

MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM

February 25, 2000
Baton Rouge, LA

The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System met in regular session on Friday, February 25, 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 12:10 p.m. and opened with 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. T. L. "Teddy" Duhé
Mr. Herman Gesser, Jr.
Mr. Tex R. Kilpatrick
Mr. TiJean Rodriguez
Mr. Winfred F. Sibille
Dr. Eunice Wicker Smith
Mrs. Carroll W. Suggs
Mr. Michael H. Woods

ABSENT:

Mr. Carl Shetler, Vice Chairman
Mr. Robert C. Davidge
Mr. Gordon A. Pugh
Mr. David Wright

Chairman Coudrain stated that Mr. Shetler, Mr. Davidge, Mr. Pugh, and Mr. Wright were granted excused absences for this meeting.

On motion of Mrs. Suggs, seconded by Mr. Sibille, the Board unanimously voted to approve the **January 5, 2000 minutes**.

Mr. Coudrain asked the Board's permission to take the following two items out of order on the Board Agenda. There were no objections to this request.

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Agenda Item L.2.a.

Chairman Coudrain asked Mr. Bobby P. Jindal and President Webb to introduce Mr. William Broussard.

Mr. Bobby P. Jindal explained that Mr. William Broussard is an extraordinary student at Northwestern State University and commended Dr. Margaret Cochran, Director of the Louisiana Scholars' College, for the college's accomplishments and for providing each student in Louisiana an opportunity to attend a scholar's college in Louisiana. He explained that the Louisiana Scholars' College is the state's designated honors college for Liberal Arts and Sciences.

President Randall Webb expressed his appreciation to the Board, and spoke highly of Mr. Broussard's contribution to Northwestern State University and to the Louisiana Scholars' College as a student and an "All-American" athlete. He also introduced Dr. Margaret E. Cochran, who presented Mr. Broussard to the Board and noted some of his service and academic awards.

Mr. Broussard thanked the Board for the opportunity to be formally recognized for his accomplishments at the Board meeting and to meet members of the Board.

REPORT OF THE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

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

Agenda Items I.1. & I.2.

Mr. Sibille stated that a written report of the committee meeting's minute's were in the members' folders. He explained that the Committee received a report on the upcoming Legislative Session. He said Mr. Andy Kopplin, Special Assistant to the Governor and Director of Policy and Planning, attended the Committee meeting and spoke on behalf of Mr. Stephen Perry, Chief of Staff of the Governor's office. Mr. Kopplin reassured the Committee of the State's commitment to higher education and announced that the Regular (fiscal) Legislative Session will begin on April 24 and a Special Session will be held during mid March.

On motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mrs. Burkhalter, the Board voted unanimously to receive the written and oral reports of the Legislation Committee.

Mr. Sibille left the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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

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

Agenda Items E.1.a.-c.

Approved the following **System Universities'** Letters of Intent/Proposal:

- A. **Nicholls State University:** proposal to offer the Bachelor of Science degree program in Manufacturing Technology (previously approved as Production Technology).
- B. **Southeastern Louisiana University's** Letter of Intent to offer a Master of Science degree program in Integrated Science and Technology.
- C. **University of Louisiana at Monroe's** Letter of Intent to offer a Bachelor of Business Administration degree program in Entrepreneurship.

Agenda Item E.2.

Approved **McNeese State University's** request to establish the H. C. Drew College for Associate Studies, effective Fall 2000, with Endowment funds received from the H. C. Drew Foundation.

Agenda Item E.3.

Approved **Nicholls State University's** request to change the name of the Department of Engineering Technology to Department of Manufacturing Technology and Petroleum Services, pending program approval.

Agenda Item E.4.

Approved **Nicholls State University's** request to approve requirements for admission to baccalaureate degree programs, effective Fall 2001.

Agenda Item E.5.

Approved **Nicholls State University's** request to change the name of the Freshman Division to Junior Division.

