

MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM

August 25, 2000
Baton Rouge, LA

The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System met in regular session on Friday, August 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 11:05 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. T. L. "Teddy" Duhé
Mr. Tex R. Kilpatrick
Mr. Gordon A. Pugh
Mr. TiJean Rodriguez
Mr. Winfred F. Sibille
Dr. Eunice Wicker Smith
Mrs. Carroll W. Suggs
Mr. Michael H. Woods
Mr. David Wright

ABSENT:

Mr. Carl Shetler, Vice Chairman
Mr. Robert C. Davidge
Mr. Herman Gesser, Jr.

Mr. Shetler, Mr. Davidge, and Mr. Gesser were granted excused absences.

On motion of Mr. Duhé, seconded by Mrs. Suggs, the Board unanimously voted to approve the **June 23, 2000 minutes.**

On motion of Mr. Pugh, seconded by Mr. Duhé, the Board unanimously voted to approve the June 12, 2000 and July 14, 2000 special meeting minutes and the July 14, 2000 Executive Committee minutes.

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 Mrs. Suggs, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Students Affairs Committee and took the following actions:

Agenda Item F.1.

Approved **Louisiana Tech University's** request for approval of a proposal to offer the Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.) degree program.

Agenda Item F.2.

Approved **Northwestern State University's** request to offer the following existing programs through distance learning technologies:

- a. Master of Education with concentration in Adult Education
- b. Master of Education with concentration in Educational Technology
- c. Associate of General Studies
- d. Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN to BSN)
- e. Registered Radiologic Technologist to Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Technology (RT to BSRT)

Agenda Item F.3.

Approved **University of Louisiana at Lafayette's** request to award an honorary Bachelor of Arts degree to Mr. Marc Breaux.

Agenda Item F.4.

Received **University of Louisiana at Lafayette's** report on implementation of Phase II selective admissions criteria.

Agenda Item F.5.

Approved **University of Louisiana at Monroe's** request for approval of a proposal to offer the Bachelor of Business Administration degree program in Entrepreneurship.

Agenda Item F.6.

Approved Board **RULES** revision: Chapter II. Students. Section XV. Academic Scholarships.
(*See Attachment 1*)

Agenda Item F.7. – Other Business

Received a report from Mr. TiJean Rodriguez on activities of the Student Advisory Committee.

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 took the following actions:

Agenda Item G.1.

Approved **Nicholls State University's** request to offer advance reserved game tickets at half price for the Terrebonne Parks and Recreation Promotional Day.

Agenda Item G.2.

Approved **Southeastern Louisiana University's** request to revise athletic ticket prices for the 2000–2001 academic year.

REPORT OF THE FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE

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

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

Agenda Item H.1.

Approved **Southeastern Louisiana University's** request to renegotiate leases for Teacher Education Center Trailers.

Agenda Item H.3.

Approved **University of Louisiana System's** Fiscal Year 2001-2002 Capital Outlay Budget Request Recommendations and System Institutions' Five-Year Capital Outlay Plans.

Agenda Item H.2.

Mr. Sibille asked Mr. Douglas Lee of the System Staff to present the proposed **RULES** revision.

On motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Duhé, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities Planning Committee and approved the Board **RULES** revision to Chapter VI. Facilities Planning. Section IV. Immovable Property. (*See Attachment 2*)

Mr. Sibille thanked Mr. Douglas Lee and Mr. Rich Griswold, Board of Regents Associate Commissioner of Facility Planning, for their dedication and hard work in developing the Capital Outlay Budget Request Recommendations. He also thanked the Presidents for their hospitality during the Capital Outlay visits.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

On motion of Mr. Woods, seconded by Mrs. Burkhalter, the Board voted to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and took the following actions: *Mr. Duhé opposed.*

Agenda Item I.1.

Approved **McNeese State University's** request to establish fees for off-campus offerings in Kinder, Louisiana.

Agenda Item I.2.

