

MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM

August 23, 2002
Baton Rouge, LA

The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System met in regular session on Friday, August 23, 2002, in the Claiborne Building Conference Center “*The Louisiana Purchase Room*” Auditorium, First Floor, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Mr. Gordon Pugh at 12:03 p.m. and opened with a prayer by Mr. Wright. The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT:

Mr. Gordon A. Pugh, Chair
Mr. Tex R. Kilpatrick, Vice Chair
Mrs. Elsie P. Burkhalter
Mr. Andre G. Coudrain
Mr. Marty Chabert
Ms. Jessica Clarke
Mr. Robert C. Davidge
Mr. Alfred S. Lippman
Mr. Jimmy Long, Sr.
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:

None

On motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mrs. Burkhalter, the Board unanimously voted to approve the **June 28, 2002 Minutes**.

REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Burkhalter, Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, presented the Committee report.

On motion of Mrs. Burkhalter, seconded by Mr. Lippman, 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 establish an interdisciplinary Center for Entrepreneurship and Information Technology (CEnIT).

Agenda Item E.2.a.b.

Approved Nicholls State University's exchange agreements with the following international institutions:

- a. Ecole Superieure de Commerce de Saint-Etienne (France)
- b. University of Luton, Luton Business School, Luton, United Kingdom

Agenda Item E.3.

Approved Nicholls State University's letter of intent for an exchange agreement with Ecole Superieure du Commerce Exterieur (La Defense, France).

Agenda Item E.4.

Approved Nicholls State University's request of a partnership agreement with CCPA (Paraguay)

Agenda Item E.5.a.-d.

Approved the following Letters of Intent or Proposals:

- a. **Louisiana Tech University's** Proposal for a Master of Science (M.S.) degree program in Molecular Sciences and Nanotechnology.
- b. **Louisiana Tech University's** Letter of Intent for a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree program in Molecular Sciences and Nanotechnology.
- c. **Nicholls State University's** Letter of Intent/Proposal for a Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) degree program in Mathematics.

- d. **University of Louisiana at Lafayette and Southeastern Louisiana University's** Letter of Intent for a joint offering of a Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) degree program in Leadership.

REPORT OF THE FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE

Mr. Sibille, Chair of the Facilities Planning Committee, presented the Committee 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 F.1.

Approved Louisiana Tech University's request for permission to sell 1.827 acres in Webster Parish to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for the construction of a railroad overpass, 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/or Louisiana Tech University President Daniel D. Reneau are hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute said land sale.

Agenda Item F.2.

Approved Nicholls State University's request concerning the University's intent to lease land for construction of a Children's Museum, subject to approval that all required information and documentation will be submitted to the Board for final approval prior to initiating any official action regarding this item, and further that final approval of the proposed lease is contingent upon the University's acquisition of additional suitable property adjacent to the campus and subject to approval of the System staff and legal counsel that all documents conform to statutory and administrative requirements.

Agenda Item F.3.

Approved Nicholls State University's request to begin the process of entering into a land lease with a private developer for the purpose of financing, building, and managing privatized housing on campus, subject to all required information and documentation being submitted to the Board for approval prior to initiating any official action regarding this item.

Agenda Item F.4.

Approved University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to purchase an office/warehouse facility and 2.054 acres of land across the street from the New Iberia Research Center, subject to approval that President Ray Authement is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary for the acquisition of said property by the UL-System on behalf of and for the use of the University.

Agenda Item F.5.

Approved, as amended, **University of Louisiana System's** Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Capital Outlay Budget Request recommended priorities and System Institutions' Five Year Capital Outlay Plans.

Agenda Item F.6. – Other Business

Chair Sibille reported that the Facilities Planning Committee directed the System staff to set up a committee to study alternative means for financing athletic and dormitory needs on System universities' campuses.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

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

Agenda Item G.1.

Accepted the following Fiscal Year 2001-2002 Financial and Compliance Questionnaires, as requested by the Office of the Legislative Auditor:

- a. **Nicholls State University**
- b. **Southeastern Louisiana University**
- c. **University of Louisiana System**

Agenda Item G.2.

