

MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM

December 8, 2000
Natchitoches, LA

The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System met in regular session on Friday, December 8, 2000, in the A. A. Fredericks Fine Arts Center Annex, Magale Auditorium, Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, Louisiana.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Andre Coudrain at 10:20 a.m. and opened with a prayer by Dr. Smith. The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT:

Mr. Andre G. Coudrain, Chairman
Dr. Edward B. Anders
Mrs. Elsie P. Burkhalter
Mr. Robert C. Davidge
Mr. Herman Gesser, Jr.
Mr. W. David Gunn
Mr. Tex R. Kilpatrick
Mr. Gordon A. Pugh
Mr. Carl Shetler
Mr. Winfred F. Sibille
Dr. Eunice Wicker Smith
Mr. Michael H. Woods
Mr. David Wright

ABSENT:

Mr. T. L. "Teddy" Duhé
Mrs. Carroll W. Suggs

Mr. Duhé and Mrs. Suggs were granted excused absences.

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Dr. Anders, the Board unanimously voted to approve the **October 27, 2000 minutes.**

Chairman Coudrain, on behalf of the Board and the University of Louisiana System staff, thanked President and Mrs. Webb, the Northwestern State University administration, staff, faculty, and students for their hospitality and assistance in hosting the Board meeting. Chairman Coudrain also expressed special thanks to Mrs. Louise Martin and other members of the President's staff, members of the Campus Planning Committee, and the City of Natchitoches for the hospitality and special assistance in hosting the Board and Committee meetings.

President Webb welcomed Board members, the University of Louisiana System staff, System universities' administration, and other guests to Northwestern State University and the City of Natchitoches during one of its most festive seasons.

President Webb also narrated a Power Point presentation on the history of Northwestern State University highlighting the University's Areas of Excellence and its educational involvement with private industry, the City of Natchitoches, and surrounding areas. He also noted satellite campus locations throughout the surrounding parishes. President Webb commended Mr. David Gunn for his positive involvement with the Board and for his leadership as the Student Government President, especially his positive emphasis on student issues such as the Wellness Recreational Center.

Dr. William Hunt, Director of Research and Sponsored Programs, noted the success of Research and Grants, and explained the increase in the rate of acceptance of proposals and securing external funding.

Ms. Darlene Williams, Director of Compressed Videos and Electronic Course Learnings, explained the successful efforts of Electronic Northwestern State University (eNSU), the development and accessibility of the University's web page, and its video-assisted learning distance learning programs.

REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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

On motion of Dr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Wright, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Academic and Students Affairs Committee and took the following actions:

Agenda Item E.1.a. & b.

Approved Letters of Intent and Proposals for the following academic programs/options:

a. **Grambling State University:**

1. Post Master's Certificate in Family Nurse Practitioner.
2. Post Certification Family Nurse Practitioner Certificate.
3. Master of Science in Nursing - Nurse Educator Option.

b. **Southeastern Louisiana University:**

1. Proposal for a Master of Science degree program in Applied Sociology.
2. Proposal for Master of Arts degree program in Organizational Communication.

Agenda Item E.2.

Approved **McNeese State University's** request to implement admissions criteria for associate degree programs.

Agenda Item E.3.

Approved **Nicholls State University's** request to terminate its Associate of Science degree program in Nursing.

Agenda Item E.4.

Approved **Southeastern Louisiana University's** request to offer the Bachelor of Arts degree program in Communication (Organizational Communication) through distance learning technologies.

Agenda Item E.5.

Approved **Southeastern Louisiana University's** request to add a non-thesis option to the Master's degree program in Biology.

Agenda Item E.6.

Approved **Southeastern Louisiana University's** request to award the honorary Doctor of Humanities degree to the Honorable James J. Brady.

Agenda Item E.7.

Approved **Southeastern Louisiana University's** request to award, posthumously, the Master of Arts degree in History to Mr. Charles S. Paine.

Agenda Item E.8.

Approved **University of Louisiana at Monroe's** request to consolidate two departments within the College of Education and Human Development.

Agenda Item E.9.

Received for review the **University of Louisiana System's** proposed Board **RULES** addition: Chapter II. Students. Section I. Admission. E. Admission of Non-Resident Undergraduate Students.

Agenda Item E.10.

Received briefing on non-resident admissions criteria from Ms. Helen Johnson, Assistant to Commissioner for Desegregation Compliance, Board of Regents.

Agenda Item E.11. – Other Business

On motion of Dr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Wright, the Board voted unanimously to amend its agenda to include an item of other business and approved **Grambling State University's** request to award the honorary degree, Doctor of Humane Letters, to Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Sr. at the December 2000 Commencement.

