

## MINUTES

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

September 24, 1999  
Lafayette, LA

The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System met in regular session on Friday, September 24, 1999, in Meeting Room A, of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Building (NOAA) at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Lafayette, 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, 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. TiJean Rodriguez  
Mr. Winfred F. Sibille  
Dr. Eunice Wicker Smith  
Mr. Michael H. Woods  
Mr. David Wright

#### **ABSENT:**

Mr. Robert C. Davidge  
Mr. Tex R. Kilpatrick  
Mr. Gordon A. Pugh  
Mrs. Carroll W. Suggs

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

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

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

**Agenda Item E.1.**

On motion of Dr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Burkhalter, the Board unanimously accepted the Committee's recommendation and approved **Grambling State University's** revised Statement of Institutional Mission and Philosophy.

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On motion of Mr. Gesser, seconded by Mrs. Burkhalter, the Board unanimously approved the **August 27, 1999 minutes.**

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**REPORT OF THE ATHLETIC COMMITTEE**

Mr. Duhé, Chairman of the Athletic Committee, presented the Committee's report.

On motion of Mr. Duhé, seconded by Mr. Sibille, the Board unanimously received the report of the Athletic Committee.

**Agenda Item F.1.**

The Committee received a report on **House Concurrent Resolution No. 261** of the 1999 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature. The resolution urges and requests higher education boards to appropriately fund intramural and recreational sport facilities and programs.

**Agenda Item F.2.**

The Committee discussed Chairman Duhé request for a report on home football game attendance.

The Committee reported the following information is being requested from System institutions' Athletic offices.

1. A report on home football game attendance. (System form will be provided.)
2. Monthly report of actual athletic revenues.
3. A report on work schedule or class schedule of athletic personnel that are split between departments.

## **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 action:

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

Approved **Northwestern State University's** request for an Extension of a Cooperative Agreement with the National Park Services (National Center for Preservation Technology and Training) and further that the System legal counsel ensure that the action conforms to statutory and administrative requirements.

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

Approved **University of Louisiana at Lafayette's** request for the proposed sale of the Theta Xi fraternity house and to renegotiate a new lease agreement and loan guarantee with TKE AT ULL, INC.

## **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 and took the following action:

### **Agenda Item H.1.**

Approved **Grambling State University's** Affiliation Agreements with:

- a. GSU Athletic Foundation, Inc.
- b. GSU National Alumni Association, Inc.

### **Agenda Item H.2.**

Approved **McNeese State University's** Affiliation Agreement and Funds Management Agreement with MSU Foundation.

### **Agenda Item H.3.**

Approved **Nicholls State University's** Affiliation Agreement with NSU Alumni Federation.

**Agenda Item H.4.**

Approved **Southeastern Louisiana University's** Affiliation Agreement and Funds Management Agreement with SLU Development Foundation.

**Agenda Item H.5.**

Approved **Southeastern Louisiana University's** Affiliation Agreement with SLU Facilities, Inc.

**Agenda Item H.6.**

Approved **University of Louisiana at Monroe's** Funds Management Agreement with UL-Monroe Foundation and **deferred** the University's Affiliation Agreement with UL-Monroe Foundation.

**Agenda Item H.7.**

**Deferred University of Louisiana at Monroe's** Affiliation Agreement with UL-Monroe Alumni Association.

**Agenda Item H.8.**

Approved Board **RULES** revision for Chapter IV. FINANCE AND BUSINESS. Section V. Student Fees. L. Room Deposit. (*See Attachment # 1*)

**REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

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

On motion of Mr. Duhé, seconded by Mrs. Burkhalter, the Board unanimously accepted the Personnel Committee's recommendation and took the following action:

On motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Duhé, the Board unanimously voted to amend its agenda to include an item of other business.

**Agenda Item I.1.**

Approved **Southeastern Louisiana University's** request to appoint Ms. Kim Hunter as Executive Assistant to the President and Interim Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs from September 7-24, 1999 and as Interim Vice President for Student Affairs effective September 24, 1999.

**Agenda Item I.2.**

Reviewed **University of Louisiana System's** University Presidents' Performance Planning Documents.

**Agenda Item I.3.**

Approved Revised Annual Institution Outcomes Report to include Mr. T. L. Duhé's additional items.

**Agenda Item I.4.a.**

Approved the Board **RULES** addition to Chapter III. FACULTY AND STAFF. Section XXII. Shared Sick Leave Program and further amended the University of Louisiana System's Policy and Procedures Memorandum II.C. to read "that no employee who participates in the program may contribute more than two days of approved sick leave every three years." Implementation of this policy will be monitored after the first six (6) months and every twelve (12) months thereafter. (*See Attachment #2*)

On motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Coudrain, the Board unanimously voted to waive the thirty-day notice, pending legal clarification on the policy requirements for waiver of notice.

**Agenda Item I.4.b.**

**Deferred** the Board **RULES** revision to Chapter III. FACULTY AND STAFF. Section VI. Intellectual Property and Shared Royalties.

