

MINUTES

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM**

March 26, 1999
Baton Rouge, LA

The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System met in regular session on Friday, March 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 10:50 a.m. and opened with a prayer by Dr. Anders. The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT:

Mr. Carl Shetler
Mr. Andre G. Coudrain
Dr. Edward B. Anders
Mrs. Elsie Palmer-Burkhalter
Mr. Robert C. Davidge
Mr. T. L. "Teddy" Duhé
Mr. Herman Gesser, Jr.
Mr. Tex R. Kilpatrick
Mr. Ravis Martinez
Mr. Gordon A. Pugh
Mr. Winfred F. Sibille
Mr. Michael H. Woods
Mr. David Wright

ABSENT:

Dr. Eunice Wicker Smith
Mrs. Carroll W. Suggs

Mr. Martinez arrived at 10:53 a.m.

Chairman Shetler indicated that Dr. Smith and Mrs. Suggs were granted excused absences for this meeting.

On motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mrs. Burkhalter, the Board unanimously approved the February 26, 1999 minutes.

REPORT OF THE ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

Mr. Duhé, Chairman of the Athletic Committee, presented the Committee's report. The Board accepted the recommendation of the Athletic Committee and took the following action:

Agenda Item G.1.

Received the report of items for discussion on the following System-wide issues:

- a. 3-Year Intercollegiate Athletics Plan
- b. Policy on Student Athlete Transfers
- c. Method of computing transfer athletes' GPA for athletic eligibility
- d. Head coaches' salaries
- e. Head coaches' employment contracts
- f. Football and basketball game guarantees for fiscal year 1999 and fiscal year 2000

Mr. Duhé complimented the System institutions' staff and the System staff for their assistance and input. Mr. Duhé announced that the Athletic Committee has scheduled a meeting to be held on Thursday, April 22, 1999, and directed the staff to invite the compliance officers of the Southland, Sun Belt, and Southwestern Athletic Conferences, and the athletic directors and compliance officers of System institutions to discuss the policy on student athlete transfers and the method of computing transfer athletes' GPA for athletic eligibility. A second meeting with the compliance officer from the NCAA will also be scheduled.

He further requested that athletic directors submit the 1999-2000 athletic contracts and the "at-will" employment arrangements for all assistant coaches of football, basketball, and baseball and that the staff develop a format for the 3-year Intercollegiate Athletic Plans which are to be completed.

REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Dr. Anders, Acting Chairman of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, presented the Committee's report.

On motion of Dr. Anders, seconded by Mr. Gesser, the Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee and took the following actions:

Agenda Item F.1.

Delayed, until the April meeting, **Louisiana Tech University's** proposal for a Bachelor of Science Degree program in Professional Aviation Management.

Agenda Item F.2.

Approved **River Parishes Community College's** request for approval of proposed admissions requirements.

Agenda Item F.3.

Approved **University of Southwestern Louisiana's** proposal for a Bachelor of Science degree program in Dental Hygiene to be offered jointly by the College of Nursing and the LSU Medical Center School of Dentistry.

REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Kilpatrick, Chairman of the Personnel Committee, presented the Committee's report.

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

Agenda Item G.1.

Mr. Kilpatrick indicated that included in the Board folders was a copy of the alternate draft of the Compensatory Leave Policy for Unclassified Professional Staff (12-Month) as amended on March 26, 1999.

On motion of Mr. Kilpatrick, seconded by Mr. Sibille, the Board unanimously approved the Board **RULES** revision to Chapter III. Faculty and Staff, Section XXI. Leave Record Establishment and Regulations for all Unclassified, Non-Civil Service Employees. F. Compensatory Leave for Unclassified Professional Staff (12-Month). (*See Attachment 1*)

REPORT OF THE FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE

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

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

Agenda Item H.1.

Authorized **Bossier Parish Community College** to seek final approval from the Bond Commission on April 15, 1999, involving the sale of revenue bonds by the City of Bossier for the College, with the stipulation that no bonds be actually sold until the proposed final lease documents and Memorandum of Understanding have been formally approved by the University of Louisiana System and the Board of Regents.

Agenda Item H.2.

Approved **Louisiana Tech University's** request to lease the Institution's mineral interest in 57 acres in Lincoln Parish.

