

MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM

February 23, 2001
Baton Rouge, LA

The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System met in regular session on Friday, February 23, 2001, 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 10:05 a.m. and opened with a prayer by Mr. Sibille. The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT:

Mr. Andre G. Coudrain, Chairman
Mrs. Elsie P. Burkhalter
Mr. Marty Chabert
Mr. W. David Gunn
Mr. Tex R. Kilpatrick
Mr. Alfred S. Lippman
Mr. Jimmy Long, Sr.
Mr. Winfred F. Sibille
Dr. Eunice Wicker Smith
Dr. Charles Teamer, Sr.
Mr. Michael H. Woods
Mr. David Wright

ABSENT:

Mr. Robert C. Davidge
Mr. Gordon A. Pugh
Mr. Carl Shetler
Mrs. Carroll W. Suggs

Chairman Coudrain stated that Mr. Davidge, Mr. Pugh, Mr. Shetler, and Mrs. Suggs were granted excused absences.

Agenda Item D.

On motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Wright, the Board unanimously voted to approve the **January 5, 2001 minutes.**

Agenda Item E.

Chairman Coudrain introduced Mr. Alfred S. Lippman, the newly appointed Board member. He also informed the Board that he, Mr. Sibille and Mr. Pugh, who was absent, were reappointed to the Board.

Chairman Coudrain called upon Mr. Bernie Boudreaux, Notary Public and Governor Foster's Executive Counsel, to administer the Oath of Office to Messrs. Lippman, Sibille and Coudrain. Mr. Boudreaux stated that he was honored to administer the Oath of Office. Mr. Boudreaux congratulated Mr. Lippman, his personal friend, for volunteering to serve and for accepting his appointment as a Board member.

Board members, new and reappointed, include the following:

Mr. Alfred S. Lippman	(3 rd District, replaced Mr. Herman Gesser, Jr.)
Mr. Andre G. Coudrain	(At Large, reappointed)
Mr. Winfred F. Sibille	(7 th District, reappointed)
Mr. Gordon A. Pugh	(6 th District, reappointed) <i>(To be sworn in at a later date)</i>

Chairman Coudrain, on behalf of the Board and the University of Louisiana System staff, welcomed Mr. Lippman as a member of the Board.

Mr. Lippman thanked Mr. Boudreaux for his introduction, expressed appreciation for his appointment to the Board, and stated that he looked forward to the opportunity to be of service to higher education in the State of Louisiana.

Dr. E. Joseph Savoie, Louisiana Commissioner of Higher Education, presented an overview of the Board of Regents Master Plan for Postsecondary Education, 2001.

REPORT OF GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

On motion of Dr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Wright, the Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of the Grievance Committee and voted to affirm the decision of **University of Louisiana at Lafayette** and denied a hearing to Dr. George Graen, a faculty member.

REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Burkhalter, Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, presented the Committee's report.

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

Agenda Item H.1.a. & b.

- A. Approved **Nicholls State University's** proposal to offer a Master of Science degree program in Marine and Environmental Biology.
- B. Approved **Southeastern Louisiana University's** proposal to offer a Master of Science degree program in Integrated Science and Technology.

Agenda Item H.2.

Approved, subject to concurrence of the Finance Committee, **University of Louisiana at Monroe's** request to offer the existing Master of Business Administration (MBA) program in Hong Kong beginning Summer 2001.

Agenda Item H.3. – Other Business

Mrs. Burkhalter announced that the Committee received and discussed a report on the Board of Regents Master Plan for Postsecondary Education, 2001 and the Committee also received copies of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee - Special Issues to Address for 2001.

Mr. Coudrain announced that copies of the Board of Regents Master Plan for Postsecondary Education, 2001 are available in the System office. Dr. Carroll Falcon also announced that the Board of Regents Master Plan could be accessed from the Board of Regents website beginning Monday, February 26, 2001.

REPORT OF THE ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

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

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

Agenda Item I.1.a.&b.

- A. Approved **Grambling State University's** request for promotional athletic ticket prices.
- B. Approved **Southeastern Louisiana University's** request for promotional athletic ticket prices.

Agenda Item I.2. – Other Business

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

On motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Kilpatrick, subject to concurrence of Personnel Committee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the **University of Louisiana at Monroe's** request to appoint Mr. Bruce Hanks Interim Athletic Director effective March 5, 2001.

REPORT OF THE FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE

Mr. Sibille, Vice Chairman 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 recommendations of the Facilities Planning Committee and took the following actions:

Agenda Item J.1.

