

MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM

March 22, 2002
Baton Rouge, LA

The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System met in regular session on Friday, March 22, 2002, in the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Abdalla Hall – University of Louisiana at Lafayette Research Park, 635 Cajundome Boulevard, Lafayette, Louisiana.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gordon Pugh at 12:00 noon and opened with a prayer by Mr. Woods. The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT:

Mr. Gordon A. Pugh, Chairman
Mr. Marty Chabert
Mr. Robert C. Davidge
Mr. Michael Gray
Mr. Tex R. Kilpatrick
Mr. Alfred S. Lippman
Mr. Jimmy Long, Sr.
Mr. Carl Shetler
Mr. Winfred F. Sibille
Mr. Michael H. Woods
Mr. David Wright

ABSENT:

Mrs. Elsie P. Burkhalter
Mr. Andre G. Coudrain
Dr. Eunice Wicker Smith
Mrs. Carroll W. Suggs
Mr. Charles Teamer, Sr.

Chairman Pugh expressed appreciation to the administration and staff of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette for their hospitality. He stated that the absences of Mrs. Burkhalter, Mr. Coudrain, Dr. Smith, Mrs. Suggs, and Mr. Teamer were excused.

Chairman Pugh recognized President Authement, who narrated a PowerPoint presentation highlighting world-class university accomplishments including contributions to the Lafayette community, new research proposals, and new facilities (Research Centers, Convention Center and the University hotel) at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

Chairman Pugh and System President Dr. Clausen thanked President Authement and his administration and staff for their hospitality.

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On motion of Mr. Lippman, seconded by Mr. Shetler, the Board unanimously voted to approve the **March 1, 2002 Minutes**.

REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Mr. Lippman, Appointed Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee in the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, presented the Committee's report.

On motion of Mr. Lippman, 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 **Louisiana Tech University's** request to terminate the B.S. degree program in Management-Production Operations Management.

Agenda Item E.2.

Approved **Louisiana Tech University's** request to establish the Center for Applied Teaching and Learning to Yield Scientific Thinking (CATALyST) for math and science education.

REPORT OF THE ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

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

Agenda Item F.1.

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Shetler, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Athletic Committee and approved **Grambling State University's** amended employment contract for Mr. Douglas Williams, Head Football Coach, effective July 1, 2002. The Board further directed that System staff and legal counsel ensure that all documents conform to statutory and administrative requirements.

Agenda Item F.2.

Mr. Shetler reported that the Committee received the **University of Louisiana System's** Report of NCAA requirements for Division I-A football game attendance as presented by Mr. Richard Thompson of the System Staff and no action was required by the Board.

Agenda Item F.3. – Other Business

On motion of Mr. Shetler, seconded by Mr. Sibille, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Athletic Committee and amended its agenda to include an item of other business and directed the System staff to draft a Resolution congratulating System Universities that participated in post-season basketball playoffs.

On motion of Mr. Shetler, seconded by Mr. Wright, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Athletic Committee, congratulated Grambling State University Head Football Coach Doug Williams, and directed the System staff to express appreciation to Coach Williams for his work and accomplishments during the 2001 football season at Grambling State University.

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. Woods, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Facilities Planning Committee and amended its agenda to include two items of other business.

Agenda Item G.1.

On motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Wright, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities Planning Committee and approved, subject to concurrence of the Finance Committee, **Louisiana Tech University's** Bond Resolution involving the issuance of revenue bonds to finance the self-generating portion of the La Tech Steam Generation Capital Outlay project. The Board further directed that System President Dr. Clausen is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to issue revenue bonds on behalf of and in the name of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System upon verification by System staff and legal counsel that all documents conform to statutory and administrative requirements.

Agenda Item G.2.

On motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Long, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities Planning Committee and approved **University of Louisiana at Lafayette's** request for property to be exchanged with the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Foundation. The Board further directed System staff and legal counsel to ensure that all documents conform to statutory and administrative requirements.