REPORT OF THE ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

Mrs. Burkhalter, Vice Chair of the Athletic Committee, presented the Committee's report.

On motion of Mrs. Burkhalter, seconded by Mr. Davidge, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Athletic Committee and took the following actions:

Agenda Item F.1.

Approved, subject to concurrence of the Personnel Committee, **Nicholls State University's** request to appoint Mr. Robert Bernardi as Athletic Director effective January 2, 2001.

Agenda Item F.2.

Approved **Southeastern Louisiana University's** proposed Complimentary Athletic Ticket Policy and the proposed Promotional Athletic Ticket Prices and Events.

Agenda Item F.3.

Approved **University of Louisiana at Lafayette's** contract for Mr. Jessie R. Evans as Head Basketball Coach.

REPORT OF THE FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE

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

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

Agenda Item G.1.

Approve **Nicholls State University's** request to lease the University Bookstore to Wallace's College Bookstores of Lexington, Kentucky.

Agenda Item G.2.

Approved **Northwestern State University's** request to declare as surplus 10.5 acres of nonessential land across and along LA Highway 6, Natchitoches, Louisiana.

Agenda Item G.3.

Approved **Northwestern State University's** request to negotiate a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the City of Natchitoches regarding the use of 1.5 acres of University property.

Agenda Item G.4.

Approved, subject to concurrence of the Finance 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 G.5. – Other Business

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

On motion of Mr. Gesser, seconded by Dr. Smith, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities Planning Committee and approved a motion offered by Mr. Pugh and seconded by Mr. Davidge, in the committee meeting, requesting that the Board place a moratorium on the approval of all future Bond issues until the System has a bond policy in place.

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. Gesser, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and took the following actions:

Agenda Item H.1.

Approved **Grambling State University's** faculty and staff pay plan.

Agenda Item H.2.

Approved **Nicholls State University's** Interagency Agreement with Lafourche Parish School Board.

Agenda Item H.3.

Approved **Southeastern Louisiana University's** request for students to vote on a Student Government Self-Assessed fee referendum.

Agenda Item H.4.a.-c.

Approved the following **University of Louisiana at Lafayette's** BORSF Eminent Endowed Chairs:

- a. The Lafayette General Medical Center – Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center BORSF Eminent Scholar Endowed Chair in Nursing (*conversion of ten professorships*).
- b. The Frem F. Boustany, Sr. BORSF Eminent Scholar Endowed Chair in Business Administration.
- c. The Judge Kaliste J. Saloom, Jr. BORSF Eminent Scholar Endowed Chair in Political Science.

Agenda Item H.5

Approved, in concurrence of the Facilities Planning 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 H.6.

Approved **University of Louisiana at Monroe's** Summer Session Faculty Pay Plan.

Agenda Item H.7.

Approved **University of Louisiana System's** proposed Board **RULES** revision for Chapter IV. Finance and Business. Section V. Student Fees. N. Approved Waiver of Non-Resident (Out-of-State) Fees. (*See Attachment 1*)

REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

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

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

Agenda Item I.1.

Deferred, subject to concurrence of the Grambling State University Committee, **Grambling State University's** request for approval to appoint Mr. Dwight L. Johnson as Vice President for Finance effective January 1, 2001.

Agenda Item I.2.

Approved, in concurrence to the Athletic Committee, **Nicholls State University's** request to appoint Mr. Robert Bernardi as Athletic Director effective January 2, 2001.

Mr. Kilpatrick asked Dr. David Boudreaux, Vice President for Institutional Advancement at Nicholls State University, to introduce Mr. Robert Bernardi.

Mr. Bernardi expressed his appreciation to President Ayo and to the Board for approval of his appointment.

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 action:

Agenda Item J.1.

On motion of Mr. Pugh, seconded by Mr. Wright, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Grambling State University Advisory Committee and **Deferred Grambling State University's** request for approval to appoint Mr. Dwight L. Johnson as Vice President for Finance effective January 1, 2001.

Agenda Item J.2.

Mr. Pugh reported that Grambling State University received a favorable SACS reaffirmation and accreditation.

Mr. Coudrain stated that he had been informed of the action taken at the SACS meeting and congratulated President Favors and the Grambling State University family for receiving its SACS reaffirmation of accreditation. He announced that the University of Louisiana at Lafayette also received its SACS reaffirmation and accreditation, as well as institutions within the Southern University System.

REPORT OF SYSTEM OFFICE BUSINESS

Agenda Item K.1.

On motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Shetler, the Board voted unanimously to approve Personnel Actions as submitted by System Universities.

