

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM

December 7, 2001  
Baton Rouge, LA

The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System met in regular session on Friday, December 7, 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 10:50 a.m. and opened with a prayer by Mr. Woods. The following roll call was recorded:

#### PRESENT:

Mr. Andre G. Coudrain, Chairman  
Mr. Marty Chabert  
Mr. Robert C. Davidge  
Mr. Michael Gray  
Mr. Tex R. Kilpatrick  
Mr. Alfred S. Lippman  
Mr. Jimmy Long, Sr.  
Mr. Gordon A. Pugh  
Mr. Carl Shetler  
Mr. Winfred F. Sibille  
Dr. Eunice Wicker Smith  
Mrs. Carroll W. Suggs  
Mr. Charles Teamer, Sr.  
Mr. Michael H. Woods

#### ABSENT:

Mrs. Elsie P. Burkhalter  
Mr. David Wright\*

Chairman Coudrain stated that the Board wished Mrs. Burkhalter well during her recovery from surgery and said that her absence was excused.

On motion of Mr. Chabert, seconded by Mr. Sibille, the Board unanimously voted to approve the **October 26, 2001 minutes, as amended**, to include clarification and guidelines for the Board Resolution regarding criteria for non-resident waivers.

\* Mr. Wright arrived after roll call at 10:58 a.m.

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Chairman Coudrain explained that the Nominating Committee would meet as a Committee of the Whole. He further explained that Governor Murphy J. "Mike" Foster was expected to attend the meeting for a special presentation and asked the Board's permission to alter the agenda to accommodate the Governor's schedule.

Chairman Coudrain stated that the Board would interview the applicant for the position of Southeastern Louisiana University's President, but the appointment would not be made until the end of the meeting.

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Chairman Coudrain turned the meeting over to Mr. Sibille who presided as Acting Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Nominating Committee of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System met in regular session on Friday, December 7, 2001, in the Auditorium, State Office Building, First Floor, 150 Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman Mr. Sibille at 11:00 a.m. and the following roll call was recorded.

**Present:**

Mr. Winfred Sibille, Acting Chairman  
Mr. Marty Chabert  
Mr. Robert Davidge  
Mr. Carl Shetler  
Mr. Charles Teamer  
Mr. David Wright

**Absent:**

Mrs. Elsie Burkhalter, Chairperson

All other members of the Board were given full voting privileges as members of the Committee.

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**Agenda Item K.1.a.**

Mr. Sibille explained that the order of business for the Nominating Committee was to recommend nominations for the Board's 2002 Officers: Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Parliamentarian.

Mr. Chabert nominated Mr. Gordon Pugh as Chairman of the Board.

On motion of Mr. Chabert, seconded by Mr. Shetler, there being no further nominations, the Committee accepted Mr. Chabert's nomination of **Mr. Gordon Pugh as Chairman** of the Board.

Mr. Chabert nominated Mr. Tex Kilpatrick as Vice Chairman of the Board.

On motion of Mr. Chabert, seconded by Dr. Smith, there being no further nominations, the Committee accepted Mr. Chabert's nomination of **Mr. Tex Kilpatrick as Vice Chairman** of the Board.

Mr. Shetler nominated Mr. Alfred Lippman as Parliamentarian of the Board.

On motion of Mr. Shetler, seconded by Mrs. Suggs, there being no further nominations, the Committee accepted Mr. Shetler's nomination of **Mr. Alfred Lippman as Parliamentarian**.

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Chabert, there being no further business, the Nominating Committee adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Mr. Sibille turned the meeting over to Chairman Coudrain.

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**REPORT OF BOARD CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS**

**Agenda Item K.1.a.-b.**

**REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE  
ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

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

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

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On motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Chabert, the Board voted unanimously to accept the report of the Nominating Committee and approved the year 2002 appointment of **Mr. Gordon Pugh, Chairman; Mr. Tex Kilpatrick; Vice Chairman, and Mr. Alfred Lippman; Parliamentarian.**

**REPORT OF SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA UNIVERSITY  
PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE**

**Agenda Item H.1.  
Report of SLU's Presidential Search Committee**

Chairman Coudrain asked Dr. Falcon, Chairman of the Southeastern Louisiana University Presidential Search Committee, to present the Committee's report.

Dr. Falcon reported that SLU's Presidential Search Committee completed its task and had interviewed seven semifinalists and then selected three finalists. Dr. Falcon further reported that two of the finalists had withdrawn from the search and the remaining candidate was present for interview today. Dr. Falcon suggested that the full Board proceed to interview Dr. Randy Moffett.

