

MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM

March 1, 2002
Baton Rouge, LA

The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System met in regular session on Friday, March 1, 2002, in the Southeastern Louisiana University School of Nursing Auditorium, 4849 Essen Lane, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gordon Pugh at 11:03 a.m. and opened with a prayer by Dr. Smith. The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT:

Mr. Gordon A. Pugh, Chairman
Mr. Andre G. Coudrain
Mr. Marty Chabert
Mr. Robert C. Davidge
Mr. Michael Gray
Mr. Tex R. Kilpatrick
Mr. Alfred S. Lippman
Mr. Jimmy Long, Sr.
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
Mr. Carl Shetler

Chairman Pugh expressed appreciation to the administration and staff of the Southeastern Louisiana University School of Nursing for their hospitality. Chairman Pugh stated that the absences of Mrs. Burkhalter and Mr. Shetler were excused.

On motion of Mr. Woods, seconded by Mr. Kilpatrick, the Board unanimously voted to approve the **January 11, 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 Mr. Coudrain, 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 **McNeese State University's** request to rename its Department of Agriculture "The Harold and Pearl Dripps Department of Agricultural Sciences."

Agenda Item E.2.

Approved **Northwestern State University's** request to confer the honorary degree Doctor of Humane Letters upon Mr. John C. Guillet at its Spring 2002 Commencement.

On motion of Dr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Coudrain, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to amend its agenda to include an item of other business from the University of Louisiana at Monroe.

Agenda Item E.3. – Other Business

Approved, subject to concurrence of the Finance Committee, **University of Louisiana at Monroe's** request to delete nine low completer programs that fall below the Board of Regents standards.

Dr. Smith informed the Board that she attended the Board of Regents Academic Affairs Committee and reported that the Board of Regents approved the following items pertaining to ULS universities:

- a. Nicholls State University's M.S. in Marine and Environmental Biology and further requested an annual progress report.
- b. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request to redesign the Teacher Education Preparation Program.
- c. Northwestern State University's request to change the Unit Designation for Alice Estelle Dear School of Creative and Performing Arts from a "department."

The Board of Regents deferred action on the University of Louisiana at Monroe's Practitioner Program for grades 1-6 and 7-12.

REPORT OF THE ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

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

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

Agenda Item F.1.

Deferred, at the request of President Warner, Grambling State University's request to approve two contractual agreements:

- a. employment contract for Mr. Douglas Williams, Head Football Coach, effective July 1, 2002.
- b. housing allowance agreement between Grambling University Athletic Foundation and Grambling State University Head Football Coach, effective July 1, 2002.

Agenda Item F.2.

Approved **University of Louisiana at Lafayette's** employment contract for Mr. Rickey Bustle as Head Football Coach effective January 1, 2002.

Agenda Item F.3. – Other Business

Dr. Falcon indicated two Committee reports presented to the Athletic Committee that required no action by the Board were as follows:

Mr. Thompson of the System Staff reported that on February 27, 2002, the Legislative Audit Advisory Council discussed NCAA's requirements to verify actual football game attendance at Division I-A institutions as a part of System universities' audit reports.

Dr. Moffett updated the Board on the progress of Southeastern Louisiana University plans to restore its football program.

REPORT OF THE FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE

Mr. Sibille, Chair of the Facilities Planning Committee, presented the Committee's report.

Mr. Sibille requested permission to vote on each item separately.

Agenda Item G.1.

On motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Chabert, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities Planning Committee and approved **Northwestern State University's** request to demolish and remove the Swine Barn, the Hay Barn, and the Feed House located on the Main Campus.

Agenda Item G.2.

On motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Coudrain, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities Planning Committee and approved **Southeastern Louisiana University's** request to sell approximately 85 acres to the City of Hammond for expansion of the Hammond Municipal Airport.

Agenda Item G.3.

Mr. Sibille reported that the Committee received **Southeastern Louisiana University's** presentation of a preliminary plan for a University residence to house the President.

Agenda Item G.4.

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 to demolish Voorhies Hall, McCullough Hall, E. A. Martin Hall, Housing Maintenance Building, and the Day Care Center as part of its project to improve student residential facilities.

Agenda Item G.5. – Other Business

On motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Long, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Facilities Planning Committee to amend its agenda to include an item of other business from Southeastern Louisiana University.

On motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Davidge, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities Planning Committee and approved **Southeastern Louisiana University's** request to name the Student Activity Center *The Claude B. Pennington, Jr., Student Activity Center*.

Mr. Sibille stated that Dr. Smith attended the Board of Regents Facilities Planning Committee and requested Dr. Smith to present the committee's report.

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Dr. Smith informed the Board that Board of Regents Facilities Planning Committee and the Board of Regents approved Louisiana Tech University's request to demolish Kidd Hall and replace it with an apartment type dormitory building with an alternative plan to supplement student bed space lost because of the apartment type construction.

