governor's plan.

At the request of Mr. Sibille, Mr. Dave Nicklas, Vice President of Finance and Administration, presented a summary of the Governor's fiscal year 1999-2000 Executive Budget recommendations and post-secondary education.

Mrs. Burkhalter asked that the Board express appreciation to Governor Mike Foster for the support of the needs of higher education expressed in his Executive Budget.

On motion of Mrs. Burkhalter, seconded by Mr. Sibille, the Board unanimously approved Mrs. Burkhalter's request to direct the System Staff to draft a Resolution of appreciation to Governor M. J. "Mike" Foster, Jr. commending him for his commitment to higher education as expressed in his Executive Budget and to send a copy of this Resolution to members of the Louisiana Legislature.

On motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mrs. Burkhalter, the Board unanimously approved Mr. Sibille's request for a resolution to congratulate Mrs. Carroll W. Suggs, Board Member, on the 50th Anniversary of her company, Petroleum Helicopter, Inc. (PHI).

4. Dr. Falcon announced that the 61st annual meeting of the Conference of Louisiana Colleges and University (CLCU) will be held at Louisiana State University at Alexandria on March 10th and March 11th and the Task Force on Formula Funding meeting will be held on March 10 at LSU-Alexandria.
5. Dr. Falcon also announced that he attended the North Louisiana Summit hosted by Louisiana Tech University on February 4, 1999. This summit included participants from System Institutions in north Louisiana and school boards in the northern parishes of the

state. This Summit was a follow-up to a statewide conference held last May in Metairie. He also informed the Board that McNeese State University and the University of Southwestern Louisiana would host other regional conferences in the near future. These meetings are being held to promote curriculum planning for teacher education.

6. Dr. Falcon stated that he and Attorney Robert Kutcher represented the System at the Desegregation Settlement Agreement Monitoring Committee meeting held on Tuesday, February 23, 1999. Several topics were discussed including the ACT criteria for out-of-state students, out-of-state tuition, and River Parishes Community Colleges.
7. Included in the Board folders was a copy of the tentative 1999 Board Meeting Schedule. Dr. Falcon announced that out-of-town meetings would be announced at a later date. He asked for a motion to approve the meeting schedule.

On motion of Dr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Coudrain, the Board unanimously approved the 1999 Board Meeting Schedule. (*See Attachment 1*)

REPORT OF BOARD CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

Agenda Item M.1. Board Chairman's Report

Chairman Shetler made the following announcements for Board consideration and information:

1. A revised copy of the 1999 Standing Committees membership list was included in the members' folders. (*See Attachment 2*)
2. The following Board members have been appointed to serve on the indicated Board of Regents committees:

Mr. Herman Gesser - Facilities and Property Committee
Dr. Eunice W. Smith - Academic and Student Affairs Committee
Mr. Michael Woods - Finance Committee
Mr. Winfred Sibille - Legislation Committee

Each member was asked to make a report of the Board of Regents Committee meetings they attended Wednesday.

Mr. Gesser stated that he attended the Board of Regents' Facilities and Property Committee. He gave an overview of items listed on the agenda and indicated that there were no items listed from the University of Louisiana System.

3. Mr. Kilpatrick and the System staff have coordinated a North Louisiana campus site orientation for new Board members on March 15, 1999. Mr. Shetler stated that all three new members would be able to attend the visits planned for Grambling State University, Louisiana Tech University, and Northeast Louisiana University. He thanked President Steve Favors, President Dan Reneau, and President Lawson Swearingen for their cooperation in showing our newest members campus administration at work.
4. Newly appointed Board members, Mr. Davidge, Mr. Pugh, and Mr. Wright participated in an orientation with the System staff on Thursday, February 25, 1999. Mr. Shetler thanked the System staff for helping these new members become familiar with the Board duties and responsibilities.
5. The 1999 Louisiana Legislative Session is scheduled to begin on March 29 and to end on June 21, 1999. The Board of Regents has expressed, and Mr. Shetler concurred, that it is important for everyone in higher education to speak with a unified voice. He stated that Mr. Sibille, Chairman of the Legislation Committee, would be working closely with the System staff and the Board of Regents to keep members apprised of legislation affecting the University of Louisiana System institutions as well as all higher education issues.
6. Mr. Shetler recognized Mr. Sibille, who informed the Board of Dr. Allen Coppings' retirement and made the following motion:

On motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Coudrain, the Board unanimously voted to adopt a Resolution commending Dr. Allen Copping, President of Louisiana State University System, upon his retirement and for his many contributions to higher education in the State of Louisiana.

On motion of Mrs. Burkhalter, seconded by Mrs. Suggs, there being no further business of the Board, the Board adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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