Approved **Louisiana Tech University's** request to accept donated property located on West California Street from the Louisiana Tech University Foundation and reimburse the Foundation for associated improvements and designated and authorized President Daniel D. Reneau to execute any and all documents necessary for the acquisition of the said property on behalf of and for use by the University.

Agenda Item J.2.

Approved **Louisiana Tech University's** request to demolish four obsolete buildings.

Agenda Item J.3.

Approved **Louisiana Tech University's** request to name the Louisiana Tech Herbarium the Donald Gene Rhodes Herbarium.

Agenda Item J.4.

Approved, subject to concurrence of the Finance Committee, **McNeese State University's** ground lease agreement and facilities lease with Cowboy Facilities, Inc. and designated and authorized President Robert D. Hebert to execute any and all documents related to the Facilities Lease and the Ground lease agreement with Cowboy Facilities, Inc. on behalf of and in the name of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System and further approved that staff and legal counsel ensure that that all documents conform to statutory and administrative requirements.

Agenda Item J.5.

Approved **McNeese State University's** request to name the building currently housing the University police the H.C. Drew Center.

Agenda Item J.6.

Approved **Nicholls State University's** ratification of acceptance of a donation from Kohler Foundation to the University.

Agenda Item J.7.

Approved **Nicholls State University's** request to demolish Wooden Barn at Lafourche Crossing Farm, State ID #S04383, in accordance with state statute.

Agenda Item J.8.

Approved **Northwestern State University's** request to continue to negotiate a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement, involving 1.559 acres of University property, with the City of Natchitoches.

Agenda Item J.9.

Approved **University of Louisiana at Lafayette's** request to amend Fiscal Year 2001-2002 Capital Outlay Request to add a self-generated revenue project entitled Chimpanzee Housing Facility.

Agenda Item J.10.

Approved, subject to review by the legal counsel, **University of Louisiana System's** proposed Board **RULES** addition to Chapter VI. FACILITIES PLANNING. Section III. Capital Outlay Projects Funded Through Dedicated Revenues. B. Debt Financing for Capital Projects. (*See Attachment*)

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

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

Agenda Item K.1.a.-g.

Approved **University of Louisiana System Universities'** requests to establish LEQSF (8g) Endowed Professorships as follows:

A. Louisiana Tech University:

1. Mike McCallister #1 Endowed Professorship in Accounting.
2. Mike McCallister #2 Endowed Professorship in Accounting.
3. Mike McCallister #1 Endowed Professorship in Economics and Finance.
4. Mike McCallister #2 Endowed Professorship in Economics and Finance.
5. Mike McCallister #1 Endowed Professorship in Management and Marketing.
6. Mike McCallister #2 Endowed Professorship in Management and Marketing.
7. Burton Risinger #1 Endowed Professorship in CAB.
8. Burton Risinger #2 Endowed Professorship in CAB.

B. McNeese State University:

1. Robert Jones Beauregard Parish Historic Fund Visual Arts Endowed Professorship #1.
2. Robert Jones Beauregard Parish Historic Fund Visual Arts Endowed Professorship #2.
3. Robert Jones Beauregard Parish Historic Fund College of Education Endowed Professorship.
4. Endowed Professorship in Science #3.
5. Endowed Professorship in Science #4.

C. Nicholls State University: Theodore J. Shepard Endowed Professorship in Marine Biology.

D. Northwestern State University:

1. Rapides Regional Medical Center Endowed Professorship.
2. Hibernia National Bank Endowed Professorship.

E. Southeastern Louisiana University:

1. Louisiana Gas Endowed Professorship in Industrial Technology.
2. Hibernia National Bank Endowed Professorship in Education.
3. Phil K. Livingston Endowed Professorship in Accounting.

F. University of Louisiana at Lafayette:

1. Acadiana Business Economist Endowed Professorship in Economics.
2. The Capell/Frayard Professional Money Management Group of Paine Webber Endowed Professorship in Economics.
3. The Jim and Charlotte Doyle Endowed Professorship in Business Administration.
4. The Willis Granger and Tom Debaillon Endowed Professorship in Francophone Studies III.
5. Coca-Cola Endowed Professorship in Hospitality Management II.
6. John D. and Alexander S. Haig Endowed Professorship in Education.
7. Lockheed Martin Corporation Endowed Professorship in Computer Science/Computer Engineering II.
8. Kathy Authement Prouet Memorial Endowed Professorship in Special Education.
9. Adrian Vega Endowed Professorship.
10. Sheila Ardoin Walsh Memorial Endowed Professorship.
11. Hibernia National Bank - Lafayette Endowed Professorship in Money and Banking.
12. Jim Prince Endowed Professorship in Accounting II.
13. Fritz Lang Foundation Endowed Professorship in Biology.
14. Jean Jacques – Aurore Labbe Fournet Endowed Professorship in English.
15. Dr. Tommy Comeaux Memorial Endowed Professorship in Traditional Music III.

