

MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM

March 23, 2001
Lake Charles, LA

The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System met in regular session on Friday, March 23, 2001, in the Juliet Hardtner Hall – College of Nursing Auditorium, McNeese State University, Lake Charles, 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
Mr. Robert C. Davidge
Mr. W. David Gunn
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
Dr. Charles Teamer, Sr.
Mr. David Wright

ABSENT:

Mrs. Elsie P. Burkhalter
Mr. Marty Chabert
Mrs. Carroll W. Suggs
Mr. Michael H. Woods

Chairman Coudrain stated that Mrs. Burkhalter, Mr. Chabert, Mrs. Suggs and Mr. Woods were granted excused absences.

Agenda Item D.

On motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Wright, the Board unanimously voted to approve the **February 23, 2001 minutes.**

Agenda Item E.

Chairman Coudrain called upon Mrs. Linda Clark, Notary Public, to administer the Oath of Office to **Mr. Gordon Pugh**, who was **reappointed** as the **6th District** representative to the Board.

Chairman Coudrain, on behalf of the Board and the University of Louisiana System staff, congratulated Mr. Pugh on his reappointment.

Mr. Pugh expressed appreciation to Governor Foster and members of the Board and reaffirmed his commitment to serve the students and the System.

President Robert Hebert welcomed the members of the Board and the System staff to McNeese campus and introduced key personnel who assisted with the hosting of the meeting. President Hebert narrated a presentation highlighting the University's Mission, Areas of Excellence and accomplishments experienced during his tenure at McNeese State University. Lake Charles Mayor, Mr. Randy Roach, was introduced by Dr. Hebert. Mayor Roach extended a welcome to the City.

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. Sibille, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee and took the following actions:

Agenda Item F.1.a.

Approved **Grambling State University's** proposal to offer a Nurse Educator option in the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree program.

Agenda Item F.1.b.

Approved **Southeastern Louisiana University's** Letter of Intent for a Bachelor of Science degree program in Health Education and Promotion.

Agenda Item F.2.

Approved **McNeese State University's** request to offer the existing Master of Education degree program in Administration and Supervision through distance learning technologies.

Agenda Item F.3.

Approved **Nicholls State University's** request to revise selective admissions criteria for 2001.

Agenda Item F.4.

Approved **Northwestern State University's** request to award the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree to Mrs. Virginia K. Shehee at the Spring Commencement, May 4, 2001.

Agenda Item F.5.

Approved **University of Louisiana at Monroe's** request to combine two departments within the College of Pure and Applied Sciences.

Agenda Item F.6.

Approved **University of Louisiana at Monroe's** request to terminate the Bachelor of Arts in Legal Studies degree program.

Agenda Item F.7.a.-c. – Other Business

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

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

- a. Approved the **University of Louisiana at Monroe's** request to consolidate three separate baccalaureate degree programs in the Department of Mass Communications into one program.
- b. Approved the **University of Louisiana at Monroe's** request to confer the honorary Doctor of Humanities degree to Mr. Samuel Timothy McGraw at the Spring Commencement.
- c. Received the report relative to the Student Advisory Council given by Mr. David Gunn, Student Board Member.

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

Agenda Item G.1.

Approved **Louisiana Tech University's** request to transfer ownership of Corney Lake Forestry Camp facilities to the Claiborne Parish Police Jury.

Agenda Item G.2.

Approved **Northwestern State University's** request to thin and sell timber on the 136 acres of forested land at the Leesville/Fort Polk Campus.

Agenda Item G.3.

Approved **Northwestern State University's** request to renew the Sublease with England Economic and Industrial Development District for Building 3506 for use as the Alexandria Child Development Center.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

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

Agenda Item H.1.

Approved **Grambling State University's** referenda for the following student self-assessed fees:

- a. Cheerleaders
- b. Yearbook
- c. Centennial Campaign

Agenda Item H.2.

Approved **Louisiana Tech University's** request to establish the following LEQSF (8g) Endowed Professorships:

- a. James R. Mays Professorship in Education
- b. T. W. Ray Johnson Professorship in Chemistry

Agenda Item H.3.

Approved **McNeese State University's** Resolution for Auxiliary Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2001, not to exceed \$3,500,000.

Agenda Item H.4.

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

Agenda Item H.5.

Approved **University of Louisiana System's** distribution of performance based funding allocations to System Universities and authorized each institution to transfer these funds into internally restricted accounts.

Agenda Item H.6.

Approved **University of Louisiana System's** Foundation Policy and Procedures Memorandum.

Agenda Item H.7.

Approved Board **RULES** addition to CHAPTER IV. FINANCE AND BUSINESS. Section V. Student Fees. K. Self-Assessed Fees. 4. Student Technology Fees. (*See Attachment*)

Agenda Item H.8.

Received status of fiscal operations, audit, and other financial information for the following Universities:

- a. **Grambling State University**
- b. **University of Louisiana at Monroe**

Mr. Kilpatrick reported that the addition of the two professorships approved today increases Louisiana Tech University's total to 89 professorships and nine Chairs, and also accounts for a total of over \$17.9 million.

Mr. Coudrain congratulated Louisiana Tech University on its accomplishments in recruiting LEQSF Endowed Professorships and Chairs.

REPORT OF THE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

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

The Committee received updated reports on the 2001 Louisiana Legislative Special Session and the upcoming Legislative Regular Session.

REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

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

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

Agenda Item J.1.

Approved **Nicholls State University's** request to appoint Dr. Eugene Dial as Vice President of Student Affairs effective July 1, 2001.

President Donald Ayo introduced Dr. Dial, the newly appointed Vice President of Student Affairs, and his wife, Mrs. Brenda Dial.

Dr. Dial thanked the Board members and President Ayo for their vote of confidence and approval of his appointment.