Agenda Items E.6.&E.7.

Dr. Smith indicated that Dr. Falcon, Vice President for Academic Affairs, presented updated information on Accreditation rates/mandated accreditations and graduation rates for Committee information.

REPORT OF THE ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

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

Agenda Item F.1.

Mr. Duhé reported that the Committee received the Title IX Gender Equity Report as presented by Attorney Winston DeCuir. No action was taken by the Committee which required Board approval.

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. Duhé, the Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Facilities Planning Committee and took the following actions:

Agenda Item G.1.

Approved **McNeese State University's** request to approve the Right-of-Way Instrument Agreement granting Entergy Gulf States, Inc. a utility servitude/easement for phase two of Common Street four-lane project.

Agenda Item G.2.

Approved **Nicholls State University's** request for permission to enter into an agreement with the Nicholls State University Foundation to negotiate the purchase of property adjacent to the campus on behalf of the University.

Agenda Item G.3.

Approved **Nicholls State University's** request to grant a geophysical permit to SEITEL DATA, LTD. to conduct a seismograph survey of the campus.

Agenda Item G.4.

Approved **Northwestern State University's** Capital Outlay request to expend \$235,747 from Act 971 Funds, Student Technology Fees, and Systems Funds for removal, repair or replacement of doors throughout the campus, to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), life safety, and security requirements.

Agenda Item G.5.

Approved **Southeastern Louisiana University's** request to proceed with the planning process for Southeastern's Greek Village through University Facilities, Inc.

Agenda Item G.6.

Approved **Southeastern Louisiana University's** request to amend Capital Outlay Request for Fiscal Year 2000 – 2001 to include funding for Pottle Hall Brick Replacement Emergency project.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

Agenda Item H.1.a.-g.

On motion of Mrs. Suggs, seconded by Mr. Duhé, the Board unanimously voted to approve the **University of Louisiana System's** request to establish LEQSF (8g) Endowed Professorships as follows:

A. **Louisiana Tech University's** 2000 LEQSF (8g) Endowed Professorships requests:

1. W. W. Chew Endowed Professorship # 2 in COES.
2. Chester Ellis Endowed Professorship in Education.
3. Melvin McCann Endowed Professorship in Education.
4. Morelle Emmons Endowed Professorship in Education.
5. Contractors Trust Endowed Professorship in Engineering.
6. Thurman Lauret Endowed Professorship in Engineering.
7. John D. Winters Endowed Professorship in History.

Louisiana Tech University's request for funding of Carryover Endowed Professorships approved in 1999:

8. Wayne A. and Juanita Spinks Endowed Professorship #3 in Engineering.

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9. Joe D. Waggoner Professorship in COES.
10. Charlyne Smith Wyche Professorship in English.

B. McNeese State University's 2000 LEQSF (8g) Endowed Professorships as follows:

1. BellSouth Endowed Professorship.
2. Henry C. Alexander Endowed Professorship in Music #2.
3. Endowed Professorship in Science #1.
4. Endowed Professorship in Science #2.
5. Endowed Professorship in Science #3.
6. Endowed Professorship in Science #4.
7. Katherine Krause Blake Endowed Professorship.
8. Credit Bureau Professorship #1.
9. Credit Bureau Professorship #2.
10. Credit Bureau Professorship #3.
11. Credit Bureau Professorship #4.
12. Credit Bureau Professorship #5.
13. Credit Bureau Professorship #6.
14. Credit Bureau Professorship #7.
15. Credit Bureau Professorship #8.
16. Credit Bureau Professorship #9.
17. Credit Bureau Professorship #10.
18. Credit Bureau Professorship #11.
19. Credit Bureau Professorship #12.
20. Credit Bureau Professorship #13.
21. Credit Bureau Professorship #14.
22. Credit Bureau Professorship #15.
23. McElveen Insurance Agency Endowed Professorship in Business.
24. Hale Family Professorship.