Agenda Item H.3.

Received **River Parishes Community College's** status update regarding a bid proposal to lease between 13,000 and 15,000 square feet of space within the City of Sorrento, or south of Sorrento in the Parish of St. James.

Agenda Item H.4.

Approved **Southeastern Louisiana University's** request to petition the Interim Emergency Board for funds for emergency repairs to Pottle Hall.

Agenda Item H.5.

Approved **University of Southwestern Louisiana's** capital project request to expend \$147,500 of auxiliary funds to replace the Cajun Field Football Stadium elevator.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Woods, Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the Committee's report.

On motion of Mr. Woods, seconded by Mr. Gesser, the Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of the Finance Committee to amend its agenda to include an item of other business and took the following actions:

Agenda Item I.1.

Approved **Bossier Parish Community College's** request to establish the Contractors Educational Trust Fund LEQSF (8g) Endowed Professorship.

Agenda Item I.2.

Approved **Louisiana Tech University's** request for a Relationship Agreement with the Louisiana Tech University Foundation, Inc.

Agenda Item I.3.

Approved **Northeast Louisiana University's** request for student referendum to fund a campus radio station.

Agenda Item I.4.

Approved **Northwestern State University's** request to establish the Arthur Chopin Watson LEQSF (8g) Endowed Professorship for Excellence in Academic Accommodation.

Agenda Item I.5.

Approved **Northwestern State University's** request for a Bond Resolution for 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 I.6.

Approved **River Parishes Community College's** request for the mandatory attendance fee schedule.

Agenda Item I.7.

Approved **University of Southwestern Louisiana's** request for approval of student referendum to assess International Student Council Fee.

Agenda Item I.8.

Approved **University of Louisiana System's** request to amend existing investment policies of the colleges and universities under the University of Louisiana System jurisdiction.

Agenda Item I.9.

Received **Nunez Community College's** status report on the College's operations.

Agenda Item I.10. – Other Business

Approved **University of Southwestern Louisiana's** request for approval of student referendums for the following:

- a. Cheerleader Fee
- b. Debate Team Fee

Received the report on the **Louisiana Post-Secondary Education Five-Year Funding Plan** as proposed by the Board of Regents.

REPORT OF THE SYSTEM OFFICE BUSINESS

Agenda Item J.1.

On motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mr. Duhé, the Board unanimously approved the Personnel Actions as submitted by **System Institutions**.

Agenda Item J.2.

On motion of Mr. Woods, seconded by Mr. Coudrain, the Board reviewed the following Board **RULES** revisions and took the following action: (*See Attachment 2*)

- a. Approved **PART TWO. Chapter II. Students.** Section XV. Academic Scholarships. A. First-Time Freshmen.

- b. Approved **PART TWO. Chapter II. Students.** Section XV. Academic Scholarships. C. Awarding of Scholarships.
- c. Approved **PART TWO. Chapter II. Students.** Section XVI. Graduate Assistantships.
- d. Approved **PART TWO. Chapter II. Students.** Section XVIII. Student Government Association. B. Tuition Waiver and Salaries for SGA Officers.
- e. Approved **PART TWO. Chapter IV. Finance and Business.** Section IV. Student Residence Regulations. C. Determination of Status.
- f. Approved **PART TWO. Chapter IV. Finance and Business.** Section V. Student Fees. N. Approved Waiver of Non-Resident (Out-of-State) Fees.
- g. **Deferred**, until the April meeting, **PART TWO. Chapter IV. Finance and Business.** Section V. Student Fees. P. Fee Exemptions for Senior Citizens.
- h. Approved **PART TWO. Chapter IV. Finance and Business.** Section V. Student Fees. Q. Council for the Development of French in Louisiana (CODOFIL) Tuition Waiver.
- i. Approved **PART TWO. Chapter IV. Finance and Business.** Section V. Student Fees. R. Special Purpose Fees.
- j. Approved **PART TWO. Chapter V. Intercollegiate Athletics.** Section III. Out-of-State Scholarships.