Agenda Item J.2. – Other Business

On motion of Mr. Shetler, seconded by Dr. Smith, the Committee voted to amend the agenda to include the following item of other business:

On motion of Mr. Shetler, seconded by Mr. Pugh, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Personnel Committee's request to proceed with formal **evaluations** of the following University Presidents:

- a. Dr. Dan Reneau
- b. Dr. Robert Hebert
- c. Dr. Randall Webb

Mr. Coudrain explained that approval of this motion initiates the evaluation process and asked that the System office staff inform the Board on the evaluation process.

REPORT OF SYSTEM OFFICE BUSINESS

Agenda Item K.1.

On motion of Dr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Shetler, the Board approved the Personnel Actions as submitted by System Universities.

Agenda Item K.2. System President's Report

The following announcements were made for Board consideration or information:

1. Mr. Jindal noted that the Board of Regents, at its March 22nd meeting, approved the Master Plan for Postsecondary Education, 2001. He also stated that copies will be provided to Board members and University presidents.
2. Mr. Jindal announced that this is the last Board meeting he will be attending as System President. He stated that it has been a privilege for him to have had the opportunity to serve higher education, and he thanked the Board members for their service to the Universities and the System office. He further stated that he will begin the Senate confirmation process in Washington D.C. as the next step, but he will continue to work with the staff in spite of his frequent travels.
3. Mr. Jindal also highlighted accountability emphases experienced at System universities, particularly in enrollments, retention rates, graduation rates, and reductions in remedial education courses. He also noted increases in accreditation rates, and research and development grants.
4. Mr. Jindal stated that he is excited about System universities' involvement with the K-12 system.
5. Mr. Jindal noted that the United States Census documented an increase in the adult population who have college degrees and indicated the challenges System universities face in their efforts to compete with the national rate of 24%.

6. Mr. Jindal thanked the University Presidents, administration, and staff and stated that he will continue his visits to each campus. He also thanked the University of Louisiana System staff for the incredible job they do as the smallest administrative staff in the State.

REPORT OF BOARD CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

Agenda Item L.1. &2. Board Chairman's Report

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

1. Mr. Coudrain, on behalf of the Board, presented a resolution to Mr. Herman Gesser.

Mr. Gesser thanked the Board and stated that it was an honor for him to serve as a member of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System.

2. Mr. Coudrain explained that in view of Mr. Jindal's resignation and in consideration of the time limitations involved in the remainder of his term, the following recommendations were offered as guidelines for the System President Search Process:

Mr. Coudrain stated that the System Office should extend an invitation to university presidents, noting April 6 as a deadline for receiving applications, to determine if any University presidents or campus personnel may be interested in the position.

On motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Dr. Smith, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of Chairman Coudrain and extend an invitation, noting the April 6 deadline, to university presidents or campus personnel to apply for the position of **University of Louisiana System President**.

3. Chairman Coudrain asked members of the Board who attended the Board of Regents committee meetings to report any System information to the Board.

- a. Mr. Sibille asked Dr. Falcon to report the action approved by the Academic and Student Affairs Committee.

Dr. Falcon explained that the Board of Regents Academic and Student Affairs Committee approved two program name changes from **Louisiana Tech University** and **Northwestern State University**.

- b. Mr. Sibille asked that Mr. Douglas Lee report the findings of the Facilities Planning committee.

Mr. Lee explained that the Board of Regents Facilities Planning Committee approved a small Capital Project and three Capital Outlay Amendments for **McNeese State University, Southeastern Louisiana University** and the **University of Louisiana at Lafayette**.

4. Chairman Coudrain explained that a copy of the resolution submitted to Governor Mike Foster for the K-16 Education initiatives was in each Board member's folder.
5. Chairman Coudrain directed the System staff to write a letter of thanks to Mr. Musick for copies of the SREB Initiatives.
6. Chairman Coudrain also thanked Mr. Jindal and the System staff for the University of Louisiana System Fact Book that highlights System universities' trends.
7. Chairman Coudrain explained that the Louisiana Summit will be held on Sunday afternoon and on Monday. All Board members and university presidents with their top administrators were invited to attend.

Chairman Coudrain expressed his appreciation to Dr. Hebert for the sincere hospitality extended to everyone during the past two days.

President Hebert thanked his administration and staff for their assistance in hosting the meeting and expressed appreciation to the Board for conducting its March meeting on the campus of McNeese State University.

On motion of Dr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Sibille, the Board unanimously voted to present a resolution to Mr. Bobby Jindal for his service as the University of Louisiana System President.

Chairman Coudrain also congratulated the Louisiana Tech University Lady Techsters for their accomplishments in the NCAA East Regional playoffs and announced that they are scheduled to play at 11:30 a.m. tomorrow, March 24, 2001 on ESPN. Chairman Coudrain also announced that President Reneau was absent from the meeting because he was traveling to attend the playoffs.

Chairman Coudrain also announced that Northwestern State University Men's Basketball team won the Southland Conference Championship.

On motion of Mr. Gunn, seconded by Mr. Long, the Board voted unanimously to direct the System staff to prepare resolutions to be presented to Northwestern State University Men's Basketball team, coaching staff, and Coach Mike McConathy; and to Louisiana Tech University Lady Techsters, coaching staff, and Coach Leon Barmore; congratulating NSU for an outstanding season that culminated in the NCAA Division I Basketball playoffs, and LTU for an outstanding season that culminated in NCAA Tournament East Regional Finals.

Chairman Coudrain also announced that Southeastern Louisiana University's President, Dr. Clausen, was absent from the meeting. She was selected as one of New Orleans' City Business Women of the Year 2001 by *City Business Magazine* and was receiving her award today.

On motion of Dr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Sibille, there being no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