**Agenda Item I.5. – Other Business**

Approved the Board's request to grant President Steve Favors tenure and the rank of Professor of Education in the Department of Education Leadership.

**REPORT OF SYSTEM OFFICE BUSINESS**

**Agenda Item J.1.**

On motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mrs. Burkhalter, the Board unanimously approved the personnel actions.

**Agenda Item J.2.  
System President's Report**

The following items were reviewed by Mr. Jindal for Board consideration or information:

**Agenda Item J.2.b.**

- a. Mr. Jindal explained that the list of Unique Areas of Excellence that have been identified by each System Institution would be used to compete for grants and recruit students and faculty throughout the country. He further stated that the Unique Areas of Excellence is not a one-time initiative, and the System office will continue to monitor this program throughout the year as a part of the accountability process. He said the System will hold these areas to higher standards and will use these areas to recruit students and faculty, and to secure funding. Mr. Jindal also noted that University presidents were instructed to prepare their campus lists during the summer months, through consultations with faculty, students, and community leaders, and submit a draft list in August. The Board then instructed the presidents to spend the month of September getting additional input from students and faculty.

On motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mr. Gesser, the Board unanimously approved the Unique Areas of Excellence as submitted by System Institutions.

**Agenda Item J.2.c.**

- b. Mr. Jindal reported that he has had seven successful System campus visits and thanked System Institution Presidents, the administrative staff—especially the Office of Student Affairs, the faculty, and student leaders—for their support and hospitality. He also stated that Nicholls State University's visit is scheduled for Tuesday, September 28, 1999. The purpose of these visits was the promotion of student excellence before and after graduation, and a copy of the booklet entitled "*Post Graduation Opportunities*" was made available to students at each institution. The effort to promote student excellence before and after graduation will not be a one-time initiative, but will be conducted throughout the year to provide all students with resources and to promote academic and career success. Mr. Jindal expressed appreciation to Mrs. Dawn Wilson on the System staff for her work in putting together the booklet entitled "*Post Graduation Opportunities.*"

**Agenda Item J.2.d.**

- c. The System office has provided documentation to show that System institutions have been successful at competing for research funds.

- d. The Louisiana State University Medical Center in New Orleans has invited some of our System institutions' students and faculty members to participate in the *LSUHSC/AHEC Science Outreach and Learning (LA-SOUL)* exchange program.
- e. Mr. Jindal indicated that the following items of information are included in the Board folders:
  - 1. A copy of the University of Louisiana System's Strategic Plan that was submitted to the Division of Administration and a report of the progress and the future plans.
  - 2. A copy of the proposed policies on the "clerks of the works" and the Capital Outlay construction standards for Board review and consideration at the October meeting.
  - 3. A memorandum clarifying and defining the University of Louisiana System academic honors and standards.
  - 4. A memorandum from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette clarifying the correct usage of their name.
  - 5. A copy of an article entitled "Wise Time Management" written by Dr. J. Terence Kelly, President of Delgado Community College, and published in a national publication.
- f. President Clausen submitted a list of "Fanfare" activities scheduled during their celebration of "The Arts" and invited members of the Board to join Southeastern Louisiana University family during this celebration.
- g. The Board of Regents Capital Outlay Request Public Hearing project list was provided for review. Mr. Jindal asked that University presidents and Board Members share their comments with Mr. Doug Lee. The System staff has scheduled a meeting with Mr. Mark Drennen and Dr. E. Joseph Savoie to discuss projects listed for the University of Louisiana System.
- h. Mr. Jindal asked Dr. Carroll Falcon to review the following Board **RULES** revisions to be submitted for Board consideration at the October meeting:
  - 1. A policy on student grievance procedures.
  - 2. Procedures for submitting Administrative and Faculty Emeritus status. Mr. Sibille asked that the System staff review and ensure that institutional procedures are in place before the awarding of Emeritus status to faculty members.

**Agenda Item J.2.a.**

- i. Mr. Jindal asked that Board Counsel Linda Clark explain the Certification of Exemption of Certain Directors or Officers Resolution and Key Management Personnel form as submitted by **Louisiana Tech University**, which requires release of personal data information for Board members.

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Mr. Jindal expressed appreciation to President Authement and his staff for hosting the Board's September meeting and for the great hospitality extended.

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President Sally Clausen introduced Ms. Kim Hunter, the newly appointed Interim Vice President for Student Affairs.

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President Authement expressed appreciation to the Board for approving the University's name change to the **University of Louisiana at Lafayette**. He also announced that the **University of Louisiana at Lafayette** officials are asking that the University's family and friends refer to the acronym name, as UL at Lafayette and the athletic teams will be recognized as *Louisiana Ragin' Cajuns*. President Authement also introduced the following two university supporters who expressed appreciation to the Board for voting in favor of the name change:

Mr. Walter Comeaux, President of the City Parish Government, thanked the Board for approving the University's name change. He presented a Resolution to Mr. Bobby P. Jindal, on behalf of the Board, expressing appreciation to the Board for its vote to change the name to University of Louisiana at Lafayette and extended support to the University from the City of Lafayette.