Agenda Item J.3.
System President's Report

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

- 1. The Emeritus Titles Board **RULES** revision is in the Board folders and will be submitted for action at the April Board meeting. Consideration was given to concerns voiced by the Institution Presidents, Vice Presidents for Academic and Student Affairs, and the Faculty Advisory Council.
- 2. The System staff is continuing to review proposed **RULES** revisions to System policies on tenure and intellectual property. Revisions will be forwarded to the Board upon completion.
- 3. Included in the Board folders is a copy of the March 1999 "**NOTES.**" Dr. Falcon indicated that, if anyone has information of interest to include in next month's edition, this information needs to be forwarded to Ms. Dawn Wilson.
- 4. Also included in the Board folders is a brochure entitled "*Balancing the Student's Right to Privacy with the Public's Right to Know Seminar.*" This Seminar will be held on March 31, 1999, at the Southeastern Louisiana University School of Nursing in Baton Rouge.

Rouge. The System staff organized and is hosting this seminar. Honored presenters and panelists include:

Mr. Leroy Rooker, Director of the U.S. Department of Education's Family Policy Compliance Office

Mr. James Hrdlicka, Assistant Attorney General

Ms. Nancy Dougherty, Partner with Taylor Porter Brooks, and Phillips and LSU Board Counsel

Mr. Winston DeCuir, Board Counsel

Mrs. Linda L. Clark, Board Counsel

Mr. Charlie McDonald, Vice President for Student Affairs at Northeast Louisiana University and Chairman of the Council of Vice Presidents for Student Affairs.

An invitation to participate in the Seminar was extended to members of the Board and also to personnel from institutions in the University of Louisiana System, the Louisiana State University System, the Southern University System, the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Louisiana, and the Louisiana Community and Technical College System. Staff from the Board of Regents were also invited.

Mr. Coudrain congratulated the System staff and expressed special thanks to Ms. Dawn Wilson and Mrs. Linda Clark for coordinating this statewide event. He indicated that this Seminar was a wonderful idea. He said that it looks to be an excellent program, is timely, and that it is important that these issues be discussed with institutional personnel.

Mr. Duhé announced that all System institutions that are up for re-certification by NCAA should inform Mr. Josh McDaniels as soon as possible.

5. To prepare personnel for the implementation of campus employee drug testing policies, the System staff will be conducting two training sessions. The first is scheduled for April 13 for South Louisiana System institutions' personnel at a site to be determined, and the second will be held on April 20 at Louisiana Tech University for North Louisiana System institutions' personnel.

6. Also included in the Board folders is a letter from the Desegregation Monitoring Committee that was received following the February 23 meeting. Conversations are continuing with Representatives Stelly and Crane regarding revisions to their bills that would satisfy the Monitoring Committee's concerns.
7. Special thanks are extended to Board members who participated in the North Louisiana Campus visits on Monday, March 15. It was an enjoyable day, and the hospitality extended by President Swearingen at Northeast Louisiana University, President Reneau at Louisiana Tech University, and President Favors at Grambling State University was truly appreciated. Special thanks were also extended to Mr. Kilpatrick and Mr. Wright for their hospitality extended during the visits.
8. Several System institutions have organized functions for area legislators in order to "send home" the message to support the Governor's Executive Budget, as well as to express campus concerns. The presidents have been encouraged to coordinate these events with other institutions in their areas. Ms. Wilson and Dr. Falcon attended a legislative luncheon hosted by Delgado Community College. Special thanks were extended to President Kelly for the invitation, and he was commended for an excellent presentation.
9. On Wednesday, April 7, 1999, Governor Foster will be presenting "Legislative Initiatives on Education and Business Development" on the campus of Southeastern Louisiana University at 4:30 p.m. in Twelve Oaks Dining Hall. President Clausen stated that a barbecue dinner would be provided, at no cost, after the Governor's address. Members of the Board are invited to participate.
10. The Governor's press conference on distance learning network was conducted on the new compressed interactive video system on Tuesday, March 23, 1999. System institutions participated. Mr. Sibille was present at USL's classroom site.
11. Included in your folders is a copy of a resolution for Dr. Allen Copping, President of the LSU System, commemorating his years of service to the LSU System and the State of Louisiana. This resolution will be presented to Dr. Copping at a reception in his honor on Saturday, March 27, 1999.
12. Dr. Steve Favors, President of Grambling State University, was elected President of the Louisiana Conference of Colleges and Universities during their meeting in Alexandria.