Approved **McNeese State University's** Revisions to 2000-2001 Scholarship Plan.

Agenda Item I.3.

Approved **University of Louisiana at Lafayette's** receipt and adoption of Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Financial and Compliance Questionnaire.

Agenda Item I.4.

The Board approved Grambling State University's FY 2000-2001 Budget Request contingent upon receipt of Auxiliary Enterprise operations and employee summary information requested.

The Board approved the University of Louisiana at Monroe's FY 2000-2001 Budget Request contingent upon receipt of the following:

- a. Comparative productivity data for both faculty and administrative staff positions, including three-year goals and plans to adjust staffing levels proportionate to changes in student enrollment.
- b. A three-year auxiliary operations plan to maintain positive operating results and establish appropriate reserve fund balances.
- c. Detailed information on how the University intends to restore positive balances to all designated funds and to reduce the University's dependence on such funds (Academic Enhancement, Building Use, and Parking) for recurring expenses.

The Board approved all other **University of Louisiana System's 2000-2001 System Operating Budgets** to include Louisiana Tech University, McNeese State University, Nicholls State University, Northwestern State University, Southeastern Louisiana University, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, and the University of Louisiana System as submitted.

Agenda Item I.5.

Approved **University of Louisiana System's** 2000-2001 Internal Audit Plans.

Agenda Item I.6.

Approved **University of Louisiana System's** 2000-2001 Undergraduate and Graduate Mandatory Attendance Fees.

Agenda Item I.7.

Approved Board **RULES** addition to Chapter IV. Finance and Business. Section XI. Applications for Licenses or Permits. (*See Attachment 3*)

Chairman Coudrain thanked the System staff, especially Mr. Dave Nicklas, for the hard work demonstrated by providing a budget summary report of the University of Louisiana System's 2000-2001 System Operating Budgets.

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. Rodriguez, the Board voted to accept the recommendation of the Personnel Committee and took the following actions: *Dr. Anders opposed Agenda Item J.6.*

Agenda Item J.1.

Approved **Southeastern Louisiana University's** request to appoint Dr. Martha Head as Interim Dean of the College of Education and Human Development effective August 25, 2000.

Agenda Item J.2.

Approved **Southeastern Louisiana University's** pay plan for Faculty/Staff Merit Increases.

Agenda Item J.3.

Approved **University of Louisiana at Monroe's** request to appoint Dr. Thomas Rakes as Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs effective August 25, 2000.

Agenda Item J.4.

Approved **University of Louisiana at Monroe's** request to appoint Dr. Ernest R. Moser as Interim Dean for the College of Business Administration effective August 25, 2000.

Dr. Falcon announced that the effective dates for items J.3. and J.4. were changed to ensure conformity to the Board **RULES**.

Agenda Item J.5.

Approved **University of Louisiana System's** 2000-2001 Promotions in Faculty Rank and Tenure Recommendations (ULS 5 & ULS 6).

Agenda Item J.6.

Approved Board **RULES** revision to Chapter III. Faculty and Staff. Section X. Faculty Rank. D. Evaluation. (*See Attachment 4*) *Dr. Anders opposed*. (Although earlier listed and approved as “E. Evaluation,” it was technically corrected to D. Evaluation.)

Agenda Item J.7.

Approved Presidential Evaluations and Compensation for the following:

- a. President Sally Clausen
- b. President Ray Authement
- c. President Donald Ayo

President Clausen introduced Dr. Head, who thanked the Board for approval of her appointment.

President Swearingen introduced Dr. Rakes, who thanked the Board for approval of his appointment.

President Swearingen introduced Dr. Moser, who thanked the Board for approval of his appointment.

GRAMBLING STATE UNIVERSITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mr. Pugh, Chair of the Grambling State University Advisory Committee, presented the Committee’s report.