Approved University of Louisiana System's and System Universities' 2002-2003 Operating Budgets, not including Grambling State University. The Board **deferred** action on **Grambling State University's** 2002-2003 Operating budget pending issuance of the Legislative Auditor's Financial and Compliance audits for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2001 and June 30, 2002.

Agenda Item G.3.

Approved University of Louisiana System's 2002-2003 Undergraduate and Graduate Mandatory Attendance Fees.

Agenda Item G.4.

Received the following legislative audit status reports from the Office of the Legislative Auditor:

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

Agenda Item G.5. – Other Business

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Long, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Finance Committee and amend its agenda to include an **item of other business** from the University of Louisiana System and Grambling State University.

On motion of Mr. Woods, seconded by Mr. Coudrain, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Finance Committee and **approved Grambling State University's Cooperative Endeavor for the 2002 Bayou Classic.**

Mr. Michael Woods attended the Finance Committee of the Board of Regents (BoR) and gave a summary of the UL-System items approved by the Board of Regents. He further stated that the Finance Committee directed Commissioner of Higher Education, Dr. Savoie, to consult with the Governor's Chief Administrator regarding whether Louisiana State University's Health Science Center for New Orleans and Shreveport should be allowed to compete with funds for the Governor's Biotech Initiative plan. The Committee further received and discussed the Fourth Quarter Energy Report and a Report on the Administrative Salary Policy and approved the Administrative Salary Policy presented by the BoR staff. The Committee further instructed the staff to develop and present procedure options at the next meeting. Mr. Woods further reported that the UL-System is in compliance with the approved Administrative Salary Policy.

REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

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

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

Agenda Item H.1.

Approved Grambling State University's request to appoint Dr. Lula King as Acting Dean of the School of Social Work, effective August 26, 2002.

Agenda Item H.2.

Approved University of Louisiana at Monroe's request to appoint Dr. Kenneth Clow as Dean of the College of Business, effective July 1, 2002.

Agenda Item H.3.

Approved University of Louisiana System's 2002-2003 Recommendations for Promotions in Faculty Rank and for Tenure (ULS 5 & ULS 6).

Agenda Item H.4.

Approved University of Louisiana System's 2002-2003 System and Universities' Organization Charts.

Agenda Item H.5.a.

Approved University of Louisiana System's Salary Adjustments effective July 1, 2002 for University Presidents as presented and recommended by the System staff.

Agenda Item H.5.b.

Approved University of Louisiana System's complimentary and superlative evaluation of System President, Dr. Sally Clausen.

REPORT OF SYSTEM OFFICE BUSINESS

Agenda Item I.1.

On motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mr. Shetler, the Board voted unanimously to **approve**, as amended, **UL-System office and Universities' personnel actions** and summer school appointments as presented.

Agenda Item I.2.
System President's Report

The following announcements were made for Board consideration or information:

1. Dr. Clausen introduced **Mr. Ravindra Kallianpur**, the newly appointed Chief Information Officer for the University of Louisiana System staff whose appointment was effective July 15, 2002.

Mr. Kallianpur thanked Dr. Clausen for having the vision to create this position and he also thanked Dr. Clausen and the Board for their vote of confidence and for providing him such an exciting opportunity to serve the Board.

2. Dr. Clausen presented Grambling State University's PowerPoint Presentation, narrated by President Warner, which was shown to United States District Judge Kurt D. Engelhardt, presiding Judge for the Higher Education Desegregation Settlement Agreement, in explanation of Grambling State University accreditation status.
3. Dr. Clausen also presented a summary of projected non-settlement appropriations and appropriations provided to Grambling State University, to date, in compliance with the Higher Education Desegregation Settlement Agreement.
4. Dr. Clausen recognized Student Member Jessica Clarke, UL-Lafayette's SGA President and the leading representative for a statewide initiative and voter registration drive.

Ms. Clarke gave a summary explanation of the two student initiative projects - (1) Voter Registration Drive on System Universities' campuses and (2) the Mentoring Program for Eighth Grade Students giving helpful college preparation goals in support of the UL-System's theme "*College Begins in Preschool.*"

The Public Service Announcements (PSA), also shown to the Board, are being shown throughout the State on Public and Cable television programming. Dr. Clausen recognized Mr. Rusty Jabour, Ms. Jackie Tisdell, and Mr. Devin Broome who were very instrumental in the preparation of these PSAs.