REPORT OF BOARD CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

Agenda Item K.1. Chairman's Report

Mr. Shetler made the following announcements for Board review and information.

1. Mr. Shetler asked each Board member who attended the Board of Regents' Committee meetings on Wednesday to update the Board on actions taken at the respective meetings.

Mr. Woods attended the Finance/Planning, Research, and Performance Joint Committee meeting and reported that this Committee was charged with formulating a five-year full funding formula for post-secondary education plan as mandated by ACT 151 of the 1998 Louisiana Legislative Session. This plan was approved.

Mr. Sibille attended the Facilities and Property, Academic and Student Affairs, and the Legislation Committee meetings. The Legislation Committee has planned a teleconference meeting on Monday, April 19, 1999. He further announced a meeting of the Board of Supervisors' Legislation Committee would be scheduled following the Board of Regents committee meeting. Mr. Sibille also announced that a list of legislative bills affecting higher education is included in the Board folders.

Ms. Dawn Wilson presented a report summarizing the prefiled legislative bills affecting higher education to date. Mr. Sibille also announced that the 1999 Louisiana Legislative Session convenes on Monday, March 29, 1999, at 12:00 noon and Governor Foster will present his State of the State Message.

2. Congratulations were extended to Louisiana Tech's Lady Techsters on their advancement in the NCAA Women's Basketball Final Four tournament and on their victory against the LSU Lady Tigers. Their next game is against Purdue University in San Jose, California tonight at 8:30 p.m. on ESPN. The Board wished them good luck. After winning this game, they will play the winner of the Duke-Georgia game for the championship on Sunday at 8:00 p.m. on ESPN.
3. Included in the Board folders is a copy of a resolution to Mrs. Carroll Suggs, congratulating her on the 50th anniversary of Petroleum Helicopters, Inc. Also included in the folders is a copy of a letter and resolution to Governor Foster expressing our Board's support for legislative passage of his Executive Budget. A copy of the Governor's resolution and a personal letter was also sent to all senators and representatives to encourage their support for passage of the Governor's Executive

Budget. Acknowledgment of the resolution has been received from Senator Craig Romero and Representative Francis Thompson who expressed their support and concern for higher education.

4. Mr. Shetler recognized President Ayo who made the following announcement.

President Ayo announced that the Nicholls State University Alumni Association presents an annual award to the Outstanding Alumnus. This year, **Mr. T. L. "Teddy" Duhé** is the recipient of the 1999 Nicholls State University Alumni Association's **Outstanding Alumnus Award**.

Agenda Item K.2.

Review of Leadership and Administration at Nunez Community College.

Mr. Woods stated that new leadership and direction is necessary for Nunez Community College and, therefore, recommended the following action:

It was moved by Mr. Woods, seconded by Mr. Duhé, to remove Dr. Carol Hopson as President of **Nunez Community College** immediately and return her to a position as a full-time tenured member of the faculty. Dr. Hopson's salary and benefits shall continue through June 30, 1999.

The motion passed by the following Roll Call Vote:

YEAS: Mr. Coudrain, Dr. Anders, Mrs. Burkhalter, Mr. Duhé, Mr. Kilpatrick, Mr. Martinez, Mr. Sibille, Mr. Woods, Mr. Shetler

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Mr. Davidge, Mr. Gesser, Mr. Pugh, Mr. Wright

ABSENT: Dr. Smith, Mrs. Suggs

Chairman Shetler recognized Dr. Falcon who made the following announcement:

For the interim period, the University of Louisiana System would need to appoint someone to oversee the operation of the institution. Dr. Terry Kelly has indicated that he could serve as Interim President of Nunez Community College and as President of Delgado Community College.

On motion of Mr. Martinez, seconded by Mr. Coudrain, the Board unanimously voted to appoint President J. Terence Kelly as Interim President of **Nunez Community College**.

Mr. Sibille clarified that this is not a merger of the two institutions, and Mr. Duhé requested that the System staff, particularly Mr. Nicklas, assist President Kelly whenever needed.

Agenda Item K.3.

Discussion/recommendation(s) regarding the System President's position vacancy.