On motion of Mr. Pugh, seconded by Dr. Smith, the Board voted unanimously to receive the following committee report and accepted the following recommendations of the Grambling State University Advisory Committee:

Agenda Item K.1.

Received an update on fiscal year 2000 statements and audit report.

Agenda Item K.2.

Received an update on Chief Fiscal Officer selection process. Mr. Pugh reported that Dr. Wooten rejected the offer as Chief Fiscal Officer at Grambling State University and announced that the University will continue with an alternative plan to recruit a Chief Fiscal Officer.

Agenda Item K.3.

Received an update on Desegregation Funds and academic vacancies report.

Agenda Item K.4.

On motion of Mr. Pugh, seconded by Dr. Smith, the Board voted unanimously to recommend that Grambling State University continue to review recommendations on increasing faculty rank promotion increments and report final recommendations to the Grambling State University Advisory Committee for Board approval, such recommendation to be effective for rank promotions granted for the academic year 2000-2001.

REPORT OF SYSTEM OFFICE BUSINESS

Agenda Item L.1.

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

Agenda Item L.2.
System President's Report

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

- a. Mr. Jindal announced the Board of Regents scheduled visits to System campuses to deliver funding for the awarded Endowed Professorships and Chairs. He also announced that System Universities submitted over 80 this year, and the Board of Regents will present awards for twenty-nine (29) Professorships and Chairs.
- b. Mr. Jindal also announced that System retention rate averages are growing faster than the state and national averages. He also stated that Louisiana Tech University's retention rate was almost 80%.
- c. The University of Louisiana at Lafayette presented its report on implementation of Phase II selective admissions criteria. Mr. Jindal announced that by Fall 2001 seven System Universities will have adopted admissions standards. He stated that Grambling State University is governed by the desegregation Settlement Agreement and cannot adopt admissions standards until the Agreement expires (2005).

- d. The LA-SOUL Summer Institute partnership program at Louisiana State University's Health Science Center (Medical School) has provided successful scientific and medical training, research, and recruitment opportunities for System Universities' students and faculty members. Additional methods to secure matching private funds and to further support the Institute are being investigated. Mr. Jindal expressed appreciation to System Universities and Louisiana State University for their cooperation in this joint project.
- e. The Board of Regents has allocated over \$250,000 to the Board of Supervisors for distribution to System Universities, based on performance. The System office will propose that the distribution of funds by the Board be based on achievement in certain areas. This will be the first step towards performance funding of System Universities.
- f. Last year Northwestern State University and Grambling State University were the first universities to offer Internet-based degrees. Today, through Board approval, Northwestern State University proposed to expand its number of degree programs offered on the Internet.
- g. Six Universities proposed faculty salary increases. Mr. Jindal commended the University Presidents for making these salary increases a priority.

REPORT OF BOARD CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

Chairman Coudrain expressed appreciation for the good work being performed by Mr. Jindal, the University Presidents and their staffs.

Mr. Sibille recommended, on behalf of the Facilities Planning Committee, that the Board request that the Board of Regents study Library facilities on System University campuses.

On motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mrs. Burkhalter, the Board voted unanimously to direct the System staff to draft a resolution requesting the Board of Regents to conduct a statewide study of Library facilities to examine the need for future development of technologically functional facilities.

Mr. Duhé requested clarification of the personnel actions approved. Mr. Nicklas explained that no amendments were included for approval of personnel actions.

**Agenda Item M.1.
Board Chairman's Report**

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

Agenda Item M.1.a.

Chairman Coudrain presented the following Resolutions:

- (1) **University of Louisiana at Lafayette** Cajun Baseball Team and Coach Tony Robichaux.
- (2) **University of Louisiana at Lafayette** Lady Cajuns Softball Team and Coach Yvette Girouard.
- (3) **Northwestern State University** Demons Softball Team and Coach Gay McNutt.

President Authement expressed appreciation to Coach Tony Robichaux and introduced shortstop Rick Haydel. Coach Robichaux thanked the Board for the honor and recognition.

