

MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM

April 27, 2001
Baton Rouge, LA

The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System met in regular session on Friday, April 27, 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 Mrs. Burkhalter. The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT:

Mr. Andre G. Coudrain, Chairman
Mrs. Elsie P. Burkhalter
Mr. Marty Chabert
Mr. Robert C. Davidge
Mr. W. David Gunn
Mr. Tex R. Kilpatrick
Mr. Alfred S. Lippman
Mr. Jimmy Long, Sr.
Mr. Carl Shetler
Mr. Winfred F. Sibille
Mrs. Carroll W. Suggs
Dr. Charles Teamer, Sr.
Mr. David Wright

ABSENT:

Mr. Gordon A. Pugh
Dr. Eunice Wicker Smith
Mr. Michael H. Woods

Chairman Coudrain stated that Mr. Pugh, Dr. Smith, and Mr. Woods were granted excused absences.

Agenda Item D.

On motion of Mr. Shetler, seconded by Mrs. Suggs, the Board unanimously voted to approve the **March 23, 2001 minutes** amended to correct wording and numbering of Agenda Item H.5 to read "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."

On motion of Mr. Shetler, seconded by Mrs. Suggs, the Board unanimously voted to approve the **April 10, 2001 minutes.**

REPORT OF THE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Wright, Vice Chair of the Grievance Committee, presented the Committee's report.

Agenda Item E.1.

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mrs. Suggs, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Grievance Committee and affirmed the decision of Nicholls State University and denied a hearing to Mrs. Patricia S. Tillotson, 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. Shetler, 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.&b.

Approved **Louisiana Tech University's** request to terminate the following degree programs:

- a. Associate of Science degree in Business Technology, and
- b. Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration – Business Analysis.

Agenda Item F.2.

Approved **Nicholls State University's** request to consolidate the Departments of Health and Physical Education and Teacher Education into one Department of Teacher Education.

Agenda Item F.3.

Approved **University of Louisiana at Monroe's** letter of intent for a Bachelor of Health Sciences (B.H.S.) degree program in Health Sciences.

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

Agenda Item G.1.

Approved, subject to concurrence of the Finance Committee, **Louisiana Tech University's** request to enter into a Tax-Exempt Lease Agreement to finance the Self-generating portion of the La Tech Steam Generation Capital Outlay project.

Agenda Item G.2.

Approved, subject to concurrence of the Finance Committee, **Southeastern Louisiana University's** request to enter into an Energy Services Agreement and a Lease Agreement with Sempra Energy Services Company.

Agenda Item G.3. – Other Business

Committee Chairman, Mr. Sibille, reported that the Committee received an update on the **University of Louisiana at Monroe's** District Cooling project.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

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

Agenda Item H.1.

Received and adopted the following Financial and Compliance Questionnaires:

- a. **Grambling State University**
- b. **Louisiana Tech University**

Agenda Item H.2.

Approved, in concurrence with the Facilities Planning Committee, **Louisiana Tech University's** request to enter into a Tax-Exempt Lease Agreement to finance the Self-generating portion of the La Tech Steam Generation Capital Outlay project.

Agenda Item H.3.

Approved **Nicholls State University's** Resolution for the redemption of housing bonds issued in 1964, 1966 and 1967; and the prepayment of reimbursement contracts issued in 1985 and 1986.

Agenda Item H.4.

Received and adopted **Northwestern State University's** Financial and Compliance Questionnaire.

Agenda Item H.5.

Approved, in concurrence with the Facilities Planning Committee, **Southeastern Louisiana University's** request to enter into an Energy Services Agreement and a Lease Agreement with Sempra Energy Services Company.

Agenda Item H.6.

Received the staff report and discussed the Fiscal Year 2001 Third Quarter Interim Financial Reports and ongoing assurances from System universities.

Agenda Item H.7.

Deferred discussion of litigation on the following:

- a. **Nicholls State University** – Wallace Bookstore bankruptcy
- b. **Northwestern State University** – Wallace Bookstore bankruptcy

REPORT OF THE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

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

Agenda Item I.1.

Mr. Long reported that the Committee received the staff report on updates on 2001 Regular Louisiana Legislative Session.

REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

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

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

Agenda Item J.1.

Approved **McNeese State University's** request to appoint Dr. Ray Miles as Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, effective July 1, 2001.

Agenda Item J.2.

Approved **Nicholls State University's** request to appoint Mr. Robert Harrington as Dean of the Chef John Folse Culinary Institute, effective July 1, 2001.

Agenda Item J.3.

Approved **University of Louisiana at Lafayette's** request to appoint Dr. Duane D. Blumberg as Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies, effective July 1, 2001.