Chairman Shetler recommended that the Board begin a search for the position of System President for the University of Louisiana System. He asked that the announcement state the Board's intention as follows:

“The University of Louisiana System will accept applications and nominations for the position of System President and Chief Executive Officer of the University of Louisiana System. The System President also acts as Secretary of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System. Candidates with an earned doctorate, extensive experience in higher education and demonstrated ability to interact effectively with state and higher education officials and the public are preferred; however, the Board of Supervisors of the University of Louisiana System reserves the right to consider any and all applicants or nominees. Applications and nominations to be fully considered should be received by April 21, 1999.”

Mr. Shetler recommended that the Chairman of the Board and System staff be authorized to develop an appropriate position announcement, to be publicly advertised, which conforms to this recommendation. To the extent that any Regulation or Bylaw of this Board is in conflict with any part of this motion, that Regulation or Bylaw shall be suspended or amended to conform to the announcement.

On motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mrs. Burkhalter, the Board unanimously voted to direct the Board Chairman and the System staff to develop an appropriate position announcement to publicly advertise the position of **System President and Chief Executive Officer of the University of Louisiana System** which conforms to the recommendation stated above.

Mr. Sibille asked that the Board authorize the System staff to advertise, in a timely manner, this position announcement in the **Chronicle of Higher Education** and that this advertisement be approved by the Board's counsel prior to its publication.

Mr. Gesser asked if it is mandatory to have a search. Chairman Shetler said that the Board is committed to a search, but it is not mandatory.

Mr. Gesser also asked if the position requires a doctorate degree. Chairman Shetler indicated that the Board reserves the right to consider any and all applicants.

Mrs. Burkhalter asked to clarify whether this action would prohibit Dr. Falcon from applying for the position. Chairman Shetler indicated that nothing prevents Dr. Falcon from applying.

On motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mr. Sibille, the Board voted to direct the System staff to conduct a search for the position of **System President and Chief Executive Officer of the University of Louisiana System**.

After further discussion, the motion passed by the following Roll Call Vote:

YEAS: Mr. Coudrain, Dr. Anders, Mrs. Burkhalter, Mr. Davidge, Mr. Duhé, Mr. Kilpatrick, Mr. Martinez, Mr. Pugh, Mr. Sibille, Mr. Woods, Mr. Wright

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Mr. Gesser

ABSENT: Dr. Smith, Mrs. Suggs

Mr. Gesser stated that he abstained because he feels a doctorate degree should be a requirement.

Mr. Duhé announced that the Grambling State University Girls' Basketball team participated in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) tournament and that the Northwestern State University Girls' Basketball teams participated in the National Invitational Tournament (NIT). The Board expressed its congratulations to both teams.

On motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mrs. Burkhalter, there being no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

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Mr. Shetler

Next on the agenda we have the review of Leadership and Administration at Nunez Community College.

Mr. Woods:

I believe that the new Leadership and direction is necessary for Nunez Community College and therefore move that Dr. Carol Hopson be removed as President of Nunez Community College immediately and return to a position as a full time tenured member of the faculty. Her salary and benefits shall continue through June 30, 1999.

This motion was seconded by Mr. Duhé.

Mr. Shetler:

Marion I going to ask for a roll call on that. Any Discussion.

Marion:

YEAS: Mr. Coudrain, Dr. Anders, Mrs. Burkhalter, Mr. Duhé, Mr. Kilpatrick, Mr. Martinez, Mr. Sibille, Mr. Woods. Mr. Shetler

NAYS:

ABSTAIN: Mr. Davidge, Mr. Gesser, Mr. Pugh, Mr. Wright

ABSENT: Dr. Smith, Mrs. Suggs

I have eight YEAS, four Abstained, two absent.

Someone said Excuse me.

Mr. Shetler:

Dr. Falcon would you like to have.

Marion:

I did not count Mr. Shetler, it is nine.
I miscounted, I am sorry. It is Nine.

Mr. Shetler

Dr. Falcon I am going to turn it over to you now for the management of the college.

Ms. Clark:

What was the total number of the Yeas.

Marion:

It was nine. I forgot the last vote.

Mr. Shetler:

It was nine.

Dr. Falcon:

For the interim period, yes we do need to appoint someone to oversee the operation of the institution, and just this morning, in fact before this morning, I was able to speak to Dr. Terry Kelly

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