5. Dr. Clausen asked that the Board take official action to adopt and endorse the UL-System's theme "College Begins In Preschool."

On motion of Mrs. Burkhalter, seconded by Mrs. Suggs, the Board unanimously voted to **approve the University of Louisiana System's Theme "*College Begins in Preschool*"**

6. Dr. Clausen acknowledged two staff members for outstanding contributions in their work for the System: Mr. David C Nicklas and Mrs. Elsie Perrero.

Mr. Nicklas and Ms. Perrero thanked Dr. Clausen and the Board for their continued support and for the recognition of their work.

7. Dr. Clausen recognized Dr. Loren Blanchard, newly appointed Vice President for Accreditation, Leadership and Accountability. Dr. Clausen explained that Dr. Blanchard is preparing for the **NCATE 2000 Clinic for Louisiana Institutions “A Partnership Approach to Enhancing Teacher Quality and Accountability”** that will be held September 4th & 5th in the Claiborne Building Conference Center.

Dr. Blanchard extended a personal invitation to members of the Board to attend the NCATE 2000 Clinic for Louisiana Institutions. He stated that he had received confirmation from more than 300 expected participants. He then presented a summary of the program, schedule, and highlighted the following keynote Plenary Session and Work Session presenters for the NCATE 2000 Clinic for Louisiana Institutions “*A Partnership Approach to Enhancing Teacher Quality and Accountability.*”

PLENARY SESSION PRESENTERS

Dr. Donna Gollnick, Senior Vice President, NCATE
Dr. Charles Hodge, NCATE Mentor
Dr. David Smith, NCATE Mentor
Dr. Susan K. Sclafani, Counselor to Secretary of Education, USDOE
Dr. Jackie Bobbett, Section Leader, Division of School Standards, Accountability, and Assistance, Louisiana Department of Education
Dr. Antoinette Mitchell, Associate Vice President, NCATE
Dr. Kati Haycock, Director, The Educational Trust

WORK SESSIONS PRESENTERS

Dr. Pauletta Bracy
Dr. JoAnn Dausat
Dr. Barbara Fuhrmann
Dr. Joyce Choate

University President Randy Moffett further expressed appreciation to Dr. Blanchard for his special assistance and efforts demonstrated at Southeastern Louisiana University (SLU). He stated that SLU is expected to receive full approval of the Unit Accreditation Board of NCATE.

REPORT OF BOARD CHAIR'S BUSINESS

Agenda Item J.1. Board Chair's Report

The following announcements were presented for Board consideration or information:

1. Chair Pugh called upon the Board members who attended the Board of Regents (BoR) committee meetings this week to report on items of interest to the System.

Mr. Sibille attended the BoR Facilities and Property Committee and gave an overview of the System's small capital projects that were reviewed by the Committee.

Mrs. Burkhalter attended the BoR Academic and Student Affairs Committee and gave a summary of UL System proposals and proposal progress reports received by the committee. She further reported on actions of the Blue Ribbon Commission for Educational Excellence and stated that the remaining meetings of the Commission will be held on the second Thursdays of September, October, November, February, April and May. She also announced the Board of Regents also approved Dr. Kerry Davidson's appointment as Grant Generator, the newly formed membership category for the Blue Ribbon Commission.

2. Mr. Pugh announced that the next meeting of the Board will be October 25, 2002 in the Claiborne Building Conference Center, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA.

Dr. Clausen announced that the Legislative Auditor will reveal the results of the two-year audit at an exit interview and subsequent press conference at Grambling State University prior to the next meeting of the Board, and she further asked for approval to implement a salary increase for Grambling State University President Neri Warner should the audit be satisfactory.

On motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Dr. Smith, the Board unanimously voted to **approve** Dr. Clausen's request for permission to approve an additional salary increase for Dr. Neri Warner upon **Grambling State University's** receipt of a favorable audit report.

On motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Shetler, there being no further business the Board adjourned at 1:10 p.m.