

MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM

June 28, 2002
Baton Rouge, LA

The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System met in regular session on Friday, June 28, 2002, in the State Office Building Auditorium, First Floor, 150 Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The meeting was called to order by Board Vice Chair Tex Kilpatrick at 10:50 a.m. and opened with a prayer by Mr. Woods. The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT:

Mr. Tex R. Kilpatrick, Vice Chair
Mr. Andre G. Coudrain
Ms. Jessica Clarke
Mr. Alfred S. Lippman
Mr. Carl Shetler
Mr. Winfred F. Sibille
Dr. Eunice Wicker Smith
Mrs. Carroll W. Suggs
Mr. Charles Teamer, Sr.
Mr. Michael H. Woods
Mr. David Wright

ABSENT:

Mr. Gordon A. Pugh, Chair
Mrs. Elsie P. Burkhalter
Mr. Marty Chabert
Mr. Robert C. Davidge
Mr. Jimmy Long, Sr.

Vice Chair Kilpatrick stated that Chair Pugh, Mrs. Burkhalter, Mr. Chabert, Mr. Davidge, and Mr. Long are all granted excused absences.

Vice Chair Kilpatrick welcomed Ms. Jessica Clarke, the newly elected student member of the Board. He also welcomed her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Jimmy Clarke, and then asked Mr. DeCuir to administer the **Oath of Office to Ms. Clarke**.

Vice Chair Kilpatrick explained that Ms. Clarke will serve on the Academic and Student Affairs, Athletic, Grievance, and Legislation Committees.

Ms. Clarke expressed appreciation to her SGA colleagues for electing her to serve as a member of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System and expressed that she is excited and is looking forward to serving as a member of the Board.

System President, Dr. Clausen, welcomed Ms. Clarke and said that she is an outstanding Student Government Association leader and further stated that Ms. Clarke is a 4.0 student, an outstanding softball player, and represented the System well when Ms. Clarke joined her colleagues and spoke at the Governor's press conference (during the Legislative session).

On motion of Mrs. Suggs, seconded by Mr. Shetler, the Board unanimously voted to approve the **April 26, 2002 Minutes**.

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

Agenda Item F.1.

Approved **Nicholls State University's** Revised Mission Statement.

Agenda Item F.2.

Approved **Northwestern State University's** request to offer the Educational Specialist (Ed.S.) degree program in Educational Leadership and Instruction through distant learning technology.

REPORT OF THE ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

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

On motion of Mr. Shetler, seconded by Mr. Coudrain, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Athletic Committee and amend its agenda to include three items of other business from Southeastern Louisiana University and the University of Louisiana System office.

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

Agenda Item G.1.

Approved **Louisiana Tech University's** revised employment contract agreement for Mr. Keith Richard, Head Men's Basketball Coach, effective July 1, 2002, subject to approval of staff and legal counsel that all documents conform to statutory and administrative requirements.

Agenda Item G.2.

Approved **Northwestern State University's** Complimentary Athletic Ticket Policy and the 2002-2003 athletic ticket package.

Agenda Item G.3.a. – Other Business

Approved **Southeastern Louisiana University's** employment contract of Mr. Hal Mumme as Head Football Coach, effective July 1, 2002, subject to approval of staff and legal counsel that all documents conform to statutory and administrative requirements.

Agenda Item G.3.b. – Other Business

Received the **University of Louisiana System's** report on limited procedures reviews performed by the Legislative Auditor as required by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) for fiscal year ended 06-30-01.

Agenda Item G.3.c. – Other Business

Received the **University of Louisiana System's** report on suggested changes by the Board of Regents to its current policy for state fund usage in athletic programs.

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. Coudrain, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Facilities Planning Committee and amend its agenda to include an item of other business from the University of Louisiana at Monroe.

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 H.1.

Approved **Northwestern State University's** request to sell land to the City of Natchitoches for use as a fire and emergency vehicle substation and to retain proceeds from the sale, subject to approval of the System staff and legal counsel that all documents conform to statutory and administrative requirements and that Dr. Sally Clausen, UL System President, and Northwestern State University President Randall Webb are hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute said land sale.

Agenda Item H.2.

Approved **Southeastern Louisiana University's** Ground Lease Agreement and an Agreement to Lease with Option to Purchase the constructed facilities from University Facilities, Inc. to build a university president's residence, subject to approval of the System staff and legal counsel that all documents conform to statutory and administrative requirements, and that Dr. Sally Clausen, UL System President, is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute said lease agreement.

Agenda Item H.3.

Approved **Southeastern Louisiana University's** request to sell the lot located on the corner of General Pershing and North Dakota Streets with the intention of aiding the construction of a president's residence, subject to approval of the System staff and legal counsel that all documents conform to statutory and administrative requirements and that Dr. Sally Clausen, UL System President, and Southeastern Louisiana University President Randy Moffett, are hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute said land sale.

Agenda Item H.4. – Other Business

Approved the **University of Louisiana at Monroe's** request to enter into a ten-year lease agreement for the University's food service operation and facilities with ARAMARK Education Services, Inc.

