

MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM

June 25, 1999
Baton Rouge, LA

The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System met in regular session on Friday, June 25, 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 11:00 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. Tex R. Kilpatrick
Mr. Gordon A. Pugh
Mr. Winfred F. Sibille
Dr. Eunice Wicker Smith
Mrs. Carroll W. Suggs
Mr. Michael H. Woods
Mr. David Wright

ABSENT:

Mr. Robert C. Davidge
Mr. Herman Gesser, Jr.
Mr. Ravis Martinez

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

On motion of Mr. Duhé, seconded by Mrs. Burkhalter, the Board unanimously approved the **May 28, 1999 minutes.**

REPORT OF THE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Burkhalter, Chairman of the Grievance Committee, presented the Committee's report.

Agenda Item E.1.

On motion of Mrs. Burkhalter, seconded by Mr. Coudrain, the Board unanimously voted to affirm the decision of **Southeastern Louisiana University** and deny a hearing to Dr. Stephen Rushing, a faculty member.

REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Dr. Smith, Chairman of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, stated that the Committee did not meet, and asked Dr. Falcon to present Agenda Item F.1. for action by the Board.

Agenda Item F.1.

On motion of Dr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Burkhalter, the Board unanimously approved **Northeast Louisiana University's** request to proceed with the development and implementation of selective admissions standards, effective with the Fall Semester 2000 or as soon thereafter as feasible.

Mr. Coudrain asked that Board members be given the proposed standards in advance for review prior to submittal for final Board action.

REPORT OF THE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Sibille, Chairman of the Legislation Committee, presented the Committee's report.

Mr. Sibille explained that the committee met to discuss the **1999 Louisiana Regular Legislative Session's** final report of enacted legislation affecting higher education, and stated that Mr. Jindal would discuss specific legislation during his report.

REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

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

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

Agenda Item H.1.

Delgado Community College's request to approve the administrative appointments was **withdrawn** at the request of President Kelly.

Agenda Item H.2.

Approved **Nicholls State University's** request to appoint Dr. Thomas Mortillaro as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences effective July 1, 1999.

Agenda Item H.3.

Approved **Northeast Louisiana University's** request to confer emeritus titles as follows:

- a. Dr. Neil H. Douglas, Professor Emeritus of Biology.
- b. Dr. Ernest Maples, Professor Emeritus of Psychology.

Agenda Item H.4.

Approved **Southeastern Louisiana University's** request to confer emeritus titles as follows:

- a. Dr. Belford E. Carver, Professor Emeritus of Business Administration.
- b. Dr. Carlo DiMaio, Professor Emeritus and Department Head Emeritus of Foreign Languages and Literatures.
- c. Dr. Roman J. Heleniak, Professor Emeritus and Department Head Emeritus of History and Political Science.
- d. Mr. Robert G. Priez, Professor Emeritus of Music.

Agenda Item H.5.

Approved **University of Southwestern Louisiana's** request to appoint Dr. Lucindia Chance as Dean of the College of Education effective July 1, 1999.

Agenda Item H.6.

Approved **University of Southwestern Louisiana's** request to appoint Dr. Michael Fronmueller as Dean of the College of Business Administration effective July 1, 1999.

Agenda Item H.7.

Received the report on the Proposed **RULES** addition for Chapter III. Faculty and Staff. Section IV. D. Evaluations of Presidents. (for committee review and consideration for possible Board approval at the August meeting).

Dr. Falcon announced that Mr. Bobby Jindal, Acting System President, asked that System Institution presidents conduct national searches on **administrative personnel appointments** involving positions at the levels of deans or higher to ensure selection of the best candidate.

Dr. Falcon reported that the Institution presidents were requested by Mr. Jindal to submit planning documents for this coming year to begin the **presidential evaluation process**, which was recently approved by the Board.

He also announced that a list of items received by Mr. Duhé regarding presidential evaluations has been distributed to all Board Members for their input. A report of responses will be presented at the next meeting of the Board.

REPORT OF THE FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE

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

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

Agenda Item I.1.

Approved **Louisiana Tech University's** small capital projects request to expend a total of \$920,000 on the following five (5) projects for dormitory improvements utilizing funds made available through the restructuring of Auxiliary funds bonded debt:

- a. Exterior security door access and video monitoring equipment – Estimated cost \$200,000.

- b. Residence hall entertainment and educational television video enhancement – Estimated cost \$120,000.
- c. Mitchell and Hutcheson Residence Hall Carpeting – Estimated cost \$125,000.
- d. Absorption Chiller Replacement – Estimated cost \$200,000.
- e. Replacement of elevators in Kidd residence hall – Estimated cost \$275,000.

Agenda Item I.2.

Approved **Louisiana Tech University's** request to enter into a ten-year lease agreement for the University's food service operations and facilities with Aramark Educational Services, Inc.

Agenda Item I.3.

Approved **McNeese State University's** request to approve a lease renewal with State of Louisiana Department of Education (Region V) for office space within Zigler Hall.

Agenda Item I.4.

Approved the **University of Southwestern Louisiana's** request to enter into a lease with the USL Foundation for property located at the corner of Taft Street and West St. Mary Boulevard.

Agenda Item I.5.

Approved the **University of Southwestern Louisiana's** request to renew the lease with the Department of Natural Resources for space at Wharton Hall, 411 E. St. Mary Boulevard, University of Southwestern Louisiana, Lafayette, Louisiana.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

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

Agenda Item J.1.

Deferred Nicholls State University's request to increase a University Assessed Health Service fee.

Agenda Item J.2.

Approved **Southeastern Louisiana University's** 1999-2000 Scholarship programs.