President Authement, expressed appreciation to team member Cheryl Holmes and the new Lady Cajuns Softball Team Head Coach, Ms. Stefni Lotief, and accepted the Resolution on behalf of the Team and Coach Yvette Girouard. Coach Lotief thanked the Board for the honor and recognition.

President Webb expressed appreciation to the Board for the honor and recognition and explained that Coach McNutt has accepted a position at Southern Mississippi. The University is seeking approval of Coach Todd Singleton as Head Softball Coach for the Lady Demons.

Chairman Coudrain asked Board members who attended the Board of Regents Committee meetings to report on committee actions affecting the University of Louisiana System:

- a. Mr. Michael Woods, Finance Committee representative, reported that the meeting was informative and reported that the Finance Committee approved the allocation of \$1,000,000 discretionary operating funds to the Management Boards for distribution to campuses. Mr. Woods thanked the Regents chairman and Dr. Savoie on behalf of the Board of Supervisors.

- b. Dr. Falcon explained that the Board of Regents approved several academic programs, including LTU's program in assistive technology and distance learning offering of the B.S. in Health Information and Administration. Information was distributed on professional program accreditation, and the Board approved a policy change affecting the timeline for mandatory accreditation for new and existing degree programs. He also announced that the Board of Regents discussed low completer programs and graduation requirements.

Mr. Duhé explained that he received a publication from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette that spotlighted Dr. Steve Landry and discussed the Endowed Chairs and Professorship.

Mr. Heath Martin, Student Advisory Council Chairman, expressed appreciation to Mr. TiJean Rodriguez for his service and tenure as a Member of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System.

On motion of Dr. Smith, unanimously seconded by the Board, the Board directed the System staff to prepare a Resolution expressing appreciation for his dedication and service to the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Sibille, on behalf of the Board, invited Mr. Rodriguez to attend the October Board meeting to receive the Resolution and thanked Mr. Rodriguez for his service at the Louisiana Legislature on behalf of the University of Louisiana System and students.

Chairman Coudrain also thanked Mr. Rodriguez for his service as a member of the Board and announced that Mr. Rodriguez' services will continue as chairman of the Council of Student Body Presidents.

Mrs. Burkhalter expressed appreciation for his organizational abilities and dedication.

Mr. Rodriguez thanked the Board for the educational experience afforded him through the opportunity to serve as a member of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System. He also announced that he will graduate on December 9, 2000.

Agenda Item M.1.b.

Mr. Winston DeCuir, Board's legal counsel, administered the Oath of Office to the newly appointed Board member, Mr. W. David Gunn. His father, Mr. Bob Gunn, was asked to accompany his son.

Mr. Gunn thanked Mr. Rodriguez for helping make his appointment a smooth transition. He also thanked members of the Student Advisory Council for electing him to serve as student member of the Board and that he is looking forward to working with Chairman Coudrain, members of the Board, Mr. Jindal, and the System staff.

Mrs. Burkhalter expressed appreciation for Mr. Gunn's appointment and indicated that she knows his family.

Mr. Coudrain announced that Mr. Gunn will serve on the following committees:

Academic and Student Affairs Committee
Grievance Committee
Legislation Committee
Personnel Committee

Mrs. Burkhalter asked, in view of Representative Pinkie Carolyn Wilkerson's untimely death, that a resolution be sent, on behalf of the Board, to the Wilkerson family; her father, Mr. Calvin Wilkerson, former member of the Board; her sister, Mrs. Delores Smith, an employee of the System; and son, Mr. John Barabin.

On motion of Mrs. Burkhalter, seconded by Mr. Wright, the Board voted unanimously to direct the System staff to prepare a Resolution, on behalf of the Board, expressing appreciation for Representative Wilkerson's service to the State of Louisiana, particularly to Higher Education and Grambling State University.

On motion of Mr. Duhé, seconded by Mr. Wright, there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