Agenda Item K.2. System President's Report

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

- a. Mr. Jindal explained that the Computer Associates partnership involves a partnership with a national computer firm and three System Universities. As a result of these positive relations and partnership, software, hardware, and training opportunities will be donated to students and faculty members at each university involved.
- b. Mr. Jindal requested approval of the Council of Chief Advancement Officers made up of Advancement Officers from System Universities to operate as System Staff Council.

- c. Mr. Jindal announced that, in an effort to create a paperless admissions process, students can now apply for admissions on-line.
- d. Mr. Jindal explained the performance based funding information included in the Board folders.

Mr. Gesser noted that his term is ending at the end of this month and expressed his appreciation to Board members, the System staff, particularly Mr. Douglas Lee and Mrs. Renee Lorio who served as Facilities Planning Committee staff assistants, and the universities' administrators and staff for the successful teamwork and assistances offered him during his tenure as a member of the Board and the Facilities Planning Committee. He also expressed special thanks to Mrs. Dawn Wilson for her assistance in providing him university logos, and presented a commemorative poster to each Board member.

Mr. Coudrain, on behalf of the Board, expressed appreciation to Mr. Gesser and thanked him for his positive and professional input demonstrated as a member of the Board.

REPORT OF BOARD CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

Agenda Item L.1. Board Chairman's Report

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

- a. Mr. Coudrain asked Mr. Shetler to present the 2001 Nominating Committee's report.

Mr. Shetler, Chairman of the 2001 Nominating Committee, presented the Committee's report and made the following recommendations:

Mr. Shetler stated that the 2001 Nominating Committee recommends that Mr. Gordon Pugh be nominated as the Vice Chairman for the year 2001 and that Mr. Andre Coudrain is nominated to serve as Chairman for the year 2001.

On motion of Mr. Shetler, seconded by Mrs. Burkhalter, the Board accepted the recommendations of the **2001 Nominating Committee** and elected Mr. Andre Coudrain as Chairman and Mr. Gordon Pugh as Vice Chairman for the year 2001.

- b. Mr. Coudrain informed the Board that the 2001 Board Meeting Schedule is included in the Board folders.

On motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Wright, the Board approved the **2001 Board Meeting Schedule**. (*See Attachment 2*)

- c. Mr. Coudrain asked that Mrs. Dawn Wilson read the Resolution to be presented to Mr. Ben Sheets, Olympic Gold Medal recipient.

In the absence of Mr. Ben Sheets who was selected to meet with President Bill Clinton, Mr. Brad Holland, Head Baseball Coach, accepted the Resolution and thanked the Board for their special recognition.

- d. Mr. Coudrain asked President Webb to make a presentation (requested by Mr. Duhé) to Mr. Gregory Bourgeois, an honor student (from Houma, Louisiana) at the Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts.

President Webb presented a Certificate of Award to Mr. Gregory Bourgeois for a 4.0 Honor Roll achievement at the Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts during the academic year 1999-2000.

Mr. Bourgeois thanked the administration and staff at Northwestern State University and at the Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts for his certificate, and expressed excitement and appreciation to the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System for the opportunity to receive such recognition.

Agenda Item M. – Other Business

- a. Mr. Coudrain asked those members of the Board who attended the Board of Regents Committee meetings to report necessary actions to the Board.

Mr. Sibille reported that he attended the Facilities Planning Committee and Academic Affairs Committee and reported that no action affecting the System was acted upon.

- b. Mr. Coudrain announced that two members of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette's faculty have been invited to speak next February at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the largest and most public meeting of scientists held in this country. Mr. Coudrain congratulated Dr. Darryl Felder for being selected to speak on the relation between developmental biology, endemism and extinction as part of the session on extinction vulnerability and Dr. Danny Povinelli for being selected to speak on the argument from analogy in attributing mental states to animals in the session on language in apes and children.

Mr. Coudrain expressed congratulations to Grambling State University's football team and to Coach Doug Williams for a successful football season and asked Mr. Wright to

explain the outcome. Mr. Wright announced that Grambling State University's football team won the Southwest Athletic Conference (SWAC) Championship in Birmingham, Alabama on December 2 and further stated that Coach Doug Williams was selected Coach of the Year. Mrs. Burkhalter also announced that Coach Doug Williams was elected to the Hall of Fame.

On motion of Mrs. Burkhalter, seconded by Mr. Wright, the Board voted unanimously to send a Resolution to **Grambling State University's** football team and Coaching staff, and Coach Doug Williams for his accomplishments as Coach of the Year and induction into the Hall of Fame and for the team's accomplishment as SWAC Champion.

Mr. Coudrain also announced that December 11, 2000 is the agenda deadline for the January 5, 2001 meeting.

Mr. Coudrain, on behalf of the Board, wished everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

On motion of Mrs. Burkhalter, seconded by Dr. Smith, there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

