

MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM

December 6, 2002
Baton Rouge, LA

The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System met in regular session on Friday, December 6, 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. Pugh at 11:05 a.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
Mr. Marty Chabert
Ms. Jessica Clarke
Mr. Andre G. Coudrain
Mr. Robert C. Davidge
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:

Mrs. Elsie P. Burkhalter

Chair Pugh stated that Mrs. Burkhalter is granted an excused absence.

Agenda Item D.

On motion of Ms. Clarke, seconded by Mr. Coudrain, the Board unanimously voted to approve the August 23, 2002 minutes as amended. Page 7. Agenda Item I.2. #4 was amended to read:

“...The Public Service Announcements (PSAs), also shown to the Board, are being shown throughout the state on public and cable television programming...”

Agenda Item E.

On motion of Mr. Davidge, seconded by Mr. Coudrain, the Board voted unanimously to approve and ratify the Committee Reports and to approve and ratify the actions of the Board reported in the minutes of its meeting of October 25, 2002. (*See Attachment 1*)

REPORT OF THE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

Dr. Smith, Chair of the Grievance Committee, presented the Committee report.

Agenda Item F.1.

On motion of Dr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Kilpatrick, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Grievance Committee to affirm the actions of **Louisiana Tech University** and deny a hearing to Dr. Charles Dorsett, a faculty member.

REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Dr. Smith, Vice Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, presented the Committee report.

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:

Agenda Item G.1.

Approved **McNeese State University's** request for conditional approval of a National Center of Excellence in Safety Technology Education.

Agenda Item G.2.

Approved **McNeese State University's** Letter of Intent for a Bachelor of Science degree program in Safety Technology.

Agenda Item G.3.

Approved **Nicholls State University's** Proposal for a Bachelor of Science degree program in Geomatics.

Agenda Item G.4.

Approved **Nicholls State University's** request to ratify prior administrative approval to award an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree (LHD) to Mr. Theodore "Ted" L. Jones at the Fall 2002 commencement.

Agenda Item G.5.

Approved **University of Louisiana at Lafayette's** Proposal for a Master of Science degree program in Counselor Education.

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

Agenda Item H.1.

Approved **Louisiana Tech University's** request to demolish the former Farm Manager's Residence.

Agenda Item H.2.

Approved **Louisiana Tech University's** request to award a performance-based energy conservation lighting/retrofit/replacement project, subject to approval of the System staff and legal counsel that all documents conform to statutory and administrative requirements.

Agenda Item H.3.

Approved **Southeastern Louisiana University's** request to purchase an office facility located at 1514 Martens Drive, Hammond, Louisiana, subject to approval of the System staff and legal counsel that all documents conform to statutory and administrative requirements.

Agenda Item H.4.

Approved **University of Louisiana at Lafayette's** request to amend the University's FY 2003–2004 Capital Outlay Budget Request to add a Self-Generated Revenue project entitled Bourgeois Hall Addition.

Agenda Item H.5.

Approved **University of Louisiana at Monroe's** request to amend the University's FY 2003–2004 Capital Outlay Budget Request to add a Self-Generated Revenue project entitled Student Union Building Renovation.

Agenda Item H.6.

Approved, subject to approval of the Joint Athletic and Finance Committee, **University of Louisiana at Monroe's** request for approval to enter into a lease agreement for bookstore operation, subject to approval of the System staff and legal counsel that all documents conform to statutory and administrative requirements.

REPORT OF JOINT ATHLETIC AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Woods, Chair of the Joint Athletic and Finance Committee, presented the Committee report.

On motion of Mr. Teamer, seconded by Dr. Smith, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Joint Athletic and Finance Committee and amended its agenda to include items of other business.

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

Agenda Item I.1.

Approved **Nicholls State University's** request to establish the Arlen B. Cenac, Jr. LEQSF (8g) Endowed Chair in Accounting Information Systems.

Agenda Item I.2.

Approved **Nicholls State University's** request of 2003 Baseball Season Ticket Packages.

Agenda Item I.3.

Approved **Northwestern State University's** request of a fee exemption for law enforcement officers working in the geographical region serviced by the University and pursuing a Criminal Justice degree.

Agenda Item I.4.

Approved **Northwestern State University's** request of the proposed Baseball/Softball Ticket Plan.

Agenda Item I.5.

Approved **University of Louisiana at Monroe's** request for a student referendum to consolidate and increase student activity fees.

Agenda Item I.6.

Approved, pending approval of the Facilities Planning Committee, **University of Louisiana at Monroe's** request to enter into a lease agreement for the bookstore.

Agenda Item I.7.

Approved **University of Louisiana System Universities'** request for increases in tuition and mandatory attendance fees effective Summer 2003. The Board further authorized Dr. Clausen to initiate and file legislation authorizing additional tuition and professional fee increases as appropriate for the various System universities.

Agenda Item I.8.

Received the **University of Louisiana System's** audit reports issued by the Office of the Legislative Auditor for the following universities:

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

Agenda Item I.9.

Received Fiscal Year 2002–2003 First Quarter Interim Financial Reports and ongoing assurances.

Agenda Item I.10.

Approved **University of Louisiana System's** Administrative Salary Policy.

The Board further approved an additional salary adjustment of no less than 6% for **University of Louisiana at Lafayette President Ray Authement.**

Agenda Item I.11. – Other Business

Approved the **University of Louisiana System's** distribution of Enrollment Management Funds for Fiscal Year 2002-2003.

REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Teamer, Chair of the Facilities Planning Committee, presented the Committee report.

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

Agenda Item J.1.

Approved **Louisiana Tech University's** request to appoint Dr. Shirley P. Reagan, Dean of the College of Administration and Business, effective December 1, 2002.

Agenda Item J.2.

Approved **Louisiana Tech University's** request to appoint Dr. James D. Liberatos as Interim Dean of the College of Applied and Natural Sciences, effective December 1, 2002.

Chair Teamer stated that McNeese State University's President Robert Hebert introduced the University's newly appointed Information Technology Officer, Mr. Michael Graham.

Chair Pugh expressed appreciation, on behalf of the Board, to Dr. Reagan, Dr. Leberatos and Mr. Graham.

REPORT OF SYSTEM OFFICE BUSINESS

Agenda Item K.1.

On motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mrs. Suggs, the Board voted unanimously to approve personnel actions as submitted by **System Universities** and the **System staff**.

Agenda Item K.2. System President's Report

Dr. Clausen made the following announcements for Board information and consideration:

1. Dr. Clausen informed the Board that she (a member of the Board of Directors) attended the American Association for State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) conference on November 23-26, and pointed out that Louisiana is one of five states that has not been a victim of budget cuts and that Louisiana is one of only two states that has seen an increase in higher education funding. Dr. Clausen further expressed appreciation to Governor Murphy "Mike" Foster and members of the Louisiana Legislature for their continued support.

2. Dr. Clausen further informed the Board that she also attended the SREB hearing in Atlanta in December on the National and State Educational Goals to ensure that the southern states continue to be leaders in national education progress.
3. Dr. Clausen explained that she will be submitting information on a Board Retreat, including a new member orientation to be hosted by the System on January 9, 2003.
4. Dr. Clausen presented a brief summary report of the November 20 meeting of the Nicholls State University Presidential Search Committee and distributed timeline information adopted by the Committee. Dr. Clausen further complimented President Donald Ayo and shared some of the favorable comments expressed during the Public Hearings conducted by the Search Committee. In response to students, faculty, and interested community citizens, the Search Committee has planned another Public Hearing on January 28, 2003.
5. Dr. Clausen explained that at each Board meeting she intends to highlight challenges and opportunities of a particular System university: This month she is spotlighting the University of Louisiana at Monroe and recognized Senator Bill Jones in the audience. She then gave a PowerPoint presentation spotlighting the University. Dr. Clausen also explained that Dr. Dan Kyle announced, and UL-Monroe reported to the Finance Committee, that the University has an unqualified audit. She said that Dr. Cofer complimented Mr. Robert Turner on his contributions toward securing that successful audit.
6. Dr. Clausen recognized three staff members for outstanding contributions in their work for the System: Mr. Richard Thompson, and two student assistants: Ms. Danielle Walker and Ms. Arlys Etienne.

Mr. Thompson, Ms. Walker, and Ms. Etienne thanked Dr. Clausen and the Board for their continued support and for the recognition of their work.

REPORT OF BOARD CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

Agenda Item L.1.a. & b. Board Chair's Report

The following announcements were made for Board consideration or information:

1. Chair Pugh appointed members of the Nominating Committee for 2003 Board Officers. The members are:

Mr. Winfred Sibille, Chair	Mr. Carl Shetler
Mrs. Elsie Burkhalter	Dr. Eunice Wicker Smith
Mr. Marty Chabert	

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2. Chair Pugh reviewed the 2003 Board Meeting Schedule.

On motion of Mr. Chabert, seconded by Mr. Sibille, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Chair's recommendation and approve the 2003 Board Meeting Schedule, as amended to list out-of-town meetings. (*See Attachment 2*)

3. Chair Pugh announced that Mr. Alfred Lippman resigned as a member of the Board of Supervisors prior to the December meeting and he further informed the Board that Vice Chair Mr. Tex Kilpatrick's resignation is effective after the December meeting.

Chair Pugh read a letter of appreciation presented to Mr. Kilpatrick from the Board and the System staff and presented a gift to Mr. Kilpatrick.

Vice Chair Mr. Kilpatrick thanked Chair Pugh, Members of the Board, and Dr. Clausen for their support and recognition.

On motion of Dr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Sibille, the Board voted unanimously to present a Resolution of Appreciation to Mr. Tex Kilpatrick and Mr. Alfred Lippman.

Senator Bill Jones requested permission to address the Board. He expressed sincere appreciation to Mr. Tex Kilpatrick and to the Board for the progress and committed work for the University of Louisiana System.

Dr. Clausen also thanked and expressed appreciation to Mr. Tex Kilpatrick for his support and service to the System staff and to the Board.

Chair Pugh further announced that Mr. "Boysie" Bollinger has been selected as a newly appointed member to replace Mr. Lippman. Mr. Bollinger will be sworn in at a later date.

4. 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 Finance Committee and the Facilities and Property Committee and gave an overview of the items pertaining to the UL-System that were reviewed by the Committee. He also gave an overview of the BoR Academic and Student Affairs Committee.

5. Mr. Pugh announced that the next meeting of the Board will be January 10, 2003 in the Claiborne Building Conference Center, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA.

On motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded Mr. Coudrain, there being no further business, the Board voted to adjourn at 11:55 a.m.