Chairman Coudrain invited Dr. Moffett to come forward to be interviewed by the Board.

Dr. Moffett expressed gratitude to the Board for its invitation to be interviewed as the finalist for the position of Southeastern Louisiana University president and thanked the Board for the opportunity to have served as interim president. He further highlighted accomplishments and challenges experienced at the University.

Mr. Davidge asked Dr. Moffett to state his view of the future of the University in five years.

Dr. Moffett stated that he believes the University will increase in size, improve in quality and academic programs, and will develop a strong partnership with the Louisiana Community and Technical Colleges System to recruit better-prepared students and improve retention rates. He also added that the University would have a winning football team/season.

Dr. Clausen expressed that she is honored to have Dr. Moffett as a final candidate for the Presidency and stated that the Hammond community and Southeastern Louisiana University family and friends have stated their support for Dr. Moffett.

Chairman Coudrain also expressed appreciation to Dr. Moffett and stated that he has received favorable recommendations and feels certain that he has the support of the community and his colleagues.

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**REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

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

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

**Agenda Item E.1.**

Approved **Grambling State University's** request to confer the honorary degree, Doctor of Laws, upon Dr. Joseph B. Johnson, third president of the University, at the December 2001 commencement exercises.

**Agenda Item E.2.**

Approved **McNeese State University's** proposal for the Master of Science degree program in Environmental and Chemical Sciences.

**Agenda Item E.3.**

Approved **Southeastern Louisiana University's** request for a non-State fund supported academic/research unit – The Institute for Biodiversity and Interdisciplinary Studies (IBIS).

**REPORT OF THE FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE**

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

On motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Shetler, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Committee to amend its agenda to include three items of other business.

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

**Agenda Item F.1.**

Approved **McNeese State University's** request to demolish the Farm Manager's residence located on McNeese Farm.

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**Agenda Item F.2.**

Approved **Southeastern Louisiana University's** request to accept the donation of Columbia Theatre. The Board further recommended Dr. Randy Moffett, President of Southeastern Louisiana University, is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to accept the donation and that System staff and legal counsel ensure that the donation conforms to statutory and administrative requirements.

**Agenda Item F.3.**

Approved **Southeastern Louisiana University's** request to proceed with Phase III of the University's Residential Facilities Improvement program.

**Agenda Item F.4.**

Approved **University of Louisiana at Lafayette's** request to purchase an office warehouse facility and 2.34 acres of land adjacent to the New Iberia Research Center. The Board further directed that Dr. Ray Authement, President of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, be authorized and designated to execute any and all documents necessary for the acquisition of said property by the University of Louisiana System on behalf of and for the use of the University and that System staff and legal counsel ensure that the donation conforms to statutory and administrative requirements.

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Chairman Coudrain complimented the administration at Southeastern Louisiana University for its accomplishments and for the donation of the Columbia Theatre.

Chairman Sibille presented items of other business for consideration by the Board.

**Agenda Item F.5.a. – Other Business**

On motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Shetler, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities Planning Committee and approved **Nicholls State University's** request to negotiate and enter into a lease with J.B. Levert Land, Inc. involving the Rienzi Plantation house and 7.11 acres of property.

**Agenda Item F.5.b. – Other Business**

On motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mrs. Suggs, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities Planning Committee and approved **University of Louisiana at Lafayette's** request to transfer 37.836 acres of property to the Louisiana Community and Technical Colleges System (LCTCS) for South Louisiana Community College and amend the University's FY 2002-03 Capital Outlay Project Request entitled Computer Science Facility.

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**Agenda Item F.5.c. – Other Business**

On motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Davidge, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities Planning Committee and approved **University of Louisiana at Monroe's** request to negotiate and enter into a lease to house the Medicaid Consulting Services Center located at 1401 Royal, Monroe, Louisiana.

**REPORT OF SYSTEM OFFICE BUSINESS**

**Agenda Item J.2.a.**

**Spirit of Louisiana Fund Raising Project**

Chairman Coudrain explained that the Board will suspend its agenda and committee reports to address *The Spirit of Louisiana* fund raising project “Buck\$ for Fire Truck\$” agenda item.

Dr. Clausen introduced Governor Murphy J. “Mike” Foster and State Representative Hunt Downer. She further explained *The Spirit of Louisiana* fund raising “Buck\$ for Fire Truck\$” campaign.