C. Nicholls State University's 2000 LEQSF (8g) Endowed Professorships as follows:

1. The Gerald Gaston Endowed Professorship in Business (College of Business Administration).
2. The John C. Daigle Free Enterprise Endowed Professorship (College of Business Administration).
3. The Entergy Endowed Professorship in Information Systems (College of Business Administration).
4. The Jerry Ledet Foundation Endowed Professorship in Environmental Biology (College of Arts and Sciences).

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D. **Northwestern State University's** request to establish 2000 LEQSF (8g) Endowed Professorships as follows:

1. Kilpatrick Life Insurance Company Endowed Professorship.
2. Business Leaders' Endowed Professorship.
3. Ben D. Johnson Sr. Endowed Professorship.
4. Poindexter Foundation Endowed Professorship in Accounting.

E. **Southeastern Louisiana University's** 2000 LEQSF (8g) Endowed Professorships as follows:

1. Charles Blackwell Endowed Professorship in Economics.
2. Kenelly-Voss Endowed Professorship in Mathematics.
3. W.L. Billups Endowed Professorship in Special Education.
4. C. Howard Nichols Endowed Professorship in History and Government.
5. Johnny F. Smith Endowed Professorship in Political Science.
6. Southeastern Development Foundation Endowed Professorship in Music.

F. **University of Louisiana at Lafayette's** 2000 LEQSF (8g) Endowed Professorships requests as follows:

1. Drs. Chuck and Sue Lein Endowed Professorship in Music.
2. Petroleum Helicopters, Inc. Endowed Professorship in Business Administration.
3. Joan D. and Alexander S. Haig Endowed Professorship in Education IV.
4. The Harmon Roy Family Education Foundation Endowed Professorship in Learning Disabilities (in memory of Ben Blanco).
5. Cheryl Courrege Burguieres Endowed Professorship in History.
6. Emma Louise LeBlanc Burguieres Endowed Professorship in Social Studies.
7. Dr. Tommy Comeaux Memorial Endowed Professorship in Traditional Music I.
8. SLEMCO Endowed Professorship in Education II.
9. SLEMCO Endowed Professorship in Engineering II.
10. SLEMCO Endowed Professorship in Nursing II.
11. SLEMCO Endowed Professorship in Applied Life Sciences II.
12. Lockheed Martin Corporation Endowed Professorship in Computer Science/Computer Engineering.
13. Jim Prince Endowed Professorship in Accounting.
14. Marvin and Warren Boudreaux Endowed Professorship in Chemistry IV.
15. University of Southwestern Louisiana Federal Credit Union II Endowed Professorship.
16. The Willis Granger and Tom Debaillon Endowed Professorship in Francophone Studies II.
17. Mary Dichmann Endowed Professorship in English.
18. Coca Cola Endowed Professorship in Hospitality Management.

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19. The Philip J. Burguieres Endowed Professorship in Engineering.
20. Ramon E. Billeaud Endowed Professorship.
21. The College of Liberal Arts Endowed Professorship in Francophone Studies.
22. Dr. Tommy Comeaux Memorial Endowed Professorship in Traditional Music II.

University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for funding of Carryover Endowed Professorships approved in 1999:

23. Forrest K. Dowty Endowed Professorship in Hospitality Management.
24. Ben Blanco Memorial Endowed Professorship in Communicative Disorders.
25. First National Bank of Lafayette I Endowed Professorship.
26. First National Bank of Lafayette II Endowed Professorship.
27. iBERIABANK Endowed Professorship.
28. The Willis Granger and Tom Debaillon Endowed Professorship in Francophone Studies I.
29. Edith Winn Estate Endowed Professorship.
30. The Flora Levy Endowed Professorship.

