

MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM

October 27, 2000
Baton Rouge, LA

The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System met in regular session on Friday, October 27, 2000, in the Auditorium, State Office Building, First Floor, 150 Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Andre Coudrain at 10:28 a.m. and opened with a prayer by Dr. Anders. The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT:

Mr. Andre G. Coudrain, Chairman
Dr. Edward B. Anders
Mrs. Elsie P. Burkhalter
Mr. T. L. "Teddy" Duhé
Mr. W. David Gunn
Mr. Tex R. Kilpatrick
Mr. Gordon A. Pugh
Mr. Carl Shetler
Mr. Winfred F. Sibille
Mrs. Carroll W. Suggs
Mr. Michael H. Woods
Mr. David Wright

ABSENT:

Mr. Robert C. Davidge
Mr. Herman Gesser, Jr.
Dr. Eunice Wicker Smith

Mr. Davidge, Mr. Gesser, and Dr. Smith were granted excused absences.

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mrs. Suggs, the Board unanimously voted to approve the **August 25, 2000 minutes**.

REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Dr. Anders, member of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, who presided over the Committee meeting in the absence of the Chair, presented the Committee's report.

On motion of Dr. Anders, seconded by Mrs. Suggs, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Students Affairs Committee and took the following actions:

Agenda Item E.1.

Approved **McNeese State University's** request for the following program revisions in the Department of Technology:

- a. The Associate of Science degree programs in Electronics Technology, Instrumentation Technology, and Process Plant Technology are to be terminated as individual programs and offered as concentrations under a new Associate of Science degree program entitled Engineering Technology.
- b. The Bachelor of Science degree program in Electrical/Electronics Technology will change to Engineering Technology with concentrations in Electronics, Instrumentations, and Process Plant Technology.

Agenda Item E.2.

Approved **McNeese State University's** request to terminate the Associate of Science degree programs in Design/Drafting Technology, Office Administration, and Word Processing effective spring 2001.

Agenda Item E.3.

Approved **Southeastern Louisiana University's** request for authority to offer the existing Associate of General Studies degree program through distance learning technologies.

Agenda Item E.4.

Approved **University of Louisiana at Lafayette's** proposal for a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree program in Applied Language and Speech Sciences in the Department of Communicative Disorders.

Agenda Item E.5.

Approved **University of Louisiana at Lafayette's** request for a timeline for phasing out the offering of associate degree programs.

Agenda Item E.6.

Approved **University of Louisiana at Monroe's** request for approval of criteria for selective admissions to the institution.

REPORT OF THE ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

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

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

Agenda Item F.1.

Approved **Grambling State University's** contracts for Head Women's Basketball Coach.

Agenda Item F.2.

Approved, subject to approval of the Personnel Committee, **Grambling State University's** request to appoint Mr. Albert Dennis as Director of Athletics effective November 1, 2000.

Agenda Item F.3.

Approved **Nicholls State University's** 2001 season ticket prices for baseball.

Agenda Item F.4. – Other Business

Approved the **University of Louisiana System's** Athletic Travel Policy.

President Steve Favors introduced Mr. Albert Dennis, newly appointed Director of Athletics at Grambling State University.

Mr. Dennis expressed appreciation to the Board for approving his appointment.

REPORT OF THE FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE

Mr. Sibille, Vice Chair of the Facilities Planning Committee, presented the Committee's report and also asked Mr. Douglas Lee of the System staff to present the Board of Regents' Capital Outlay report.

Mr. Lee reported that the Board of Regents at its October 26, 2000 Board meeting passed the final recommendation to the Fiscal Year 2001-2002 Capital Outlay request. Three of the six new projects presented by the University of Louisiana System staff during the Board of Regents public hearing were added in addition to two additional projects including the State Libraries study and \$75,000 for a feasibility study regarding a proposed facility at the University of Louisiana at Monroe.

Mr. Sibille and Mr. Lee expressed appreciation to the Board of Regents for their support during the Capital Outlay process.

On motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Duhé, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities Planning Committee and took the following actions:

Agenda Item G.1.

Approved **Louisiana Tech University's** request to purchase a 793-square-foot wood frame residence at 810 Wilaford Street for a parking lot.