Governor Foster thanked the Board for the invitation to join the meeting and detailed the fund raising efforts for *The Spirit of Louisiana* fire truck that would be purchased from private funds, including those raised by the UL System. Governor Foster further thanked the citizens of Louisiana for their support of the “Buck\$ for Fire Truck\$” campaign. Representative Downer explained the construction of the fire truck.

Dr. Clausen invited university delegations, led by the Student Government Association Presidents, to present the funds they raised to the Governor. In addition to the following totals as reported by the universities through their SGA presidents, the University of Louisiana System Staff also contributed \$415:

Northwestern State University	SGA President Rusty Broussard	\$ 760.36
Louisiana Tech University	SGA President Ryan Kilpatrick	\$ 4,329.59
Grambling State University	SGA President Marlon Joseph	\$ 4,500.00
Nicholls State University	SGA President Brent Callais	\$ 7,201.00
McNeese State University	SGA President Jody Redlich	\$ 8,000.00
University of Louisiana at Monroe	SGA President Michael Gray	\$ 9,000.00
Southeastern Louisiana University	SGA President Kalen Miller	\$12,112.00
University of Louisiana at Lafayette	SGA President Steve Johnson	\$15,547.18

Governor Foster thanked the Board, students, and members of the University of Louisiana System for their commitment, support and contributions.

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Representative Hunt Downer also expressed appreciation to members of the Board of Supervisors and members of the University of Louisiana System. He stated that the funds collected put the overall fundraising drive over the top of the \$500,000 needed to buy *The Spirit of Louisiana* fire truck. He further stated that all funds collected over the necessary amount for the initial fire truck would be used for equipment or for a second fire truck or support vehicle.

Mr. Coudrain expressed appreciation to System universities and the System staff for their successful efforts demonstrated during the “Buck\$ for Fire Truck\$” campaign.

Dr. Clausen also expressed appreciation to the System staff, especially Rusty Jabour, Dawn Wilson, and Jackie Eiswirth; and University Presidents; Student Government Presidents; and the universities’ students and staff for their commitment and support of the “Buck\$ for Fire Truck\$” campaign.

**REPORT OF JOINT ATHLETIC AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Shetler, Chair of the Athletic Committee, presented the Joint Athletic and Finance Committee’s report.

On motion of Mr. Shetler, seconded by Mr. Woods, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Committee to amend its agenda to include three items of other business.

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

**Agenda Item G.1.**

Approved **Northwestern State University’s** request of special promotional programs for men’s and women’s basketball games.

**Agenda Item G.2.**

Approved **Northwestern State University’s** contract with Barnes & Noble College Bookstores, Inc.

**Agenda Item G.3.**

Approved **University of Louisiana at Monroe’s** Student Activity Center assessment effective Spring 2002.



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**Agenda Item G.4.a.-c. – Other Business**

On motion by Mr. Shetler, seconded by Mr. Kilpatrick, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Joint Athletic and Finance Committee and took the following action.

Approved Board **RULES** revision: Chapter IV. Finance and Business. Section IV. Student Resident Regulations. C. Determination of Status. (*See Attachment*)

Received Legislative Audit Reports for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001 from Northwestern State University, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, and the University of Louisiana at Monroe.

Received an Energy Surcharge status report from System staff and adopted recommendations to modify the energy surcharges for System universities effective in the Spring 2002 semester.

Chairman Coudrain asked the System staff to review out-sourcing contracts for the purpose of identifying opportunities to negotiate more favorable terms for our campuses due to the System's collective purchasing power; and to present findings and recommendations to the Finance Committee. He referenced contracts such as the Northwestern State University contract with Barnes and Noble as an example.

Chairman Coudrain reported that UL – Lafayette and Northwestern State University received legislative audits with unqualified opinions and no reportable findings. Chairman Coudrain congratulated the administration and staff at both universities for their accomplishments. He also announced that, while the UL – Monroe report included reportable findings, it represented a significant reduction from the last audit, and noted that progress had been made on the campus.

Chairman Coudrain introduced Dr. Dan Kyle, Louisiana Legislative Auditor, who addressed the Board regarding Government Accounting Standard Board (GASB), the governing body that sets accounting principles to be used by State government.

Dr. Kyle explained that changes to **GASB 34** entitled "Basic Financial Statements and Management Discussion and Analyses for State and Local Government" were amended by GASB 35, relating to State colleges and universities, for reporting standards that will take effect in fiscal year 2002. He further explained that these changes would impact each university system, including the University of Louisiana System. He explained changes to accounting and financial statements and cash flow statements of the State's Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports (CAFR), which includes the State's colleges and universities financial reports. He further cautioned the Board that the magnitude of these required reporting changes could result in the largest number of "qualified audit opinions" ever issued by the Office of the Legislative Auditor.