G. University of Louisiana at Monroe's 2000 LEQSF (8g) Endowed Professorships as follows:

1. Endowed Professorship in Electrical/Mechanical for the School of Construction.
2. Kitty DeGree Endowed Professorship in Computer Information Systems.
3. Entergy Professorship in Instructional Technology in Teacher Education.
4. Mary Ellen Walker Endowed Professorship in Early Childhood Education.

Mr. Coudrain commended Mrs. Suggs' for having her company, Petroleum Helicopters, Inc., as one of the Endowed Professorship donors.

On motion of Mr. Gesser, seconded by Mrs. Suggs, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Committee's recommendation and took the following actions:

Agenda Item H.2.

Received and adopted **University of Louisiana at Monroe's** Fiscal Year 1999 Financial and Compliance Questionnaire.

Agenda Item H.3.

Approved **University of Louisiana System's** request to approve an affiliation agreement between the System and the University of Louisiana System Foundation.

Agenda Item H.4.&4.a.

Mr. Woods stated that the Committee discussed selected items of concern during the review of Fiscal Year 2000 Second Quarter Financial Reports for the System universities. Mr. Woods also commended all System University Presidents and their Financial Officers for their cooperation and assistance with the Finance Committee reviews. He further stated that the Committee also received a status report on the **University of Louisiana at Monroe's** Budget and Selective Admissions implications. He asked all universities to be prepared to discuss their risk management and/or financial audits at the next committee meeting.

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 voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Personnel Committee and amend its agenda to include an item of other business and took the following actions:

Agenda Item J.1.

Approved **University of Louisiana at Lafayette's** request to appoint Dr. Steve Landry as Vice President for Academic Affairs, effective March 1, 2000.

Agenda Item J.3. – Other Business

Approved **Louisiana Tech University's** request to change the title of Mr. Jerry Drewett from Assistant Vice President for Administrative Affairs to Vice President for Administrative Affairs and Mr. Joe Thomas from Assistant Vice President for Financial Services and Comptroller to Vice President for Financial Services and Comptroller, respectively, at their current annual salaries effective March 1, 2000.

Agenda Item J.2.

Deferred discussion on Staffing trends at System Universities/Productivity Analysis until the Board's March meeting.

Chairman Coudrain congratulated Louisiana Tech University and University of Louisiana at Lafayette on the personnel selection process and also congratulated Mr. Jerry Drewett, Mr. Joe Thomas, and Dr. Steve Landry on their appointments.

REPORT OF THE GRAMBLING STATE UNIVERSITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mr. Woods, Vice Chairman of the Grambling State University Advisory Committee, presented the Committee's report.

Agenda Item K.1.

Mr. Woods stated that the Committee received an informative report from President Steve Favors and Dr. Neari Warner on the review of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) Review Team visit. Dr. Warner indicated that **Grambling State University** received 30 recommendations that were identified, and further stated that a formal written report will be received in March and the University will have to respond to each recommendation by September, and the Commission on Colleges in December will review the formal SACS report. Mr. Woods also commended President Favors and his staff for the work and preparation for the SACS review. He stated that the University would continue to work on financial matters to be addressed at the next meeting of the Committee, which will be scheduled before the next Board meeting.

REPORT OF SYSTEM OFFICE BUSINESS

Agenda Item L.1.

On motion of Mr. Duhé, seconded by Mrs. Suggs, the Board voted unanimously to approve the personnel actions submitted by System Institutions as amended.

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

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

Agenda Item L.2.b.