Agenda Item G.2.

Approved **Nicholls State University's** request to demolish Meade Hall, Building ID 4293.

Agenda Item G.3.

Deferred, subject to approval of the Finance Committee, **Nicholls State University's** request for preliminary approval to refund and restructure its outstanding Revenue Bond Issues.

Agenda Item G.4.

Deferred Northwestern State University's request to accept bids for the sale of a 12.032-acre tract of land (less 1.5 acres) adjacent to the campus along LA Highway 6.

Agenda Item G.5.

Approved **Southeastern Louisiana University's** Performance Based Energy Efficiency Project.

Agenda Item G.6.

Approved **Southeastern Louisiana University's** request to rename a section of Hazel Street "Galloway Drive."

Agenda Item G.7.

Deferred, subject to approval by the Finance Committee, **University of Louisiana at Monroe's** request for approval to enter into an agreement with the University of Louisiana at Monroe Foundation and SODEXHO Marriott Management, Inc. to lease campus facilities for food services and food service facility improvements.

Agenda Item G.9.

Received the **University of Louisiana System's** Dormitory Survey.

Agenda Item G.8.a.

On motion by Mr. Kilpatrick, seconded by Mr. Duhé, the Board accepted the recommendation of the Facilities Planning Committee and approved **University of Louisiana at Monroe's** request to honor a benefactor by naming ULM Library Seminar Room 1 of the University Conference Center The Clarke M. Williams, Jr. Room.

Agenda Item G.8.b.

On motion by Mr. Kilpatrick, seconded by Mr. Duhé, the Board accepted the recommendation of the Facilities Planning Committee and approved **University of Louisiana at Monroe's** request to honor a benefactor by naming the ULM Library bell/clock tower The Kitty DeGree Tower.

Agenda Item G.8.c.

On motion by Mr. Kilpatrick, seconded by Mr. Duhé, the Board accepted the recommendation of the Facilities Planning Committee and approved **University of Louisiana at Monroe's** request to honor a benefactor by naming the ULM Library eastside terrace The Catherine and William R. "Billy" Boles Terrace.

Agenda Item G.8.d.

On motion by Mr. Kilpatrick, seconded by Mr. Duhé, the Board accepted the recommendation of the Facilities Planning Committee and approved **University of Louisiana at Monroe's** request to honor a benefactor by naming the ULM Library campus quad adjacent to the Library and Conference Center The Mayme and Thomas Scott Plaza.

On motion by Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mrs. Burkhalter, the Board accepted the recommendation of the Facilities Planning Committee and approved the addition of an item of other business to the agenda.

Agenda Item G.10. – Other Business

On motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Duhé, the Board accepted and approved the recommendation of the Facilities Planning Committee to request that the Board of Regents place **Nicholls State University's** Assembly Center project on the Board of Regents Capital Outlay Request for Fiscal-Year 2001-2002 in the continuing project category based on proposed revision to the building program.

Mr. Sibille asked that the System staff prepare appropriate Resolutions reflecting the motion and approval of the naming of the facilities within the University of Louisiana Monroe's Library and Conference Center.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

On motion of Mr. Woods, seconded by Mr. Kilpatrick, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and took the following actions:

Agenda Item H.1.a.-c.

Approved the following BORSF Eminent Scholar Endowed Chairs:

- a. **Louisiana Tech University's** request to establish the Eminent Scholar Endowed Chair #9 in Computer Information System and Analysis.
- b. **Nicholls State University's** request to establish the Otto Candies Endowed Chair in Business Information Systems.
- c. **University of Louisiana at Lafayette's** request to establish one super Endowed Chair (\$2,000,000) and three Endowed Chairs (\$1,000,000) as follows:
 1. The W. Hansen Hall and Mary Officer Hall BORSF Eminent Scholar Super Endowed Chair in Telecommunications.
 2. The W. Hansen Hall and Mary Officer Hall BORSF Eminent Scholar Endowed Chair in Telecommunications.
 3. The W. Hansen Hall and Mary Officer Hall BORSF Eminent Scholar Endowed Chair in Computer Engineering.
 4. The Acadian Ambulance Service BORSF Eminent Scholar Endowed Chair in Telehealth.