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Members of the Board asked questions regarding these changes. Chairman Coudrain urged System universities to prepare their staffs, attend necessary meetings, and to comply with the GASB 34-35 changes to take effect in 2002 as an effort to avoid legislative audit findings.

Dr. Clausen introduced Mr. Joseph Thomas, Vice President and Comptroller for Financial Services at Louisiana Tech University, who shared some campus perspectives and specific concerns related to the reporting changes.

Chairman Coudrain also stated that the Finance Committee noted that recent legislation authorized management boards to approve increases in tuition and mandatory attendance fees up to 3%, effective January 2002. He reminded university personnel to submit requested changes to current attendance fees to the System office, so the staff could prepare comparative data and present a recommendation to the Finance Committee at its January meeting.

Chairman Coudrain stated that continued recommendations from the Southeastern Louisiana Presidential Search would be made at the end of the meeting.

**REPORT OF UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT MONROE  
PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE**

**Agenda Item I.1.  
Report of ULM's Presidential Search Committee**

Dr. Clausen presented the report of ULM's Presidential Search Committee. Dr. Clausen reported that the Search Committee received 47 applicants who represented 26 states. The Search Committee met on November 27 and selected nine (9) semifinalists. The Committee later met and interviewed five (5) of the nine semifinalists. The Search Committee will interview the remaining four applicants at its December 12 meeting. The Search Committee discovered several issues that required special attention. These issues revealed that several applicants were involved in multiple searches and four applicants will not be available in January, when the vacancy becomes available. The compensation package may need to be addressed because it has been discovered that one semifinalist's current compensation package is higher than the compensation being offered for this position.

Dr. Clausen also asked Mr. Dave Nicklas, System staff, and Mr. Donnie Vandal, Board of Regents staff, to report on national and regional comparative presidential compensation data that was prepared in conjunction with the College and Universities Personnel Association annual survey and the Southern Regional Education Board. Mr. Nicklas explained that review of the latest data indicated that, on average, our University presidents are paid 24% less than their respective Southern Region counterparts. He further explained that, while average faculty salaries in our System are within 7.5% of their respective counterparts, average administrative salaries lag their SREB counterparts by some 18%.

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Mr. Vandal stated that he concurred with the data presented and said they follow the Board of Regents methodology for establishing appropriate administrative salary targets throughout the State.

Dr. Clausen stated that in view of the information presented and the established need to address the presidential appointment for UL – Monroe, she asked the Board's support and permission to consider a Special Board meeting on December 20, 2001 for the following purposes:

- a. to discuss the basic transition time between the hiring of a president for the University of Louisiana at Monroe, and the time that a candidate can report for duty
- b. to finalize the selection of a person to be named as president
- c. to discuss the presidential compensation package at the University of Louisiana at Monroe

Chairman Coudrain also asked that the Board direct the System staff to consider any other business that may be required of the Board.

On motion of Mr. Pugh, seconded by Mrs. Suggs, the Board voted unanimously to schedule a **Special Meeting of the Board on December 20, 2001** at 9:30 a.m. to discuss the University of Louisiana at Monroe's presidential search concerns listed by Dr. Clausen, as well as System universities presidents' compensation packages, and any other items of business requiring action.

Mr. Teamer requested that materials for consideration be received as soon as possible. Dr. Clausen explained that a video of the Search Committee interviews and copies of articles reflecting coverage of material on the finalists' search would be provided for Board information and consideration.

**REPORT OF SYSTEM OFFICE BUSINESS CONTINUED**

**Agenda Item J.2.b. – Other Business  
System President's Report**

The following announcements were made for Board consideration or information:

1. Dr. Clausen introduced Mr. Eric Hellstern and Ms. Susan Mills from the New York Times, who discussed the partnership being discussed between the University of Louisiana System universities and the New York Times that will result in student internships and Times series based on campuses.

**Agenda Item J.1.**

On motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Wright, the Board voted unanimously to approve **personnel actions** as submitted by System universities.

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2. Dr. Clausen announced that the System staff is planning a Board retreat on Friday afternoon, January 11 to consider revision of Board RULES.
3. Dr. Clausen introduced Ms. Brooke Hebert, the System office Intern who is a participant of the Women and Government program at Nicholls State University.

**REPORT OF BOARD CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS CONTINUED**

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

The following announcements were made for Board consideration or information:

1. Chairman Coudrain thanked each Board member who has served as a Board of Regents liaison committee member and asked those Board members that attended the Board of Regents committee meetings to make a committee report.  
  