Dr. Ernest Gaines, a faculty Representative of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, presented a proclamation to the Board, expressing appreciation to the Board for its support of the University's name change. Dr. Gaines is a writer-in-residence at the University and the author of several books, including *A Lesson before Dying*, *The Autobiography of Ms. Jane Pittman*, and the *Gathering of Old Men*, which were produced as movies.

President Authement discussed the effects of selective admissions on the remedial and enrollment status at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. He stated that the enrollment decreased by 582 students and the remedial English student enrollments decreased from 862 to 269 and the Mathematics remedial enrollment was reduced 50% from 2,500 to 1,250 students.



Mr. Stephen Oats, President of the USL Alumni Association, welcomed the Board to the University and expressed appreciation to the Board for past and future support.

President Authement thanked the staff and Board members who attended the Centennial Celebration held on September 10, 1999.

Mr. Ferris Wheeler, 1999-2000 Student Government Association President, on behalf of the over 17,000 students who attend the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, thanked the Board for its approval of the name change.

President Authement, on behalf of the UL at Lafayette family, thanked the Board for holding its September meeting at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and expressed appreciation and gratitude from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette family and friends.

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

### **Agenda Item K.1. Board Chairman's Report**

Chairman Shetler thanked President Authement for the University's hospitality while hosting the September Board meeting.

#### **Agenda Item K.1.a.-b.**

Mr. Shetler asked Dr. Falcon to review the Board **RULES** revisions submitted for consideration at the October meeting.

Dr. Falcon explained two Board **RULES** revisions that were included for review and asked that the Board contact the System staff if additional information is needed. He stated that the memo regarding common academic and honors standards would clarify the System standards for honors and honorary status. The proposed Board **RULES** revisions included the following topics:

1. Computation of Grade-Point Average (GPA) for Athletes
2. Repeating courses

#### **Agenda Item K.1.c. – Other Business**

Chairman Shetler asked the members of the Board who attended Board of Regents committee meetings to give a report of committee actions.

Mr. Sibille reported that he attended the Facilities and Property Committee meeting and that the Board of Regents will meet on October 21, 1999 to review all capital outlay requests.

Dr. Smith reported that she attended the Academic and Student Affairs Committee meeting and that the Committee clarified the distinction of academic units (Institution, department, division, etc.) and research units (centers or institutes). She also stated that Mrs. Henry gave an update on the Blue Ribbon Committee on Teacher Quality.

Chairman Shetler recognized the following System Institutions' accomplishments:

- a. **Grambling State University** was awarded a \$241,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education to help provide child-care and parental training for GSU students who have young children; the program is designed to help GSU students stay in school.
- b. **Louisiana Tech University** was awarded two National Science Foundation grants, a three-year \$647,856 grant "Institutionalization of an Integrated Engineering Curriculum," and a \$465,150 grant, "Research in High Energy Physics."
- c. **McNeese State University's** Master of Fine Arts student Kevin Meaux won the \$15,000 Ruth Lilly Poetry Fellowship, the equivalent of the Pulitzer Prize award for students; Mr. Meaux is the second MSU student in two years to win the coveted literary award.
- d. **Nicholls State University's** Associate Professor of Education Pat Caillouet was praised by the Assumption Parish School Board for helping to significantly raise ACT scores among college-bound graduates from Assumption Parish; a report from the Louisiana Department of Education showed that average ACT scores of Assumption graduates rose eleven times the average gain in the state.
- e. **Northwestern State University** began operation of an eight-parish distance learning network, the first of its kind in Louisiana and one of the first in the U.S.; the network uses desktop technology to provide continuing education to students and non-students.
- f. **Southeastern Louisiana University** has been informed by Congressman David Vitter that \$1 million for the Turtle Cove Environmental Research Station has been included in the appropriations bill being considered by Congress; the funds will advance research and education outreach projects at the Pass Manchac research facility and will complement the work of international wetlands ecologist Paul Keddy who has joined the SLU faculty as the Edward G. Schlieder Endowed Chair in Environmental Studies.
- g. **University of Louisiana at Lafayette** celebrated its "Centennial Spectacular" on September 10, featuring a lively visual and performing arts program that depicted the history of the university; the spectacular culminated in a ceremony to officially unveil the University's new name and logo.

- h. **University of Louisiana at Monroe** has won a five-year \$2 million grant to strengthen its enrollment services program and to help students stay in school through a variety of ways, including (1) development of a comprehensive student orientation program, (2) help with basic academic courses, and (3) faculty and staff development.

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

Mr. Shetler announced that Mr. Gesser will deliver the Resolution naming the new life sciences building at the New Iberia Research Center (NIRC) at UL at Lafayette “Ackal Hall” to the Ackal Family.

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On motion of Mr. Duhé, seconded by Mrs. Burkhalter, the Board unanimously approved Mr. Duhé’s request and directed the System staff to prepare a Resolution commending the Louisiana Tech University Football Team for its victory over the University of Alabama.

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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.







