

## MINUTES

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

April 23, 1999  
Baton Rouge, LA

The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System met in regular session on Friday, April 23, 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 11:20 a.m. and opened with a prayer by Dr. Smith. The following roll call was recorded:

#### **PRESENT:**

Mr. Carl Shetler, Chairman  
Mr. Andre G. Coudrain, Vice Chairman  
Dr. Edward B. Anders  
Mrs. Elsie P. Burkhalter  
Mr. T. L. "Teddy" Duhé  
Mr. Herman Gesser, Jr.  
Mr. Tex R. Kilpatrick  
Mr. Gordon A. Pugh  
Mr. Winfred F. Sibille  
Dr. Eunice Wicker Smith  
Mr. Michael H. Woods  
Mr. David Wright

#### **ABSENT:**

Mr. Robert C. Davidge  
Mr. Ravis Martinez  
Mrs. Carroll W. Suggs

Chairman Shetler indicated that Mr. Davidge and Mrs. Suggs were granted excused absences for this meeting.

On motion of Mr. Gesser, seconded by Mr. Coudrain, the Board unanimously approved the March 26, 1999 and April 16, 1999 minutes.

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## **REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Dr. Smith, Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, presented the Committee report.

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

### **Agenda Item E.1.**

Approved **Louisiana Tech University's** proposal for a Bachelor of Science degree program in Aviation Management.

### **Agenda Item E.2.**

Approved **Southeastern Louisiana University's** request to award an honorary Doctor of Humanities (LHD) degree to Mr. Charles R. Redman.

### **Agenda Item E.3. – Other Business**

On motion of Dr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Wright, the Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to amend its agenda to include an item of other business from **Grambling State University**.

On motion of Dr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Wright, the Board unanimously approved **Grambling State University's** request to award an honorary Doctor of Laws Degree to President William "Bill" Clinton. President Clinton will be the commencement speaker for the 1999 commencement exercises at Grambling.

## **REPORT OF THE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

Mr. Sibille, Chair of the Legislation Committee, presented the Committee report.

Mr. Sibille indicated that the Committee received the report as presented by Ms. Dawn Wilson, a member of the System staff, on the various items of legislation being considered during the 1999 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature to date, and indicated that no action is required by the Board. Mr. Sibille also stated that a copy of the legislation report, as presented, is included in the Board folders.

### **REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

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

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

#### **Agenda Item G.1.**

Approved an effective date of July 1, 1999 for implementation of the revision to Board **RULES** for 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).

#### **Agenda Item G.2.**

Approved **Grambling State University's** request to appoint Dr. Neari F. Warner as Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs/Professor, effective May 1, 1999.

President Steve Favors presented Dr. Warner to the Board. Dr. Warner thanked President Favors and the Board for their confidence and approval of his recommendation.

#### **Agenda Item G.3.**

Approved **Louisiana Tech University's** request to confer Emeritus title upon Dr. Bobby E. Price, Professor Emeritus of Civil Engineering.

#### **Agenda Item G.4.**

Received the report on the proposed evaluation process and criteria for **System institutions/presidents**. Dr. Falcon was asked to explain the action taken by the Committee. He explained that the Committee recommended that information concerning the procedures be submitted to Institution Presidents for their review and comments are to be returned for action and approval by the Committee no later than the June 1999 meeting.

### **REPORT OF THE FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Mr. Gesser, Chair of the Facilities Planning Committee, presented the Committee report.

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

**Agenda Item H.1.a.**

Approved **Delgado Community College's** Capital Project request to expend \$131,450 of Act 971 funds to convert overhead electrical services to underground services.

**Agenda Item H.1.b.**

Approved **Nicholls State University's** Capital Project request to expend \$182,200 of University Plant funds to renovate the press box in the John F. Guidry Football Stadium.

**Agenda Item H.2.**

Approved **Bossier Parish Community College's** request to amend the sole source procurement lease agreement for the Job Boost Program with The Sealy Company and further that staff and legal counsel ensure that the lease conforms to statutory and administrative requirements.

**Agenda Item H.3.**

Approved, subject to concurrence of the Finance Committee, **Delgado Community College's** request to approve the resolution and authorized the execution of a Ground and Buildings Lease and Agreement to Lease with Option to Purchase relative to Delgado Community College's Foundation Project for the construction of a new student life center, not to exceed \$5,000,000, Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority Revenue Bonds, Series 1999, and further authorized the Board's execution of all documents and certificates in connection with this project.