Mr. Sibille stated that he attended the Board of Regents Finance Committee where the item pertaining to utility rates and energy surcharges was discussed and a report made earlier.
2. Chairman Coudrain announced that Nicholls State University President Donald Ayo received the Louisiana Industrial Development Executive Association Award for 2001 Volunteer of the Year and was recognized for returning the New Orleans Saints Training Camp to Louisiana. He further noted that the New Orleans Saints Training Camp makes a \$2 million impact on Louisiana's economy.
3. Chairman Coudrain also announced that Dr. Clausen will participate as a 2002 Olympic Torch Runner in Baton Rouge on Perkins Road and members are invited to attend the run. Dr. Clausen invited everyone to attend this event. She expressed appreciation to Ross Downing Chevrolet for sponsoring her as a participant in the 2002 Olympic Torch Run.
4. Chairman Coudrain congratulated Grambling State University on winning the Bayou Classic and the SWAC Championship and announced that the University was rated seventh in Division 1AA Football.
5. Chairman Coudrain also congratulated Louisiana Tech University Bulldogs for its selection to participate in the Western Athletic Conference in Crucial Dot.Com Humanitarian Bowl on December 31, 2001 against Clemson University. This event will be televised on ESPN.
6. Chairman Coudrain also announced and congratulated McNeese State University and Northwestern State University as participants in the 1AA playoffs.

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**REPORT OF THE SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA UNIVERSITY  
PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE CONTINUED**

**Agenda Item H.1. Continued**

Chairman Coudrain asked Dr. Falcon to continue his report of the SLU's Presidential Search Committee.

Dr. Falcon thanked the members of the Committee: Mrs. Burkhalter, Mr. Coudrain, Mr. Gray, Mr. Pugh, Dr. Smith, Mrs. Suggs, and Dr. Matthew Rossano, SLU Faculty Senate, as well as advisory members: Mrs. Donna Contois (BESE), and Superintendent Cecil Picard (DOE).

Dr. Falcon reported that the Committee met on October 25 and interviewed six semifinalists and recommended three semifinalists. He further explained that two of the three finalists withdrew and the Board interviewed the final candidate, Dr. Randy Moffett. Dr. Falcon suggested that Dr. Clausen make the final recommendation for President of Southeastern Louisiana University.

Dr. Clausen recommended Dr. Randy Moffett as the next President of Southeastern Louisiana University and further recommended that his salary remain at the existing salary with the understanding that adjustments could be made following further studies by the System staff. She further requested that Dr. Moffett be entitled to standard fringe benefits for retirement and insurance, University housing and related expenses, customary provisions for an automobile, other appropriate expenses as needed, and all reasonable and appropriate moving expenses. She also requested that she be allowed to review salaries of all System University presidents.

Mr. Pugh congratulated Dr. Moffett and stated that he has great respect for Dr. Clausen's recommendation and stated that he concurred that Dr. Moffett was the best-qualified candidate for the Presidency of Southeastern Louisiana University.

On motion of Mr. Pugh, unanimously seconded, the Board voted to accept Dr. Clausen's recommendation and approved the appointment of **Dr. Randy Moffett as the next President of Southeastern Louisiana University** at the current salary, with all the retirement and insurance, and fringe benefits recommended by Dr. Clausen.

Chairman Coudrain congratulated Dr. Moffett for his appointment as president.

Dr. Moffett thanked members of the Board for their approval, and Dr. Clausen and the University of Louisiana System staff for their support and for the confidence placed in him. He also stated that he was honored to accept the position. He introduced his family: wife, Barbara, children, Julie and Melissa, both graduates of Louisiana Tech University, and son, Jeffery, an SLU graduate, and daughter-in-law, Jennifer.

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**Agenda Item K.1.c.**

On motion of Mr. Pugh, seconded by Mrs. Suggs, the Board voted unanimously to approve the **2002 Schedule of Board Meetings**.

Mr. Pugh, on behalf of the Board, the System staff and System University administration and students, thanked Mr. Coudrain for his dedication and valued work as Chairman of the Board.

On motion of Mr. Gray, seconded by Dr. Smith, the Board, by unanimous vote, directed the System staff to prepare a Resolution of congratulations for Mr. Coudrain on behalf of the Board, students, and staff.

Chairman Coudrain thanked the Board, the Governor and the System staff for their support during his tenure as Chairman.

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On motion of Mr. Shetler, unanimously seconded, there being no further business, the Board adjourned at 12:55 p.m.