Agenda Item H.2.

Deferred approval of **Grambling State University's** faculty pay plan.

Agenda Item H.3.

Deferred, in concurrence with the Facilities Planning Committee, **Nicholls State University's** request for preliminary approval to refund and restructure its outstanding Revenue Bond Issues.

Agenda Item H.4.

Approved **University of Louisiana at Lafayette's** request for students to vote on the following referenda at their Fall 2000 elections:

- a. Additional \$0.25 Student Government Association assessment
- b. Additional \$1.00 for the University Art Museum assessment
- c. Additional \$1.50 for the Union Program Council assessment
- d. Additional \$0.50 for the Spirit Groups/Spirit Leader assessment

Agenda Item H.5.

Deferred, in concurrence with the Facilities Planning Committee, **University of Louisiana at Monroe's** request to enter into an agreement with the University of Louisiana at Monroe Foundation and SODEXHO Marriott Management, Inc. to lease campus facilities for food services and food service facility improvements.

Agenda Item H.6.a.

Approved **Grambling State University's** FY 2000-2001 Operating Budget and received revised budget forms.

Agenda Item H.6.b.

Approved **University of Louisiana at Monroe's** FY 2000-2001 Operating Budget and three-year budget plan based on the University providing quarterly progress reports to the Board's Finance Committee, as well as monthly exception reports, if necessary, of any material variances from the action steps, or outcomes included in the plan.

Agenda Item H.7.

Received the First Quarter Interim Financial Reports and ongoing assurances.

Agenda Item H.8.

Received the report on the review of proposed Board **RULES** revision for Chapter IV. Finance and Business. Section V. Student Fees. N. Approved Waiver of Non-Resident (Out-of-State) Fees.

REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

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

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

Agenda Item I.1.

Approved **Grambling State University's** request to increase increments for promotion in rank for faculty effective 2000-2001 academic year.

Agenda Item I.2.

Approved, in concurrence with the Athletic Committee, **Grambling State University's** request to appoint Mr. Albert Dennis as Director of Athletics effective November 1, 2000.

Agenda Item I.3.

Received a report on **Grambling State University's** appointment of a Chief Fiscal Officer.

Agenda Item I.4.

Approved **Northwestern State University's** request to appoint Dr. Anthony Scheffler as Dean of Graduate Studies and Research and Information Systems effective November 1, 2000.

Agenda Item I.5.

Approved **University of Louisiana at Monroe's** request to appoint Dr. Joyce Choate as Interim Dean of the College of Education and Human Development effective October 27, 2000.

President Webb introduced Dr. Scheffler, who thanked the Board for approval of his appointment as Dean of Graduate Studies and Research and Information Systems.

President Swearingen introduced Dr. Choate, who thanked the Board for approval of her appointment as Interim Dean of the College of Education and Human Development.

REPORT OF THE GRAMBLING STATE UNIVERSITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mr. Pugh, Chair of the Grambling State University Advisory Committee, presented the Committee's report and informed the Board that the Committee took the following actions:

Agenda Item J.1.

Received the report on budgeting/expenditures of Settlement Agreement funds.

Agenda Item J.2.

Received the report on the appointment of a Chief Fiscal Officer. Mr. Pugh informed the Board that President Favors has interviewed one of the two finalist candidates and hopes to present a recommendation at the December meeting of the Board.

Agenda Item J.3.

Received the Report on COC/SACS Visiting Committee Recommendations.

Agenda Item J.4.

Received the report on the discussion of the University's FY 1999-2000 financial statements.

Agenda Item J.5.

Received the report on the 2000 Bayou Classic and made the following recommendation:

On motion of Mr. Pugh, seconded by Mrs. Burkhalter, the Board accepted Grambling State University Advisory Committee's recommendation to have President Favors work with the appropriate University foundations to encourage the hiring of an external auditing firm to conduct an independent audit of the Bayou Classic funds and related contracts to ensure accountability on behalf of Grambling State University.