Mr. Sibille explained that the Committee also discussed Louisiana Tech University's proposed housing project with Innovative Student Facilities, Inc.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Woods, Chair of the Finance 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 Finance Committee and amend its agenda to include an item of other business from Northwestern State University.

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

Agenda Item I.1.

Approved **Nicholls State University's** request of a student self-assessed fee referendum for a new SGA Recreation Center.

Agenda Item I.2.

Accepted **University of Louisiana at Lafayette's** Fiscal Year 2002 Financial and Compliance Questionnaire.

Agenda Item I.3.

Approved **University of Louisiana at Monroe's** request to award a ten-year lease agreement for food service operations and facilities with ARAMARK Educational Services, Inc., subject to approval of the System staff and legal counsel that all documents conform to statutory and administrative requirements.

Agenda Item I.4.

Approved **University of Louisiana System Universities' Fiscal Year 2002-2003 Internal Audit Plans.**

Agenda Item I.5.

Received Status Reports from the following Universities:

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

Agenda Item I.6. – Other Business

Approved **Northwestern State University's** request to establish the LEQSF Board of Regents Erbon and Marie Wise Endowed Chair.

Mr. Woods informed the Board that the Finance Committee charged the System staff and Mr. Nicklas to review and assess the latest SREB (Southern Regional Education Board) and CUPA (College and University Professional Association for Human Resources) data relating to University Presidents' and System administrators' salaries and to develop a plan of action to be reported at the Board's August meeting. He further explained that this information was discussed in the Presidents' Council. Mr. Woods, on behalf of the Board, expressed appreciation to all University and System staff administrators for their hard work and commitment to the System.

Mr. Woods reported that the **Ad Hoc System-Wide Purchasing Committee**, appointed by Chairman Pugh, conducted a conference call on April 10, 2002 and met on May 28, 2002. He further explained that the Ad Hoc Committee has begun developing recommendations to streamline purchasing procedures and to identify opportunities for cost savings in the acquisition of energy (utilities), operational supplies, and computer hardware and software.

Dr. Clausen also explained that the System staff is responding to the charge directed by the Finance Committee and has begun researching the salary information to be reported at the Board's August meeting.

REPORT OF THE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Sibille, Acting Chair, in the absence of the Committee's Chair and Vice Chair presented the Committee's report.

Agenda Item J.1.

Mr. Sibille reported that the Legislation Committee received reports on the 2002 Legislative Regular Session. Mr. Sibille explained that Mrs. Dee'Layn Cothorn and Mr. Dave Nicklas of the System staff reported on House Bill 1 (Appropriations) and Mr. Douglas Lee of the System staff reported on House Bill 2 (Capital Outlay). Mr. Sibille asked Dr. Clausen to discuss the impact the legislation has on the System.

Dr. Clausen thanked all involved for their support and hard work during the session. She expressed appreciation to Governor Mike Foster and members of the Legislature for their continued commitment to higher education. Dr. Clausen further asked that University Presidents join her, on behalf of the Board, for a presentation of a **Certificate of Appreciation to Dr. E. Joseph Savoie**, Commissioner of Higher Education, for his commitment to and representation of higher education, especially during the 2002 Legislative Regular Session.

Dr. Savoie thanked the Board, Dr. Clausen, and the System staff for their continued team support.

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 Mr. Coudrain, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Personnel Committee and amend its agenda to include three items of other business from McNeese State University.

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

Agenda Item K.1.

Approved **Nicholls State University's** request to appoint Dr. Uric Dufrene as Dean of the College of Business Administration, effective August 1, 2002.

Agenda Item K.2.

Approved **Northwestern State University's** request to change the status of Dr. Anthony Scheffler to Dean of Graduate Studies, Research Information System, Associate Provost and Associate Professor, effective July 1, 2002.

Agenda Item K.3.

Approved **Northwestern State University's** request to appoint Dr. Joel Worley as Dean of the College of Business and Professor, effective July 1, 2002.

Agenda Item K.4.

Approved **Southeastern Louisiana University's** request to appoint Dr. John Crain as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, effective July 1, 2002.

Agenda Item K.5.

Approved **Southeastern Louisiana University's** request to appoint Dr. Al Doucette as Interim Dean for the College of Arts and Sciences, effective July 1, 2002.

Agenda Item K.6.

Approved **University of Louisiana at Lafayette's** request to appoint Dr. Gerald P. Carlson as Dean of the College of Education, effective July 1, 2002.

Agenda Item K.7.

Approved **University of Louisiana at Lafayette's** request to appoint Dr. Bradd E. Clark as Dean of the College of Sciences, effective July 1, 2002.

Agenda Item K.8.

Approved **University of Louisiana at Monroe's** request to appoint Dr. W. Wayne Brumfield as Vice President for Student Affairs, effective July 15, 2002.