Agenda Item G.3. – 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 **University of Louisiana at Lafayette's** request to reaffirm the Board action of January 11, 2002 and further affirmed and clarified that the Ragin' Cajun Facilities, Inc. proceed with the Residential Facilities Project, continue negotiation with responsive offerors, appearing before the State Bond Commission for preliminary approval, and before the Lafayette Facilities Trust Authority for the purpose of proceeding with this project. The Board further directed staff and legal counsel to ensure that all documents conform to statutory and administrative requirements.

Mr. Lippman requested clarification of the intent of the action and asked whether the motion was to reaffirm the January 11, 2002 Board action to approve **University of Louisiana at Lafayette's** request to negotiate a development contract with the University Group, LLC to demolish abandoned dormitories and construct new student apartments in addition to the action to approve the new action. The Board discussed and verified this action.

On motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Davidge, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities Planning Committee and directed the System staff to prepare a Resolution of appreciation and vote of confidence, on behalf of the Board, to be presented to Ragin' Cajun Facilities, Inc. for their work on the construction of a new student apartment facility at the **University of Louisiana at Lafayette**.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

On motion of Mr. Woods, seconded by Mr. Sibille, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Finance Committee and amend its agenda to include two items of other business and took the following actions:

Agenda Item H.1.

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

A. Louisiana Tech University:

1. John and Vergie Shealy Endowed Professorship in Forestry
2. Thomas C. and Nelda M. Jeffery Professorship in Chemical Engineering
3. Herbert H. McElveen Professorship in Liberal Arts
4. Herbert H. McElveen Professorship in Education
5. Virgil Orr Professorship in Chemical Engineering

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6. Elva Leggett Smith Professorship in Liberal Arts
7. Jack & Peggy Byrd Professorship in the College of Administration & Business

B. Nicholls State University's Harvey Peltier, Sr. Endowed Professorship in Business Administration

Agenda Item H.2.

Approved, in concurrence with the Facilities Planning Committee, **Louisiana Tech University's** Bond Resolution involving the issuance of revenue bonds to finance the self-generating portion of the La Tech Steam Generation Capital Outlay project.

Agenda Item H.3.a.&b.

Approved **University of Louisiana at Lafayette's** request for the following student referenda:

- A. Student Health Services Fee
- B. UL Lafayette Club Sports Fee

Agenda Item H.3.c.

The University of Louisiana at Lafayette's referendum request for Student Assessed Fees was *withdrawn* until further staff and legal counsel review is performed.

Agenda Item H.4.

Approved **University of Louisiana at Monroe's** proposed 2002 Summer School Schedule and Proposed Summer Faculty Pay Plan.

Agenda Item H.5.

Received Status Reports from the following universities:

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

Mr. Woods expressed appreciation to Interim President Rakes for his efforts in proposing cost savings through staff reductions and reducing low completer programs.

Mr. Woods also stated that UL – Monroe's NCAA audit had no finding and they are continuing their efforts to sell more football tickets.

Mr. Woods also reported that **Grambling State University** has a new comptroller and a new grants director and associate controller in place. He also reported that the SACS' finance

consultant, Mr. Flanigan, recommended that the University commit additional financial resources to hire outside contractors to assist in the implementation of and training for the University's Banner application software. It was further stated that the University's administration is hiring additional experienced finance personnel.

REPORT OF LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

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

Mr. Long reported on the Upcoming 2002 Louisiana Legislative Sessions and stated that the Legislation Committee met with the Board of Regents representatives and discussed the Louisiana Special Session to begin March 25 and the Louisiana Regular Session to take place on April 20 through June 12, 2002. He further reported that four items will directly impact higher education and shared additional information pertaining to this legislation with members of the Board.

REPORT OF UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTS' EVALUATION COMMITTEE

Dr. Clausen reported that the Board met as a committee of the whole (University Presidents' Evaluation Committee) in open and later in executive session with Dr. John Moore on his review of the performance of Dr. Robert Hebert, President of McNeese State University. The Board was asked to keep the content of his report in confidence. The Committee reaffirmed its confidence in President Hebert.

On motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Long, the Board voted unanimously to receive the formal evaluation as presented by Dr. John Moore and further voted to reaffirm its confidence in Dr. Hebert as President of McNeese State University.

REPORT OF SYSTEM OFFICE BUSINESS

Agenda Item K.1.

On motion of Mr. Gray, seconded by Mr. Shetler, the Board voted unanimously to approve the personnel actions as submitted by System staff and System Universities, as amended.

Agenda Item K.2. System President's Report

The following announcements were made for Board consideration or information:

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1. Dr. Clausen reported she has enclosed a copy of her calendar of events for the month for Board information.
2. Dr. Clausen introduced Dr. E. Joseph Savoie, Commissioner of Higher Education, to address the Board.

Dr. Savoie thanked the Board for the continued cooperation of the System and staff of the universities and for the opportunity to inform the Board regarding the continuing efforts to implement the Board of Regents Master Plan for Postsecondary Education: 2001 and the implementation of admission criteria. He further explained the ACT Enrollment Management Service (ACT's EIS), the E-PASS System instituted for eighth and tenth graders, and the RFP developing for a statewide strategic enrollment management process.

3. Dr. Clausen also announced that **University of Louisiana at Lafayette** has been designated by SREB as a Charter Member University to help develop a Leadership Network for the sixteen SREB states.
4. Dr. Clausen thanked Presidents Warner, Hebert, and Reneau and university campus participants of the teacher redesign process who were so hospitable and helpful during her and Dr. Blanchard's recent visits.

REPORT OF BOARD CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

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

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

1. Chairman Pugh asked members of the Board who attended the Board of Regents Committee meetings to give a committee report.

Mr. Sibille reported that he attended the Regents Facilities and Property Committee which approved Nicholls State University's request for Gouaux and Beauregard Hall Building Use Fee projects, ULL Iberia Research Center projects using auxiliary funds, and Northwestern State University's Coliseum flooring project. The Committee also directed Dr. Joseph Savoie to form a committee to review and assist Systems in developing and using alternative means of financing for Capital Outlay Projects.

Mr. Long explained that he attended the Board of Regents Academic and Student Affairs Committee in the absence of Dr. Smith and reported the following action taken by the Committee affecting System Universities:

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- a. Evaluation of Redesigned Teacher Preparation Programs where the Committee granted approval for redesigned certification or practitioner programs.
 - b. CITAL/Title II University-District Subgrants for Redesign of Teacher Preparation Programs and the reclassification of Louisiana Tech University as “mid-sized.”
 - c. Teacher Preparation Accountability System that provides university grade assignments based upon passage rates on the state’s teacher examination (PRAXIS).
2. Chairman Pugh directed Dr. Clausen to review Board **RULES** revisions with the University staff, faculty, and students and report the results received through public input at the next meeting of the Board.
 3. Chairman Pugh announced that the UL – Monroe Institutional Review of the general condition of the University conducted by Dr. James Fisher (consultant with James L. Fisher, Ltd.) was distributed for Board review. He urged Mr. Kilpatrick to share this report with the community and supporters of UL – Monroe and to encourage a united effort of the community and the University family in support of the university.

Dr. Clausen explained that a copy of this report will be available on the UL System web page and introduced Mr. Devin Broome who explained how to access the report from the web page.

4. Mr. Pugh announced that **Mr. David Wright** received two prestigious honors from Grambling State University:
 - a. The Drum Major for Freedom Award given to the individual who best exhibits the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
 - b. Special Honorary Award presented by the Faculty Senate for his commitment and support of the University.

Dr. Clausen expressed appreciation to Mr. Wright and acknowledged his respect and commitment to the university.

Dr. Clausen thanked Mr. Woods for his support and assistance in obtaining the KPMG certified public accounting firm to assist **Grambling State University**, given the time restraints facing the University, construct accounting records and supporting documentation for the Office of the Legislative Auditor.

6. Chairman Pugh announced that the next meeting of the Board is April 26th in Baton Rouge.

On motion of Mr. Lippman, seconded by Mr. Long, by unanimous vote, there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.