Agenda Item D. - Other Business

Mr. Pugh also reported that the Grambling State University Advisory Committee received a report from Dr. Carroll Falcon, Vice President for Academic Affairs on the System staff, who reported that as a result of a "minute entry" signed by Judge Schwartz on October 12, 2000, Grambling State University is one of the two universities that will continue to have open admissions until 2005 as stipulated in the 1994 Settlement Agreement.

REPORT OF SYSTEM OFFICE BUSINESS

Agenda Item K.1.

On motion of Mr. Shetler, seconded by Mrs. Suggs, the Board voted to approve Personnel Actions as modified and submitted by System Universities. *Mr. Duhé opposed*

Agenda Item K.2. System President's Report

Mr. Jindal made the following announcements for Board consideration or information:

- a. Mr. Jindal recognized the following students who are interning through the Nicholls State University's Center for Women and Government Program:

Ms. Natalie Gomez, intern at the Acadiana Delegation;
Ms. Robin Verbois, intern at the Republican Delegation;
Mr. Toby Hubbell, intern with Mr. Rusty Jabour in the System office; and
Mrs. Nita Singleton, intern with Mrs. Dawn Wilson-Muscarello in the System office.

Mr. Jindal also recognized Ms. Felicia Harry, Coordinator of the Center for Women and Government program at Nicholls State University.

- b. Mr. Jindal reported that the University of Louisiana System's remedial education rate decreased by 19,000 hours during the past academic year. Two universities experienced significant drops. The University of Louisiana at Lafayette decreased remedial math by 50% and remedial English by more than 66%; this was attributed to the relationship with the community college. Southeastern Louisiana University is experiencing an overall 30% drop in remedial students this fall (2000).
- c. Mr. Jindal also announced that copies of the "Guide to Post-Graduation Opportunities" - Second Edition," were distributed to key personnel on each campus for them to share with students. He also announced that the Guide is accessible on the System web page.
- d. Mr. Jindal announced that five universities have received grants for partnership programs designed to improve education for K-12 students and to certify more teachers for Louisiana Schools. The Council for a Better Louisiana (CABL) awarded these grants for the Forum for Excellence in Education Grants through Entergy Excellence in Education Investment Fund.
- e. Mr. Jindal informed the Board that the System universities' accreditation rates have increased. The system goal is to increase this rate to 95% accreditation.

- f. Mr. Jindal also commended appropriate System universities and highlighted the following agenda items approved by the Board today:
1. The University of Louisiana at Monroe will implement admissions standards adopted by the Board. By Fall 2001 seven of the System universities will have instituted admissions standards. The Board of Regents and the University of Louisiana System had encouraged System universities to adopt admissions standards.
 2. McNeese State University and the University of Louisiana at Lafayette through Board approval will work in partnership with the community colleges or technical colleges to offer two-year degrees.
 3. The University of Louisiana at Lafayette will submit the System's first super Endowed Chair (\$2,000,000). Louisiana Tech University, Nicholls State University, and the University of Louisiana at Lafayette also submitted Endowed Chairs.
 4. Southeastern Louisiana University will offer its first on-line degree through distance learning technologies. Southeastern Louisiana University is the fourth university in the System to offer on-line degrees.

REPORT OF BOARD CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

Chairman Coudrain made the following announcements for Board information or consideration:

Agenda Item L.1. Board Chairman's Report

- a. Mr. Coudrain announced that the December Board Meeting will be held on December 8, 2000 at Northwestern State University and that the agenda deadline for this meeting is November 17, 2000. Mr. Coudrain also announced that the Board will meet on January 5, 2001 and the agenda deadline will be December 11, 2000.
- b. Chairman Coudrain appointed the following members to serve on the 2001 Nominating Committee to nominate new Board officers:

Mr. Carl Shetler, Chairman
Mrs. Elsie Burkhalter
Mr. Tex Kilpatrick

Mr. Winfred Sibille
Mr. David Wright

c. Chairman Coudrain presented the following Resolutions:

- (1) **University of Louisiana System's** Resolution to Mrs. Delores Smith and the family of the late Representative Pinkie Carolyn Wilkerson for the many contributions of Representative Wilkerson.

Mrs. Smith expressed appreciation on behalf of the Wilkerson family.