Agenda Item K.9.a. – Other Business

Approved **McNeese State University's** request to appoint Dr. Gwendolyn M. Duhon as Interim Vice President of Special Services and Equity, effective July 1 to September 30, 2002.

Agenda Item K.9.b. – Other Business

Approved **McNeese State University's** request to appoint Dr. Lonnie Phelps as Acting Dean of the College of Business, effective August 14, 2002.

Agenda Item K.9.c. – Other Business

Approved **McNeese State University's** request to appoint Dr. Joe E. Savoie as Dean of the College of Education, effective July 1, 2002.

REPORT OF SYSTEM OFFICE BUSINESS

Agenda Item L.1.

On motion of Mr. Shetler, seconded by Mr. Sibille, the Board voted unanimously to approve, as amended, personnel actions and summer school appointments as presented by the System.

**Agenda Item L.2.
System President's Report**

The following announcements were made for Board consideration or information:

1. Dr. Clausen announced that a copy of the SREB publication, "*Goals for Education – Challenge to Lead*," is included in the Board folders. She further explained that the booklet indicates that Louisiana now leads the country in the number of jobs that have been created and explained the twelve goals established for the next fifteen years.

2. Dr. Clausen thanked Mr. Michael Gray, former student member of the Board for his excellent service and welcomed Ms. Jessica Clarke, newly appointed student member of the Board. She then recognized the following members of the Student Advisory Council (SAC) and Student Government Association (SGA) representatives present in the audience:

Mr. Adonis A. Ducre, Grambling State University, and Chair of SAC

Mr. Matthew Clark Napoli, Louisiana Tech University - *absent*

Mr. Mark Steward, McNeese State University, and Vice Chair of SAC

Mr. Alcie Maxwell, Nicholls State University

Ms. Stacie Nicole Cosby, Northwestern State University, and Chair of Louisiana Council of Student Body Presidents

Ms. Angela Michelle Longstreet, Southeastern Louisiana University and Secretary of SAC, represented by SGA Vice President Kalen Miller

Ms. Jessica Lauder Clarke, University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Mr. Charlie R. Cheatham, University of Louisiana at Monroe

Dr. Clausen informed the Board that Ms. Carla Morrison is serving as the Summer 2002 intern for the Women and Government Center program at Nicholls. She also introduced Mr. Roger Hamilton, former intern, and currently an Assistant District Attorney in Iberia-St. Martin-St. Mary Parishes (16th Judicial District).

Dr. Clausen introduced the students currently working in the System office:

Ms. Danielle Walker is an LSU Senior in Political Science who has worked for the System since July 2001.

Ms. Shannon Mitchem is an SLU Senior in Elementary Education who has worked for the System since October 2001.

Ms. Jackie Tisdell has an undergraduate degree in English from Centenary College, is presently attending LSU as a Master's candidate in Public Relations, and serves as President of the LSU Mass Communication Association of Graduate Students. She has worked for the System since January 2001.

3. Dr. Clausen narrated the ULS PowerPoint presentation, highlighting System and Universities' accomplishments, performance indicators, and funding needs, that was shown at the Legislative Reception and will be presented during the year. The presentation also includes a statement from Legislative Auditor Dr. Dan Kyle on the progress of the audit being conducted at Grambling State University. Dr. Clausen thanked Mr. Devin Broome, Ms. Tisdell and Mr. Rusty Jabour for their work on the PowerPoint.

Dr. Clausen also stated that Dr. Kyle gave the Finance Committee a scheduled timeline and update on the status of the financial and compliance audits of Grambling State University for the fiscal years 2000/01 and 2001/02.

REPORT OF BOARD CHAIR'S BUSINESS

Agenda Item M.1. Board Chair's Report

The following announcements were presented for Board consideration or information:

1. Mr. Kilpatrick recognized Mr. Gray and thanked him for the tenure as a member of the Board.

Mr. Gray thanked the Board and stated he valued and enjoyed his learning experiences gained while serving as a Board member.

2. Mr. Kilpatrick explained that the Board of Regents did not conduct Committee meetings prior to (the day before) its monthly Board meeting. He asked Dr. Falcon to give a summary of those items affecting the UL System from the Board of Regents meeting. Dr. Falcon stated that he prepared a summary (distributed to each Board member), which lists action and items presented by the Board of Regents.

Dr. Falcon explained that the Board of Regents gave a recap of the House and Senate resolutions affecting higher education. Regents member Ms. Frances Henry reported that Louisiana has been selected as one of five states to help develop collaborative models for higher education and K-12 education to address President Bush's "*No Child Left Behind, Reading First Initiative.*" Dr. Falcon further presented the results of System universities Redesign Teacher Programs evaluations conducted by external evaluators in May and the Allocation of University-District Sub-grants for Redesign of Teacher Education Programs.

3. Mr. Kilpatrick announced that on July 12 the UL System office will move to 1201 North Third Street, Suite 7-300, Baton Rouge, LA 70802 and will keep the current phone and fax numbers.

On motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Shetler, there being no further business the Board adjourned at 11:52 a.m.