**Agenda Item H.4.**

Approved **Nicholls State University's** request to approve the granting of a temporary, 20-foot (20') right-of-way to Qwest Communications Corporation during the time of construction for the installation of fiber optic lines within the existing ten foot (10') right-of-way of the railroad as stipulated in the attached agreements and contingent upon the appropriate document changes denoted by legal counsel, and further requested that staff and legal counsel ensure that these rights-of-way conform to statutory and administrative requirements.

**Agenda Item H.5.**

Deferred **Nicholls State University's** request to conduct a 3-D geophysical survey of the campus for further legal review, and additional input by Mr. Pugh and Mr. Woods.

**Agenda Item H.6.**

Approved **University of Southwestern Louisiana's** request for a resolution to demolish Reese House facilities and further requested that staff and legal counsel ensure that the demolition conforms to statutory and administrative requirements.

**Agenda Item H.7. – Other Business**

On motion of Mr. Gesser, seconded by Mr. Sibille, the Board unanimously voted to amend its agenda to include the items of other business and took the following actions on these items:

**Agenda Item H.7.a.**

Approved **Nicholls State University's** request to consider modifying the Capital Outlay FY 1999-2000 Priority List submitted to the Board of Regents to include receiving planning money for the Assembly Center Complex for this legislative session. The Committee also recommended that this request be placed under the Board of Regents recommendations continuing category priority 18.

**Agenda Item H.7.b.**

Approved **River Parishes Community College's** request to enter into a lease with Lane Real Estate Services for 2,000 square feet of building space along Old Highway 22, in Sorrento, Louisiana and further requested that staff and legal counsel ensure that the negotiations conform to statutory and administrative requirements.

**Agenda Item H.7.c.**

Approved **South Louisiana Community College's** verbal request to assist the institution in locating a permanent site in Lafayette by approving a request to University of Southwestern Louisiana to make available, through a lease or comparable arrangement, 30 acres of land, more or less, at its former poultry farm property off Bertrand Drive as a site for the College campus.

### **REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Woods, Chair of the Finance Committee, presented the Committee report.

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

#### **Agenda Item I.1.**

Deferred discussion of Fiscal Year 1999 Third Quarter Financial Reports until further review by the System staff and Board.

#### **Agenda Item I.2.**

Approved, in concurrence with the Facilities Planning Committee, **Delgado Community College's** request to approve the resolution for a Ground and Buildings Lease and Agreement to Lease, with Option to Purchase, relative to Delgado Community College Foundation Project, not to exceed \$5,000,000, Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority Revenue Bonds, Series 1999.

#### **Agenda Item I.3.**

Approved **Louisiana Tech University's** receipt and adoption of Fiscal Year 1999 Financial and Compliance Questionnaire.

### **REPORT OF THE ATHLETIC COMMITTEE**

Mr. Duhé, Chair of the Athletic Committee, presented the Committee report.

On motion of Mr. Duhé, seconded by Mrs. Burkhalter, the Board unanimously accepted the recommendations of the Athletic Committee to amend its agenda to include an item of other business and took the following actions:

#### **Agenda Item J.1.**

Mr. Duhé announced that the Athletic Committee received reports on follow-up discussion of athletic issues from the previous Committee meeting, and stated that the Athletic Committee will meet with compliance officers, registrars, and other athletic personnel on Thursday, May 27, 1999 at 1:30 p.m.

**Agenda Item J.2. – Other Business**

Approved **Northwestern State University's** request for a price increase on its football tickets.

**REPORT OF THE SYSTEM OFFICE BUSINESS**

**Agenda Item K.1.**

On motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Coudrain, the Board unanimously approved personnel actions, as amended to include items in the Board folders, as submitted by System Institutions.

**Agenda Item K.2.**

On motion of Mrs. Burkhalter, seconded by Mr. Coudrain, the Board unanimously approved summer school appointments, as amended to include items in the Board folders, as submitted by System President.

**Agenda Item K.3.**

On motion of Mrs. Burkhalter, seconded by Mr. Sibille, the Board approved the Board **RULES** revision for **PART TWO. Chapter III. Faculty and Staff.** Section XIV. Emeritus Titles. (*See Attachment*)

**Agenda Item K.4.**  
**System President's Report**

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

1. Several members of the staff attended the statewide conference entitled "Links for Success" on April 13 and 14, that was held at Pennington Biomedical Research Center. On behalf of the Board, Dr. Falcon expressed appreciation to the administration and faculty of Louisiana Tech University, Nicholls State University and the University of Southwestern Louisiana for the excellent presentations by those institutions that were beneficial to everyone in attendance.

2. Dr. Falcon expressed appreciation from the Board and System staff to the Student Government Association (SGA) leaders for their efforts in presenting a unified voice, on behalf of students on all of the System campuses. Each student demonstrated respect and maturity in dealing with legislative issues and establishing strategic initiatives in support of the Governor's Executive Budget.