Agenda Item J.3. – Other Business

Mr. Woods presented the following information as part of the Committee's report.

1. The Committee commended **Louisiana Tech University** on the progress made with the ten-year lease with Aramark.
2. Mr. David Nicklas presented a **Best Practices Manual** that was submitted to the Committee for review.
3. **System Institutions' Operating Budget Requests** are to be submitted to the System Office by July 19, 1999, and the System Staff will present the format for review of the budgets.

REPORT OF SYSTEM OFFICE BUSINESS

On motion of Mr. Duhé, seconded by Mr. Coudrain, the Board approved the **Personnel Actions** including the **System Office reorganization**.

Mr. Coudrain commended the staff on the System Office reorganization, and the emphasis this reorganization will place on student issues.

Mrs. Burkhalter also commended Mr. Jindal on the reorganization.

Agenda Item K.2. System President's Report

Mr. Jindal, Acting System President, made the following announcements for Board consideration and information:

1. Dr. Falcon, at the request of Mr. Jindal, presented the Board **RULES** revision for PART TWO. Chapter III. Faculty and Staff. Section XI. Tenure. H. Faculty Initially Appointed as Professor or Associate Professor that was distributed for review.

On motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Dr. Anders, the Board approved the Board **RULES** revision for PART TWO. Chapter III. Faculty and Staff. Section XI. Tenure. H. Faculty Initially Appointed as Professor or Associate Professor. (See Attachment 1)

2. Mr. Jindal presented an update on the strategic initiatives that were introduced to the Board at its May meeting.
3. He further announced that Board **BYLAWS** revisions (**BYLAWS, SECTION IV. STAFF. A. System President. 7. Institutional personnel actions, relative to unclassified employees... and Rules and Regulations. Chapter III. FACULTY AND STAFF. Section II. Personnel Actions.**) were included in the Board folder for appropriate action. This **RULES** revision will change the submission procedures for Classified Personnel Actions. (See Attachments 2.a. & 2.b.)
4. Mr. Jindal commended Northeast Louisiana University for its intent to pursue implementation of selective admissions. He explained the following institutions have or will implement these programs: Louisiana Tech University, McNeese State University, Northeast Louisiana University, Southeastern Louisiana University, and the University of Southwestern Louisiana.
5. Mr. Jindal presented a slide presentation of the progress of the four-year institutions in the top 20 largest System. This data was collected as part of Mr. Jindal's strategic initiatives to promote accountability. He pointed out that the University of Louisiana System is one of the top 20 systems in the country, the largest system in the State and will remain the largest system after the community colleges and the two-year technical institution are transferred to the Louisiana Community and Technical Colleges System (LCTCS) on July 1, 1999.
6. Mr. Jindal complimented Nicholls State University, Southeastern Louisiana University and the University of Southwestern Louisiana for the successful campus tours.
7. Mr. Jindal complimented the six two-year institutions that are leaving the System and wished them well.

REPORT OF BOARD CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

Agenda Item L.1. Board Chairman's Report

Mr. Shetler made the following announcements to the Board:

1. Mr. Shetler acknowledged the **two-year technical institution and the community colleges** that are transferring to LCTCS effective July 1, 1999 and wished them a successful tenure with the LCTCS. These institutions are Bossier Parish Community College, Delgado Community College, Louisiana Technical College – Teche Area Campus, Nunez Community College, River Parishes Community College, and South Louisiana Community College.

Each two-year Institution president or director thanked the Board for its supervision during their tenure with the Board and expressed appreciation for the support and assistance rendered to the institutions.

2. Mr. Shetler congratulated System institutions on the following accomplishments:
 - a. Nicholls State University's professor, Dr. Lloyd Chiasson, received the Fulbright Scholarship to study and teach in Latvia.
 - b. Southeastern's High School Cooperative Program, designed to reduce the need for remediation courses through university-high school partnerships, was selected for a National "Grand Gold" Award – the highest honor from CASE.
 - c. Northeast Louisiana University raised more than \$1 million (second consecutive year) for its annual fund drive and over \$4 million has been raised over the past five years.
 - d. Louisiana Tech University's assistant professor, Dolliann Margaret Hurtig, was one of 13 selected to receive a French Government Scholarship, which will allow the French instructor to study in Strasbourg, France.
 - e. Northwestern State University hosted the First Creole Heritage Conference.
 - f. Grambling State University's Baseball Coach, Wilbert Ellis, earned his 600th career win, and its band was the first to be inducted into the NCAA Hall of Fame.
 - g. University of Southwestern Louisiana's Dr. Daniel Povinelli was awarded a \$1 million International Centennial Research Fellowship.

On motion of Mrs. Burkhalter, seconded by Mrs. Suggs, the Board unanimously approved the change of procedures for submission of **classified personnel actions (Bylaws and Rules and Regulations revisions)** and granted Institution presidents permission to approve these appointments. *(See Attachments 2.a. & 2.b.)*

Mr. DeCuir informed the Board that the change in classified personnel actions procedure required a waiver of the thirty-day requirements.

On motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mrs. Burkhalter, the Board unanimously voted to waive the thirty-day notice requirement for the adoption of the procedure change necessary for the submission of classified personnel actions. **(BYLAWS. Section VI. Staff. A. System President. #7. and Rules and Regulations. Chapter III. Faculty and Staff. Section II. Personnel Actions. E. Classified Employees.)** *(See Attachment 2.a. and Attachment 2.b.)*

Mr. Duhé announced that the meeting on privatized campus housing at Nicholls State University was a success, and materials will be submitted to Institution presidents for their review and comments.

On motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mrs. Suggs, there being no further business, the Board adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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