G. University of Louisiana at Monroe: Beach Endowed Professorship in the School of Construction.

Agenda Item K.2.

Approved, in concurrence with the Facilities Planning Committee, **McNeese State University's** request for a ground lease agreement and facilities lease with Cowboy Facilities, Inc.

Agenda Item K.3.

Approved, in concurrence with the Academic and Student Affairs Committee and subject to university obtaining legal review and addressing previous audit issues identified by the Legislative Auditor, **University of Louisiana at Monroe's** request to offer the existing Master of Business Administration (MBA) program in Hong Kong beginning Summer 2001.

Agenda Item K.4.

Approved **University of Louisiana at Monroe's** request to conduct a student referendum for theatre productions.

Agenda Item K.5.

Received for discussion the **University of Louisiana System's** proposed Foundation Policy and Procedures Memorandum.

Agenda Item K.6.

Received proposed Board **RULES** addition: CHAPTER IV. FINANCE AND BUSINESS. Section V. Student Fees. K. Self-Assessed Fees. 4. Student Technology Fees.

Agenda Item K.7.

Received Committee discussion of the status of fiscal operations, audit, and other issues for the following universities:

- A. **Grambling State University**
- B. **University of Louisiana at Monroe**

REPORT OF THE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

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

On motion of Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Chabert, the Board voted unanimously to receive the Legislation Committee report on the Upcoming 2001 Louisiana Legislative Special and Regular Sessions.

REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

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

On motion of Mr. Woods, seconded by Mr. Long, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Personnel Committee and took the following actions:

Agenda Item M.1.

Approved **McNeese State University's** request to appoint Dr. Peggy L. Wolfe as Dean of the College of Nursing and Professor of Nursing, effective March 1, 2001.

Agenda Item M.2.

Approved **Southeastern Louisiana University's** request to appoint Dr. Brad O'Hara as Vice President for Student Affairs effective February 23, 2001.

Agenda Item M.3.

Approved **University of Louisiana at Monroe's** request to appoint Dr. Thomas Rakes as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs effective March 1, 2001.

Agenda Item M.4. – Other Business

Approved, in concurrence with the Athletic Committee, **University of Louisiana at Monroe's** request to appoint Mr. Bruce Hanks Interim Athletic Director effective March 5, 2001.

President Hebert introduced Dr. Peggy L. Wolfe as the newly appointed Dean of the College of Nursing and Professor of Nursing.

Dr. Wolfe thanked President Hebert and members of the Board for approving her appointment and for allowing her an opportunity to be of service to McNeese State University's School of Nursing.

President Clausen recognized members of the SLU Student Government Office - Mr. Cleve Bankston, SGA President; Ms. Kalen Miller, Vice President; Mr. Dave Petit, Senate Chairman; and Ms. Angela Longstreet, Senator - who joined her for the introduction of Dr. Brad O'Hara as Vice President for Student Affairs.

Dr. O'Hara thanked Dr. Clausen, the SGA students, and the Board for their support and confidence and for approving his position.

Chairman Coudrain recognized Dr. Thomas Rakes as the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Dr. Rakes thanked the System staff and members of the Board for their vote of confidence and approval of his position.

REPORT OF SYSTEM OFFICE BUSINESS

Agenda Item N.1.

On motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Wright, the Board approved the Personnel Actions as submitted by the System staff and System universities.

Agenda Item N.2. System President's Report

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

1. On January 26, 2001 the University of Louisiana System, along with Louisiana State University System, Southern University System and Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, signed an agreement with Council for the Development of French in Louisiana (CODOFIL) and MICEFA (Mission Interuniversitaire de Coordination des Echanges Franco-Américains) for a French international student exchange. He explained that this agreement encourages students from System universities to attend college in France at the same cost of attending in Louisiana (tuition is paid to home institution).
2. The Finance Committee approved thirty-five professorships requested from System universities. This makes a total of 388 for which private funds have been secured. Mr. Jindal congratulated System university presidents for their accomplishments in securing funding for these professorships.
3. Mr. Jindal announced that external funding for research and grants and other activities has increased and now exceeds \$70,000,000.
4. Mr. Jindal explained that at the March Board meeting, information will be provided on distribution to System Universities of performance based funds. This information was discussed in the President's Council meeting and will be presented at the March meeting of the Board.
5. Mr. Jindal also announced that Ms. Nettie Daniels, Director of Institutional Research for the System staff, produced for distribution next month the *University of Louisiana System Fact Book*, January 2001. He also informed the Board that the University of Louisiana at Lafayette printed these books.

