

MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM

January 5, 2000
Baton Rouge, LA

The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System met in regular session on Wednesday, January 5, 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 10:00 a.m. and opened with a prayer by Dr. Anders. The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT:

Mr. Andre G. Coudrain, Chairman
Mr. Carl Shetler, Vice Chairman
Dr. Edward B. Anders
Mrs. Elsie P. Burkhalter
Mr. Robert C. Davidge
Mr. Herman Gesser, Jr.
Mr. Gordon A. Pugh
Mr. Winfred F. Sibille
Mrs. Carroll W. Suggs
Mr. Michael H. Woods
Mr. David Wright

ABSENT:

Mr. T. L. "Teddy" Duhé
Mr. Tex R. Kilpatrick
Mr. TiJean Rodriguez
Dr. Eunice Wicker Smith

Chairman Coudrain stated that Mr. Duhé, Mr. Kilpatrick, Mr. Rodriguez, and Dr. Smith were granted excused absences for this meeting.

On motion of Mr. Davidge, seconded by Mrs. Suggs, the Board unanimously voted to approve the **December 3, 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. Wright, the Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Grievance Committee and affirmed the decision of **McNeese State University** and denied a hearing to Mr. Kenneth V. Moss, a student.

Agenda Item E.2. – Other Business

Mrs. Burkhalter announced that a Board **RULES** revision had been discussed and will be acted upon later during the meeting.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

On motion of Mr. Woods, seconded by Dr. Anders, the Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and approved the following action:

Agenda Item F.1.

Approved the Legislative Audit Reports for Fiscal Year 1999 as submitted by the following universities:

- a. **Louisiana Tech University**
- b. **University of Louisiana at Lafayette**

Mr. Woods commended Louisiana Tech University and the University of Louisiana at Lafayette for their successful efforts and for receiving good audit reports.

Agenda Item F.2.

Approved **Nicholls State University's** request to establish a one-course scholarship for high ability high school seniors.

Agenda Item F.3. – Other Business

Mr. Woods announced that the administration at Grambling State University has completed financial statements for the 1999 fiscal year. Mrs. Burkhalter and he expressed appreciation to Mr. Nicklas, the System staff, Louisiana Tech University and University of Louisiana at Monroe administrations, and the Grambling State University personnel who assisted in the reconciliation process.

Chairman Coudrain explained that the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, the Athletic Committee, and the Personnel Committee did not meet and that the following items were submitted for Board consideration and actions:

REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ITEMS

Agenda Item G.1.

Dr. Randy Moffett, Vice President for Academic Affairs at Southeastern Louisiana University, presented the Letter of Intent for a Master of Science degree program in Applied Sociology to the Board.

On motion of Mrs. Suggs, seconded by Mrs. Burkhalter, the Board unanimously voted to approve **Southeastern Louisiana University's** Letter of Intent for a Master of Science degree program in Applied Sociology.

Agenda Item G.2.

On motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mrs. Suggs, the Board unanimously voted to ratify **University of Louisiana at Lafayette's** request to award, posthumously, a Bachelor of General Studies degree to Christopher Allen Hebert.

REPORT OF THE ATHLETIC COMMITTEE ITEMS

Agenda Item H.1.

Dr. Kenneth Rea, Vice President for Academic Affairs at Louisiana Tech University, explained the revised contract for Head Coach for men's football.

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mrs. Suggs, the Board unanimously voted to approve **Louisiana Tech University's** revised contract for Head Coach for men's football.

Mr. Shetler commended the administration at Louisiana Tech University for the excellent preparation of the contract.

REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE ITEMS

Agenda Item I.1.

President Swearingen presented the personnel appointments as submitted by the **University of Louisiana at Monroe**.

On motion of Mr. Wright and seconded by Mr. Sibille, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following agenda items:

University of Louisiana at Monroe's request to appoint Dr. Jan Busby Corder as Dean of the College of Nursing effective January 1, 2000.

Agenda Item I.2.