Agenda Item J.4. – Other Business

On motion of Mr. Shetler, seconded by Mrs. Suggs, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Personnel Committee to amend its agenda to include an item of other business as submitted by McNeese State University.

On motion of Mr. Shetler, seconded by Mrs. Suggs, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Personnel Committee and approved **McNeese State University's** request to appoint Dr. Jeanne Daboval as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, effective July 1, 2001.

McNeese President Hebert introduced Dr. Ray Miles as the newly appointed Dean of the College of Liberal Arts. Dr. Miles thanked President Hebert and the Board for approving his appointment as Dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

UL Lafayette President Authement introduced Dr. Duane Blumberg as the newly appointed Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies. Dr. Blumberg thanked President Authement and the Board for approving his appointment as Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies.

President Hebert introduced Dr. Jeanne Daboval as the newly appointed Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. Dr. Daboval thanked President Hebert and the Board for approving her appointment as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Chairman Coudrain explained that President Ayo will introduce Mr. Robert Harrington at a future meeting of the Board.

REPORT OF SYSTEM OFFICE BUSINESS

Agenda Item K.1.

On motion of Mr. Shetler, seconded by Mr. Kilpatrick, the Board unanimously approved personnel actions, as amended, and Summer School Appointments as submitted by System Institutions.

Agenda Item K.2. System President's Report

The following announcements were made for Board consideration or information:

1. Dr. Falcon noted Board folders include information on first-time pass rates of students on the Praxis, the exam used for teacher certification in the State of Louisiana. He further noted that this data documents that the University of Louisiana System is the major provider of certified teachers in the State of Louisiana with 61% of Louisiana's students passing the exam (first-time attempts) being from within the System. This data will be utilized when working with the Pre K – 16 councils and to improve the quality of teacher education programs.
2. Dr. Falcon announced that the second item in the Board folders is the Board of Regents support funds summary of awards by categories as submitted to System universities. He also noted that System universities received 81 awards totaling over \$7.989 million.
3. Dr. Falcon announced that, according to his latest information, 116 companies had registered 283 jobs on-line with the University of Louisiana System Virtual Job Fair, which is being conducted on the Internet from April 17 – May 28. This job fair provides an electronic link for university student seniors to job vacancies throughout Louisiana. He also announced that there had been 355 visits to the website and 206 résumés have been submitted to companies electronically.
4. Dr. Falcon also announced that several television stations throughout the State are marketing the University of Louisiana System public service announcement.

5. Dr. Falcon also recognized the following interns who participated in the Center for Women and Government program at Nicholls State University:

Ms. Anne Crochet – Acadiana Delegation and Women’s Caucus Intern

Ms. Karen Malbrough – University of Louisiana System

Also in the audience was a former intern, Mr. Roger Hamilton, Spring 1997, University of Louisiana System – Graduating Senior at LSU Law School

Not present was Ms. Nora Stevens – Republican and Jefferson Delegations Intern

Dr. Falcon announced that Ms. Felicia Harry is the Director of the Center.

6. A schedule of ULS Universities’ 2001 Commencement Dates was included in the Board folders and Dr. Falcon noted that Board members planning to attend a commencement ceremony should contact the University President for assistance.
7. Dr. Falcon reminded members that press releases highlighting information regarding the System Office and System Universities have been distributed.
8. Dr. Falcon announced that Mrs. Dawn Wilson and Mr. Rusty Jabour would be visiting each campus to meet with Directors of Enrollment Services and Campus recruiters to deliver copies of the University of Louisiana System 2001 Edition of *Success with ULS*.
9. Dr. Falcon also announced that this week is Administrative Professionals’ Week, and the System Office recognized the following employees:

Elsie Perrero – Administrative Secretary

Ruth Gauthier – Staff Assistant

Carol Slight – Executive Secretary

Marion Gilkes – Board Recorder and Supervisor of Records

Janet Buchert – Executive Assistant

REPORT OF BOARD CHAIRMAN’S BUSINESS

Agenda Item L.1.

Board Chairman’s Report

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

1. Mr. Coudrain announced that Mr. Bobby Jindal is not present and will be invited to receive his resolution at a later meeting.

2. Mr. Coudrain, on behalf of the Board, presented a Resolution to **Louisiana Tech University** – Lady Techsters and Basketball Coaches.

Dr. Reneau accepted the Resolution on behalf of Coach Leon Barmore and the team and introduced Assistant Coach Kurt Budke.

Coach Budke thanked the Board on behalf of Coach Barmore and the Lady Techsters.