1. Mr. Jindal indicated that he attended the Headmasters Association, which provided an opportunity for national recruitment for our System at some of the better private and public schools in the Country, and he also indicated that he asked the Association to donate \$1,000 to the University of Louisiana System Foundation in lieu of an honorarium.
2. Mr. Jindal commended **McNeese State University** and **Southeastern Louisiana University** for signing Teacher warranties with local K-12 schools. This Teacher K-16 Initiative program is designed to keep Louisiana teachers in Louisiana classrooms.
3. Mr. Jindal recognized Dr. Kenneth Rea, Vice President for Academic Affairs at **Louisiana Tech University**, who, in the absence of President Dan Reneau and Coach Leon Barmore, explained the recognition of Coach Leon Barmore. Coach Barmore is one of fifteen coaches that have won 500 games. Dr. Rea noted that during Coach Barmore's tenure at Louisiana Tech University, the team and won the 1988 championship title game, had 30+ winning seasons, and nine Final Four women's basketball trips. The team was ranked #4 at the current time.
4. Mr. Jindal also announced that in the Board folders is a list of activities that are scheduled on System University campuses. He also noted that March is career month, and the list includes career activities provided for students.
5. Mr. Jindal announced that he attended the site visit at **Louisiana Tech University** for the University Trenchless Infrastructure System (CeTIS), a potential capital outlay project approved by this Board in January to house a National Science Foundation (NSF) Center. He indicated that Chancellors of the Louisiana State University System and the Southern University System, as well as President Favors at Grambling State University, also attended the site visit. He stated that the committee was very complimentary of the support and the Louisiana process.

Mrs. Suggs also commended Louisiana Tech University on behalf of the Board and stressed the favorable recognition that the awarding of this grant would bring to Louisiana.

6. Mr. Jindal also congratulated **Northwestern State University** and the NSU Leesville/Fort Polk campus on a partnership agreement designed to better serve the Military by offering programs at Fort Polk, Louisiana and other locations. This agreement was signed with Central Texas College, an associate degree college that serves more than 200,000 world-wide military personnel.
7. Mr. Jindal announced that the March meeting of the Board will be held at the **University of Louisiana at Monroe**.

REPORT OF BOARD CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

Agenda Item M.1. Board Chairman's Report

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

1. Mr. Coudrain announced that the Association of Governing Boards (AGB) Trustee Conference would be held in New Orleans, Louisiana on March 18-21, 2000. He asked that members who are interested in attending the Conference should contact the System Office for more information.
2. Mr. Coudrain asked Mr. Jindal to introduce the two Nicholls State University's Center for Women and Government program interns, Messrs Jason Gaudet and Phil Guidry who are assigned to work at the System office,.

Agenda Item M. 2.a.&b.

Chairman Coudrain asked Dr. Carroll Falcon and Board Counsel, Mr. Winston DeCuir, to present the **University of Louisiana System's** Board **RULES** revisions as submitted for approval:

On motion of Mr. Rodriguez, seconded by Mr. Gesser, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following Board rules revisions:

- a. **BYLAWS. SECTION IX. EFFECTIVE DATE FOR BYLAWS.**
- b. **CHAPTER VII. ADOPTION, REPEAL AND AMENDMENT OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES. Section I. Effective Date for Policies and Procedures. (See Attachments 1 & 2)**

Mrs. Burkhalter made the following recommendation:

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On motion of Mrs. Burkhalter, seconded by Dr. Smith, the Board voted unanimously to prepare a Resolution to honor **Mr. Calvin Wilkerson**, former member at large of the Board of Trustees for State Colleges and Universities, appointed by Governor David Treen in 1983, who is to be honored by the **Grambling State University** Alumni on March 12, 2000. Mrs. Burkhalter further recommended that the Resolution indicate his contributions financially and personally to Grambling State University.

Mr. James Bradford, Grambling Alumni President, announced that the Grambling State University National Alumni Association is conducting a tribute to Mr. Calvin Wilkerson for all the contributions he has made to Grambling State University on Sunday, March 12, 2000 at 4:00 p.m. in the Black and Gold Room.

Chairman Coudrain asked that everyone plan to attend the March Board meeting at University of Louisiana at Monroe. He further stated that Mr. Kilpatrick is assisting in the hosting of the social events.

Mr. Kilpatrick also encouraged all members to attend the meeting.

On motion of Mr. Kilpatrick, seconded by Mr. Woods, there being no further business, the Board adjourned at 12:44 p.m.