University of Louisiana at Monroe's request to appoint Dr. David Leigh Irwin as Interim Dean of the College of Allied Health and Rehabilitation Professions effective January 1, 2000.

Dr. Corder and Dr. Irwin thanked the Board for approving their appointments.

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mrs. Burkhalter, the Board unanimously voted to amend its agenda to include two items of other business.

Agenda Item I.3. – Other Business a. & b.

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mrs. Burkhalter, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following items of other business:

Grambling State University's request to appoint Mr. Albert R. Dennis, III as Interim Director of Athletics effective January 17, 2000.

Grambling State University's request to appoint Dr. Charles Brooks as Interim Dean of the College of Liberal Arts effective January 10, 2000.

Chairman Coudrain and Mrs. Burkhalter explained that President Favors would conduct a national search for the permanent positions of Director of Athletics and the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

REPORT OF SYSTEM OFFICE BUSINESS

Mr. Jindal urged all University Presidents to submit agenda items by the agenda deadline date to ensure proper review of all items.

Agenda Item J.1.

On motion of Mrs. Suggs, seconded by Mrs. Burkhalter, the Board unanimously voted to approve personnel actions as submitted by System universities.

Agenda Item J.2. System President's Report

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

1. **Louisiana Tech University and the University of Louisiana at Lafayette** were commended for each having undergone a successful audit. He stated that Dr. Dan Kyle indicated that Louisiana Tech University's audit was as good as it gets, and that the University of Louisiana at Lafayette has received a successful audit for three consecutive years.
2. Mr. Jindal commended President Ayo at Nicholls State University for establishing the one-course scholarship program for 60 high ability high school seniors.
3. Mr. Jindal reported that the System staff is continuing to work with the **Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE)** in an effort to reduce the need for remedial education on System universities' campuses. This need has been reduced by 12% or a total of 17,000 fewer student credit hours (SCHs), over the last three years.
4. Mr. Jindal also announced that the System staff is also working with BESE in an effort to assist our System in distributing a Guide entitled *Success with ULS – Providing the Foundation for your Successful Future* to every high school senior throughout the State of Louisiana to educate students on the University of Louisiana System, and to provide recruitment and application information for each System university.
5. Mr. Jindal reported that the System staff is continuing to work on the Presidential Evaluation Process. The first round of informal evaluations has been completed. The first round of formal evaluation will begin during the spring of this year with presidents of **Nicholls State University, Southeastern Louisiana University, and the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.**
6. Mr. Jindal also reported that the System staff advertised in November for a Field Auditor's position, and should make a recommendation at the next meeting of the Board.

Agenda Item J.3.a

7. Mr. Jindal explained an item of other business from **Louisiana Tech University** regarding a draft resolution supporting a potential capital outlay project to house a National Science Foundation (NSF) Center for Trenchless Infrastructure System (CeTIS) providing an NSF grant is awarded to the University.

On motion of Mrs. Burkhalter, seconded by Mr. Gesser, the Board unanimously voted to add the following item of other business as submitted by **Louisiana Tech University**:

On motion of Mr. Gesser, seconded by Mr. Sibille, the Board unanimously voted to approve **Louisiana Tech University's** request and adopted the following resolution:

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System approves the “draft” resolution involving a capital outlay project request to support a potential NSF Center for Trenchless Infrastructure Systems.”

Mr. Jindal thanked President Reneau and the Board for approval of this draft resolution and explained the University's efforts in trying to secure this project.

Mr. Gesser expressed appreciation to the Board and to Louisiana Tech University for continuing to seek approval of this item and stated that if the University is awarded this grant it would be a great opportunity for it to take leadership in this area.

Chairman Coudrain also commended Louisiana Tech University for its efforts to acquire this grant and commented that this is a great opportunity for the University to become an agent for economic development.