Dr. Falcon added that the Board of Regents also recommended including \$2.6 million for the Computer Science facility at University of Louisiana at Lafayette for its agreeing to transfer property to South Louisiana Community College.

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 took the following actions:

Agenda Item H.1.

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

1. **University of Louisiana at Lafayette:** ratified approval to establish The Acadian Business Economist BORSF Eminent Scholar Endowed Chair [to be created by combining ten (10) professorships].
2. **Grambling State University**
 - a. William McIntosh Endowed Professorship in the College of Liberal Arts
 - b. Robert L. Piper Endowed Professorship in the Department of Health and Physical Education
 - c. Pinkie C. Wilkerson Endowed Professorship in the Department of Criminal Justice
3. **McNeese State University**
 - a. Thelma and Ray Dingler Endowed Professorship
 - b. Professorship in Science #5
 - c. Professorship in Science #6

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4. Nicholls State University

- a. BellSouth Endowed Professorship in Culinary Arts
- b. The Clarence J. Riviere Endowed Professorship in Business Administration (College of Business Administration)
- c. The Minor Cheramie Endowed Professorship in Education (College of Education)
- d. The Orleans Pitre Endowed Professorship in Education (College of Education)

5. Northwestern State University

- a. Moise and Melba Steeg Endowed Professorship in Education
- b. Rapides Regional Medical Center Endowed Professorship #2

6. Southeastern Louisiana University

- a. C. E. Laborde Endowed Professorship in Business
- b. Sarah Kay Alford Thornhill Endowed Professorship in Nursing
- c. Louisiana Contractors Educational Trust Fund Endowed Professorship in Industrial Technology
- d. Robert Maurin Endowed Professorship in Business

7. University of Louisiana at Lafayette

- a. The Whitney National Bank/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Economics
- b. MidSouth Bank/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Economics
- c. Dr. James D. Wilson/BORSF Memorial Endowed Professorship in Southern Studies
- d. Charles & Vicki Milam/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Business Administration
- e. Lockheed Martin Corporation/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Computer Science/Computer Engineering III
- f. Van Eaton & Romero/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Real Estate
- g. The Lafayette Coca-Cola/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Hospitality Management III
- h. The Lafayette Coca-Cola/BORSF Endowed Professorship In Mathematics
- i. Dr. Tommy Comeaux/BORSF Memorial Endowed Professorship in Traditional Music IV
- j. Anthony Moroux/BORSF Memorial Endowed Professorship in Political Science I
- k. Anthony Moroux/BORSF Memorial Endowed Professorship in Political Science II

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- l. Anthony Moroux/BORSF Memorial Endowed Professorship in Political Science III
 - m. Patrick Rutherford/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Education
 - n. Northwestern Mutual Financial Network/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Insurance and Risk Management
 - o. A-CIM/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Engineering II
 - p. Mr. & Mrs. Tom Galloway/BORSF Endowed Professorship
 - q. The LAGCOE/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Petroleum Engineering
 - r. Wendell Gauthier/BORSF Memorial Endowed Professorship in Political Science
 - s. Jim and Pat Prince/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Accounting II
 - t. Marine Survival Training Center/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Safety Engineering
8. **University of Louisiana at Monroe**
- a. The Frances Davis Hammond Endowed Professorship in Education
 - b. Linda Noe Laine Professorship in Agriculture
 - c. L. M. McKneely Professorship in English Literature
 - d. L. M. McKneely Professorship in Humanities

Mr. Woods congratulated System universities and further reported that the Board approved a total of 46 Endowed Professorships totaling more than \$4.5 million.

Agenda Item H.2.

Mr. Woods reported that the Committee received the **University of Louisiana System's** discussion of Second Quarter Interim Financial Reports and ongoing assurances and also received updates on the financial position and plan of University of Louisiana at Monroe.

Agenda Item H.3.

Mr. Woods reported that the Committee received and discussed **Southeastern Louisiana University's** Fiscal Year 2001 Legislative Audit Report.

Agenda Item H.4.

Approved **Southeastern Louisiana University's** Student Referendum – Phase II, Student Activity Center.

Agenda Item H.5. – Other Business (1)

Mr. Woods reported that the Finance Committee received a staff update on the System's various GASB 34 -35 readiness efforts and received a report that on February 22, 2002 the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget approved the University of Louisiana System's three percent tuition increase effective in the Summer 2002.

On motion of Mr. Woods, seconded by Dr. Smith, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to amend its agenda to include an item of other business from the University of Louisiana at Monroe.

Agenda Item H.5. – Other Business (2)

On motion of Mr. Woods, seconded by Mr. Sibille, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and approved, in concurrence with the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, **University of Louisiana at Monroe's** request to delete nine low completer programs that fall below the Board of Regents standards.