6. Mr. Jindal also explained that a guidebook entitled *University of Louisiana System Success with ULS*, Second edition, January 2001, financed by private funds, has been produced by Ms. Dawn Wilson, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs for the System staff, and is available for distribution to high school students throughout the State.
7. Mr. Jindal also announced that the University of Louisiana System will conduct a virtual online job fair this spring. The System for the first time is extending a statewide invitation to all businesses to post full-time job opportunities and internships for System universities' students to view.

REPORT OF BOARD CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

Agenda Item O.1. Board Chairman's Report

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

1. The Board adopted resolutions for presentation to the following:
 1. Dr. Edward B. Anders
 2. Mr. T. L. "Teddy" Duhé
 3. **Grambling State University** Coach Douglas "Doug" Williams.
 4. **Grambling State University** Tigers Football Team – SWAC Champions.

Grambling State University's Vice President for Student Affairs, Dr. Ruby Higgins, introduced Coach Douglas "Doug" Williams, who was also honored by the Grambling State University family, as the Southwest Athletic Conference (SWAC) Championship Coach of the Year, and announced that he was inducted into the SWAC Hall of Fame.

Chairman Coudrain presented a Resolution to Coach Doug Williams congratulating him on his accomplishments as the SWAC Coach of the Year.

Coach Doug Williams thanked the Board, Acting President Warner, and the Grambling State University family for their support and recognition of the accomplishments of the GSU Tigers Football Team and staff during his supervision and leadership. Coach Williams introduced the following members of his staff and team who accompanied him in receiving the Resolution:

Coach Chris Scott, Defensive Line Coach
Coach Michael Roach, Linebackers Coach, Defense Coordinator Coach
Coach Heishma Northern, Defensive Backs Coordinator

Coach Richard Paul, Administrative Assistant
Coach Marshall Hayes, O Line Coach
Mr. Kelvin C. Pearson (#3), Strong Safety Player
Mr. Levi Washington (#28), Wide Receiver Offense Player

Chairman Coudrain presented Coach Doug Williams, the GSU Tiger Football team and Coaching staff a Resolution congratulating the Team on its accomplishments as 2000 Southwest Athletic Conference (SWAC) Champions.

The above listed members of the team and staff received the resolution on behalf of the GSU Football Team. Coach Chris Scott expressed appreciation on behalf of the team for the Board's recognition of the accomplishments of the Grambling State University 2000 SWAC Champions.

2. Chairman Coudrain recognized and congratulated Southeastern Louisiana University's President Sally Clausen and staff for the University's First Place accomplishments by the Louisiana Chapter of American Institute of Architects for the production of the University's Campus Master Plan.
3. Chairman Coudrain recognized Grambling State University's Student Government Association President Eric Moses who presented a University's Student Pledge stating the student body's support of President Neri Warner, the University's Mission, and support of supporters of the University's quest for greatness.

Chairman Coudrain thanked the GSU SGA members and student body for their committed support and stated that the Board fully supports the Pledge.

4. Chairman Coudrain announced that the next meeting of the Board will be held at McNeese State University on March 23, 2001.

President Robert Hebert extended an open invitation for everyone to join the Board at its March meeting.

Agenda Item P. – Other Business

Dr. Eunice Smith announced that Mr. Herman Gesser was not reappointed as a member of the Board.

On motion of Dr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Sibille, the Board voted unanimously to direct the System staff to prepare a Resolution commending Mr. Gesser for his years of service to the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System.

Mrs. Burkhalter requested that a Resolution be presented to Governor Mike Foster prior to the 2001 Legislative Special Session expressing the Board's support of Governor Foster's K – 16 Initiatives.

On motion of Mrs. Burkhalter, seconded by Mr. Sibille, the Board voted unanimously to direct the System staff to prepare a Resolution to be presented to Governor Mike Foster in support of his K – 16 Education Initiatives.

On motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Kilpatrick, there being no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