8. Mr. Jindal expressed appreciation to Louisiana Tech University for assisting Mrs. Dawn Wilson Muscarello in working with the graphics and for their assistance in developing a common application booklet for scholarships and applications for admission to System universities. This information will be made available on the Internet.
9. Mr. Jindal reported that System institutions did not experience Y2K problems with payroll, grade reports, financial, or student enrollment. He stated that Louisiana Tech University was the first university to enroll students in the new year.

10. Mr. Jindal introduced Mr. Frank Rideau, Executive Director of Baranco Clark YMCA, who discussed scholarship recruitment efforts for the YMCA Black Achievers program. This program forms a partnership with selected high school students and sponsoring corporate employees. The students and employees meet monthly on Saturday mornings to conduct career clusters. State institutions were asked to fund one or more scholarships to participating students.

Mrs. Burkhalter commended Mr. Jindal on the partnership with secondary education program referenced in the article entitled "State Educator wants to give guidance to high school students." She also thanked Mr. Rusty Jabour for distributing informative articles about the University of Louisiana System to Board members.

REPORT OF BOARD CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

Chairman Coudrain asked Mrs. Dawn Wilson Muscarello to read the Resolution presented by the Board to Mr. Carl Shetler for his accomplishments and leadership as Chairman of the Board.

Mr. Shetler thanked the Board, System Presidents, and the System staff for the cooperative efforts to work together and expressed his appreciation for the privileges of having served as Chairman of the Board.

Agenda Item K.1.

Chairman Coudrain presented to the Board the Standing Committee appointments for 2000. He announced that Mr. Gordon A. Pugh would serve as Parliamentarian. Mr. Coudrain thanked Mrs. Burkhalter for her service as the outgoing Parliamentarian.

Agenda Item K.2.

Chairman Coudrain presented the Tentative 2000 Board Meeting Schedule to be adopted by the Board.

On motion of Mr. Gesser, seconded by Mrs. Suggs, the Board voted to approve the 2000 Tentative Board Meeting Schedule. *Dr. Anders and Mr. Woods opposed. See Attachment #1* Mrs. Burkhalter requested clarification about the months that meetings are not scheduled (May, July, September, and November). Chairman Coudrain explained that the Board **RULES** provide provisions for Special Meetings and Executive Committee meetings should matters arise that would specify a meeting of the Board during those months. This satisfies State Statutes.

Chairman Coudrain also explained that the Board meetings are scheduled in conjunction with the Board of Regents meetings with the exception of the months of May and September.

Mr. Sibille suggested that all agenda items be assigned to Committees for deliberations within committee meetings on a monthly basis. Chairman Coudrain expressed a desire to forward Board **RULES** revisions and additions for Committee review.

Agenda Item K.3.

Dr. Falcon explained the following Board **RULES** revisions being considered for Board approval:

On motion of Mrs. Burkhalter, seconded by Mr. Sibille, the Board unanimously voted to approve **CHAPTER II. STUDENTS.** Section XX. Student Conduct and Appeal Procedures. (*See Attachment #2*)

It was noted that the Grievance Committee and the Student Advisory Council have reviewed this revision.

On motion of Mr. Davidge, seconded by Mr. Wright, the Board unanimously voted to approve **CHAPTER III. FACULTY AND STAFF.** Section XV. Grievance Procedures. B. Board Review. (*See Attachment #3*)

On motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mrs. Burkhalter, the Board unanimously voted to approve **CHAPTER III. FACULTY AND STAFF.** Section II. Personnel Actions. A. Chief Executive Vacancies. (*See Attachment #4*)

The Board discussed the implementation of these Board **RULES** in a formal position advertisement.

On motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Wright, the Board unanimously voted to approve **CHAPTER III. FACULTY AND STAFF.** Section IV. Role, Contractual Arrangements, Benefits, and Expenses for Institution Presidents. B. Contractual Arrangements. (*See Attachment #5*)

On motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Davidge, the Board unanimously voted to approve **CHAPTER III. FACULTY AND STAFF.** Section X. Faculty Rank. E. Special Ranks. (*See Attachment #6*)

On motion of Mrs. Suggs, seconded by Mr. Pugh, there being no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