REPORT OF SYSTEM OFFICE BUSINESS

Agenda Item I.1.

On motion of Mr. Davidge, seconded by Mr. Long, the Board unanimously voted to approve System University personnel actions.

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

The following announcements were made for Board consideration or information:

1. Dr. Clausen reported that Mr. Josh McDaniels retired effective March 1, 2002.
2. Dr. Clausen introduced Mr. Devin Broome as the System office's newly appointed Network Administrator effective January 21, 2002.
3. Dr. Clausen recognized Dr. Rakes, Interim President of the University of Louisiana at Monroe. Dr. Rakes thanked the Board and reported on the progress of administrative and financial changes being implemented at the University of Louisiana at Monroe and reported on the progress of ticket sales for the football program.

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Dr. Rakes also announced that he has accepted an appointment as Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University of Tennessee at Martin. He will report to work there on May 1, 2002. He thanked the Board members for their support and expressed appreciation to the administration and staff at University of Louisiana at Monroe.

Mr. Sibille complimented Dr. Rakes and expressed appreciation for his good work.

4. Dr. Clausen reported that the System office has received funds for the purpose of fostering certain initiatives. She stated that \$438,000 of performance funds will be distributed to the eight campuses within the next few months based on performance in the following seven areas: (1) program accreditation rates; (2) freshman retention rates; (3) graduation rates; (4) percent of remedial reduction, both in cost and actual numbers; (5) percent of TOPS students eligible to return to campus; (6) accomplishments in respective unique areas of excellence; (7) successes in financial and compliance audits.
5. Dr. Clausen gave the following highlights of her schedule since the last Board meeting to keep the Board informed:

January 17 – Reception and dinner with the state Deans of Colleges of Education regarding the teacher redesign initiative

January 22 – Monroe legislative delegation meeting to update them about the progress of ULM's budget

January 23 - Baton Rouge Marine Institute at the request of Judge Bob Downing – Institute is looking for some type of incentive for their students to enter the community colleges and some of University of Louisiana System institutions

January 24 – Governor's Mansion hosted by Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) , a national non-profit corporation of which she will be a charter board member for Louisiana

February 4 – Presentation for SHEEO, which is reviewing the degree to which P-K 16 councils are working well in this state

February 7 – Governor's Mansion regarding Alice Foster's *Sunshine* initiative, which involves a book called *Sunshine* dealing with fostering self-esteem in very young children

February 15 – Speech at Baton Rouge Community College Leadership Council re strengthening partnerships between LCTCS and the University of Louisiana System institutions

February 18-20 – Plain Talk About Kids 2002 sponsored by the Center for Development and Learning and the Board of Regents focused on the progress in successfully matriculating students

February 26 – Groundbreaking for the Livingston Parish Literacy and Technology Center, a precedent other universities may use in order to achieve new funding

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6. Dr. Clausen invited Dr. Neari Warner to make some comments. Dr. Warner stated that the 2001 Grambling Tiger Football team was named the 2001 Black College National Champion. Three players were named to the 2001 Black College All-American Team – Larry Metevia, Brian Morgan, and Robert Taylor. She also stated that Coach Doug Williams was named National Black College Coach of the Year and invited him to speak.

Coach Williams thanked Mr. Billy Owens, Board members, and Dr. Clausen. He complimented and thanked Dr. Neari Warner, acting president, and his coaches and players.

7. Dr. Clausen invited Dr. Randy Webb to make some comments. Dr. Webb said that Northwestern had received a \$120,000 gain-sharing incentive award from the Legislature for accomplishments in distance learning technologies and enhancement of on-line student services. He thanked Dr. Burns, Dr. Scheffler, Dr. William Hunt, and Ms. Darlene Williams for their work. He stated that Northwestern was the only university to receive funds.

8. Dr. Clausen invited Dr. Randy Moffett to make some comments. Dr. Moffett stated that Southeastern Louisiana University School of Nursing was selected as the Outstanding School of Nursing for the state of Louisiana as recognized by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing.

REPORT OF BOARD CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

**Agenda Item I.1.a.
Board Chairman's Report**

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

1. Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Jindal and their newborn daughter were acknowledged as being in attendance at the meeting. Mr. Pugh announced that Selia Elizabeth Jindal was born on January 8.
2. Mr. Pugh complimented Dr. James Fisher, consultant, for the work he had done and for the presentation that had been made to Board members that morning.
3. He reminded the Board members that the next Board meeting will be held at University of Louisiana at Lafayette on March 22.
4. Mr. Pugh announced that his grandson, Augustus McCurdy Pugh, was born that morning so he would be unable to attend the afternoon work session.

On motion of Mr. Pugh, seconded by Mr. Kilpatrick, by unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.