Dr. Falcon expressed special thanks to Mr. Luke Dowden, the President of the Council of Student Body Presidents and the SGA President at Northwestern State University. Mr. Dowden was formally recognized at the April 22 meeting of the Board of Regents for his leadership ability and his effectiveness in presenting a unified voice for the Council. Institution Presidents also are commended for the mature, professional image each student presented, especially during the presentation to the Louisiana Legislative House Education Committee regarding the bill dealing with the use of student technology fee funds.

Governor Foster stated that he was impressed with the students and invited the Council of Student Body Presidents to a luncheon at the Governor's Mansion on Tuesday, April 27, 1999.

3. A copy of the revised Tenure Policy to be acted upon at the regular May meeting of the Board was included in the Board folders. Members of the Presidents' Council, the Council of Vice Presidents for Academic Affairs, Faculty Advisory Council and interested members of the Board have reviewed this policy revision.
4. Several System staff members met with Institution campus representatives regarding the Intellectual Property policy or the "shared royalties" as requested for review by the Board. As a result of this request, a Committee has been formed; Dr. McConathy, Louisiana Tech University, will serve as chairman, and Dr. Steve Landry, University of Southwestern Louisiana, will serve as the recorder. This Committee will include a representative from the Faculty Advisory Council and is expected to submit its recommendations for approval in the fall of this year.
5. In response to Mr. Kilpatrick's request to visit System Institution campuses as a method of orientation for new Board members, several members participated in the I-20 Corridor campus visits. Included in the Board folders is a copy of the West Louisiana campus visits scheduled for May 25, 1999, to include visits to McNeese State University and Northwestern State University. Campus visits are being planned for June to Nicholls State University, Southeastern Louisiana University, and University of Southwestern Louisiana.



6. Dr. Falcon reported that he and several Institution Presidents (President Ray Authement, President Dan Reneau, and President J. Terence Kelly) represent the University of Louisiana System on the Board of Regents Formula Funding Task Force. The Task Force plans to make its recommendations regarding the new Formula Funding Plan at the Board of Regents' June 1999 meeting.
7. Dr. Falcon recognized President Swearingen who made the following announcement:  
  
President Swearingen, on behalf of the administration, faculty, staff, and students at **Northeast Louisiana University**, invited members of the Board to attend the dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony for the University's new Library and Conference Center on Friday, April 30, 1999.
8. Dr. Falcon recognized President Favors who made the following announcement:  
  
President Favors, on behalf of the entire **Grambling State University** family, invited members of the Board to the May 23, 1999 Commencement Exercise scheduled for 8:30 a.m. at the University. He also announced that President William "Bill" Clinton will be the guest speaker for the ceremony.
9. Dr. Falcon stated that this week is National Secretaries Week, and he saluted all the secretaries in the System, especially those on the System Staff.

## **REPORT OF BOARD CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS**

### **Agenda Item L.1. Chairman's Report**

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

1. Chairman Shetler asked Board members who attended the Board of Regents Committee meetings to give a report of actions taken by the Committees:

Mr. Sibille reported that the Chamber of Commerce and the City of Bossier appeared before the Facility and Property Committee meeting to present a plan for a Bossier Parish Community College campus site which will be offered to Louisiana Technical and Community Colleges System. All other items presented regarding the Board of Supervisors of the University of Louisiana System were approved. Mr. Sibille also attended the Board of Regents Legislation Committee.

Mr. Woods reported that the Finance Committee did not meet.

2. Congratulations were extended to the Louisiana Tech University Lady Techsters Basketball Team for a great year and for the success in reaching the Final Four in the NCAA Women's Basketball tournament.
3. Congratulations were also expressed to President Webb and the Northwestern State University's Softball team on winning the Southland Conference Softball Championship.
4. Chairman Shetler made the following report on the Search for a System President for the University of Louisiana System:

“As of the deadline April 21, 1999, the System staff received three applicants for the position of System President for the University of Louisiana System. Copies of the applicants' resumes are attached to the report and are included in the Board folders. As Chairman of the Board, it is my recommendation to call a Special meeting of the full Board within the next two weeks to interview the local candidate. May I have a motion to schedule a Special meeting of the Board at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, May 7, 1999?”

On motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Coudrain, the Board unanimously voted to schedule a Special Meeting of the Board on Friday, May 7, 1999, at 9:00 a.m. to interview the local candidate for the position of President of the University of Louisiana System.

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On motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mrs. Burkhalter, there being no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

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