- (2) **University of Louisiana System's** Resolution to Mr. TiJean Rodriguez for his service on this Board.

Mr. Rodriguez expressed appreciation to the Board and thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as a Board member.

d. Mr. Coudrain announced the following items of interest and accomplishments for System universities:

1. Northwestern State University Lady Demons Soccer Team and Coach Jimmy Mitchell are to be congratulated for winning the Southland Conference championship. The Southland Conference tournament is being hosted on the NSU campus.
2. The University of Louisiana at Monroe Water Ski Team is the National Champion team. The team recently won the National Intercollegiate Water Ski Association championship held in Lafayette and it was the sixteenth win in the twenty-two year history of the competitions.
3. Mr. Ben Sheets, a former pitcher for three years at University of Louisiana at Monroe, first-time professional baseball draft choice, and All-American, who pitched for the Olympic Gold Medal game, was recognized for his accomplishments.

On motion of Mrs. Suggs, seconded by Mr. Kilpatrick, the Board unanimously voted to request that the System staff prepare a Resolution prior to the December Board meeting to formally recognize Mr. Ben Sheets for his accomplishments as a pitcher for the Olympic Gold Medal game.

e. Mr. Coudrain requested permission to discuss the Stelly Amendments:

On motion of Mrs. Burkhalter, seconded by Mr. Shetler, the Board amended the Board agenda to include discussion of the constitutional amendments.

Mr. Coudrain urged consideration of Amendments 2 and 3, the Stelly Amendments, which allow for the swapping of State sales taxes for State income taxes which can be deducted from federal taxes. He also listed the overview of the University of Louisiana System funding as it applies to the Stelly Amendments that will positively impact higher education. He also explained that if this amendment passes, it will eliminate “temporary” sales taxes and generate additional dollars that will go a long way towards getting college faculty and teachers off the bottom of the pay scale. The listed overviews of System funding are:

- “1. The universities in our System received \$4.1 million in new state general fund operating dollars in fiscal year 2000-2001. However, the universities incurred \$6.2 million in new mandatory costs. Included in that \$6.2 million are only the state group benefit and risk management premium increases and civil service merit increases. The \$6.2 million increased cost does not include inflation, utility increases or other costs.
2. Our universities spent \$4.1 million on faculty pay increases. This total does not include the incremental expense of those related benefits.
3. Even with those raises the System faculty was compensated on average about 8% below the SREB average. It would take slightly over \$10 million plus benefits in the current fiscal year to raise faculty compensation to the SREB average and as we all know, that SREB ‘average’ is a moving target that changes every fiscal year.
4. Our universities on average receive about 70% of the funds recommended by the Board of Regents funding formula. It would take slightly over \$100 million in the current fiscal year to bring our universities to the SREB average.
5. Our resident tuition and mandatory fees are on average 15% below the SREB average.”

On motion of Mr. Shetler, seconded by Mrs. Burkhalter, the Board unanimously voted to approve endorsing the Stelly Amendments and to approve the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION

Whereas, our universities are funded at less than 70% of the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) average, despite sizable increases in state appropriations over the last four years, thanks to Governor Foster and the Legislature; and

Whereas, Louisiana’s colleges and universities received over \$250 million less than the average funding appropriated by other southern states; and

Whereas, Louisiana is last in the south in state funding to postsecondary education; and

Whereas, Amendments #2 and #3, also known as the Stelly Amendments, would help improve education in Louisiana by providing millions of dollars in additional funds for higher education; and

Whereas, the eight universities in the University of Louisiana System would benefit directly from these amendments through much needed and well deserved pay raises for their faculty, then

Therefore be it resolved, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby endorse Amendments #2 and #3 that will be considered by Louisiana voters on November 7th.

Mr. Sibille requested that the System staff distribute this Resolution to System universities' administration and personnel.

Mrs. Burkhalter explained that expressing support for these constitutional amendments means voting for both amendments. She also explained that 80% will be allocated for salaries of K-16 employees and 20% will go to educational enhancement.

Mr. Jindal asked System presidents or designated representatives to attend a short meeting immediately after the Board meeting in the Third Floor Conference Room.

On motion of Mr. Shetler, seconded by Mrs. Suggs, there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.