3. Mr. Coudrain, on behalf of the Board, presented a Resolution to **Northwestern State University** – Demons Basketball Coach and the team. The following coaches and team members were present:

Mr. Mike McConathy – Head Coach
Mr. Dave Simmons – Assistant Coach
Mr. Will Burks – Student
Mr. Josh Hancock – Student
Mr. Chris Tompson – Student

Dr. Burns thanked the Board and introduced Coach McConathy who thanked the Board for the Resolution and expressed appreciation to his team members present and the Demons Basketball Team.

Mr. Long expressed appreciation to Coach McConathy and the team for their contributions to the University and the City of Natchitoches.

4. Mr. Coudrain explained the need (1) to appoint a search committee for Southeastern Louisiana University president position and (2) to consider interim leadership for the University.

Mr. Coudrain appointed the following members to serve on the 2001 Southeastern Louisiana University's Presidential Search Committee:

Mrs. Elsie Burkhalter
Mr. Andre G. Coudrain
Mr. David Gunn
Mr. Gordon A. Pugh
Dr. Eunice Wicker Smith
Mrs. Carroll Suggs
Dr. Carroll Falcon, Acting System President and Committee Chair

Mr. Coudrain also appointed Dr. Matthew Rossano, member of the Faculty Senate at Southeastern Louisiana University selected to serve on the Search Committee.

Chairman Coudrain announced that Mrs. Suggs volunteered to host the Southeastern Louisiana University Presidential Search Committee meeting in New Orleans.

Chairman Coudrain requested that the Search Committee meet prior to the next meeting of the Board and present a report of the Search Committee at the Board's June Meeting.

Chairman Coudrain asked Dr. Falcon to make a recommendation for an appointment of an interim President at Southeastern Louisiana University.

Dr. Falcon stated since President Clausen will vacate the President's position on July 1, 2001, he recommends Dr. Michael Randy Moffett, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, be appointed to serve as Interim President of Southeastern Louisiana University beginning July 1, 2001.

On motion of Mrs. Burkhalter, seconded by Mrs. Suggs, the Board voted unanimously to approve the recommendation of Dr. Falcon and appointed Dr. Michael Randy Moffett to serve as **Interim President of Southeastern Louisiana University** effective July 1, 2001 with all the current presidential salary and benefits.

5. Chairman Coudrain explained that Mrs. Allison Kleinpeter, who served as the Board's representative, along with Mr. Sibille, to the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) Commission, has resigned from her position on the Commission.

Chairman Coudrain reported that he has asked Mr. Jimmy Long to serve as the Board's second appointee to the Commission.

On motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Chabert, the Board voted unanimously to approve Chairman Coudrain's recommendation of **Mr. Jimmy Long** as the Board's second representative to serve on the **Louisiana Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) Commission**.

6. Chairman Coudrain recognized Mr. Heath Martin, SGA President for McNeese State University, to make a presentation.

Mr. Martin asked that the **Student Advisory Council** members join him to present a plaque to **Mrs. Dawn Wilson-Muscarello** of the System Staff in appreciation for her guidance to the Student Advisory Council.

Mrs. Muscarello thanked all members of the Student Advisory Council for the special recognition.

Mr. Martin introduced the following members of the 2000-2001 Student Advisory Council:

Mr. David Gunn – Northwestern State University and Student Board Member
Mr. Eric Moses – Grambling State University
Mr. Ryan Kilpatrick – Louisiana Tech University
Mr. Cleve Bankston – Southeastern Louisiana University
Ms. Princess Willis – University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Vice Chair of the Student Advisory Council
Mr. Michael Gray – University of Louisiana at Monroe, Secretary of the Council of Student Body Presidents

Ms. Princess Willis introduced Mr. Steve Johnson, the 2001 – 2002 SGA President at ULL.

Mr. Eric Moses introduced Mr. Marlon Joseph, the 2001 – 2002 SGA President at GSU.

Mr. Martin stated that Mr. Scott Duplantis – Nicholls State University was absent. He also announced that Mr. Kilpatrick (LTU), Mr. Cleve Bankston (SLU), and Mr. Michael Gray (ULM) will serve a second term as SGA Presidents.

Mr. Martin also acknowledged the 2001 – 2002 members of the Student Advisory Council:

Grambling State University - Mr. Marlon Joseph
Louisiana Tech University - Mr. Ryan Kilpatrick (serving a second term)
McNeese State University - Mr. Jody Redlich
Nicholls State University - Mr. Brent Callais
Northwestern State University - Mr. Rusty Broussard (not present)
Southeastern Louisiana University - Mr. Cleve Bankston (serving a second term)
University of Louisiana at Lafayette - Mr. Steve Johnson
University of Louisiana at Monroe - Mr. Michael Gray (serving a second term)

On motion of Mr. Shetler, seconded by Mrs. Suggs, there being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.