

MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM

April 26, 2002
Baton Rouge, LA

The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System met in regular session on Friday, April 26, 2002, in the State Office Building Auditorium, First Floor, 150 Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Gordon Pugh at 11:20 a.m. and opened with a prayer by Mrs. Burkhalter. The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT:

Mr. Gordon A. Pugh, Chair
Mrs. Elsie P. Burkhalter
Mr. Marty Chabert
Mr. Andre G. Coudrain
Mr. Robert C. Davidge
Mr. Michael Gray
Mr. Alfred S. Lippman
Mr. Jimmy Long, Sr.
Mr. Carl Shetler
Mr. Winfred F. Sibille
Dr. Eunice Wicker Smith
Mrs. Carroll W. Suggs
Mr. Michael H. Woods
Mr. David Wright

ABSENT:

Mr. Tex R. Kilpatrick
Mr. Charles Teamer, Sr.

Board Chair Pugh welcomed and congratulated (on her winning a seat on the Slidell City Council) Mrs. Burkhalter who had been absent from several previous meetings due to surgery.

Mrs. Burkhalter thanked members of the Board, System staff, University presidents and administrative staff for the many kind expressions for a safe and timely recovery.

Mr. Chabert explained that he was present at the March 22, 2002 meeting and requested that the minutes be corrected to reflect his attendance.

On motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mr. Wright, the Board unanimously voted to approve the **March 22, 2002 Minutes**, as amended to correct the roll call.

REPORT OF THE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

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

Agenda Item E.1.

On motion of Dr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Suggs, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Grievance Committee, which were to affirm the decision of **Grambling State University** and deny a hearing to Dr. Elvira M. White, a faculty member at the University.

REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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

On motion of Mrs. Burkhalter, 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 F.1.

Approved **Louisiana Tech University's** request to confer an honorary Doctor of Science degree to Mr. Milton Williams, a university alumnus.

Agenda Item F.2.

Approved **University of Louisiana at Monroe's** proposal for the Bachelor of Health Sciences (B.H.S.) degree program in Health Science.

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 took the following actions:

Agenda Item G.1.

Approved **Louisiana Tech University's** revised employment contract and agreement for Mr. Jack Bicknell III, Head Football Coach, effective May 1, 2002. The Board further directed that System staff and legal counsel ensure that all documents conform to statutory and administrative requirements.

Agenda Item G.2.

Approved **Southeastern Louisiana University's** Fall 2003 football season ticket prices.

Agenda Item G.3.

Approved the **University of Louisiana System's** report on audit procedures performed by the Legislative Auditor at ULS universities as required by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) for fiscal year ended June 30, 2001.

Agenda Item G.4. – Other Business

On motion of Mr. Shetler, seconded by Mr. Davidge, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Athletic Committee and amended its agenda to include an item of other business.

On motion of Mr. Shetler, seconded by Mr. Davidge, the Athletic Committee recommended that the Board approve a request for a resolution to be presented to **Grambling State University** Coach Doug Williams and Eliza and Hugh Culverhouse Family Foundation of Tampa Bay Buccaneers commending them for the \$1 million donation presented to the University.

Mr. Davidge moved, seconded by Mr. Wright, that the Committee amend the motion to read "present a Letter of Commendation" instead of a Resolution. The amendment passed by unanimous vote.

Acting President Neri Warner explained the intent of the donation and informed the Committee of Coach Williams' mentor program for athletes. She further acknowledged the many honors received by Coach Doug Williams, members of the Grambling State University Tiger Football Team, and academic accomplishments and honors of the Grambling State University Athletic program.

Mrs. Burkhalter informed the members that she spoke on behalf of the Board at the Super Bowl festivities honoring Coach Doug Williams as the first African-American Quarterback to win a Super Bowl.

REPORT OF THE FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE

Mr. Sibille, Chair of the Facilities Planning 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 took the following actions:

Agenda Item H.1.

Approved **Louisiana Tech University's** request to re-name the Professional Aviation and Multipurpose Classroom Building "Davison Hall" in honor of Mr. Paul M. Davison.

Agenda Item H.2.

Approved **Louisiana Tech University's** request to name the University Theatre "The Arthur W. Stone University Theatre."

Agenda Item H.3.

Approved **Louisiana Tech University's** request to amend the FY 2002-2003 Capital Outlay Budget Request to add a self-generated project entitled "Parking and Pedestrian Development, 2020 It's a Vision."

Agenda Item H.4.

Approved **Louisiana Tech University's** request to proceed with the process of developing a new residence hall facility through Innovative Student Facilities, Inc., a 501(c)3, not-for-profit corporation.

Agenda Item H.5.

Approved **Southeastern Louisiana University's** request to name the Classroom and Laboratory Building "Fayard Hall" in honor of the Fayard family.

Agenda Item H.6.

Approved **Southeastern Louisiana University's** request to exchange University property for property on North Oak Street.

Agenda Item H.7.

Approved **University of Louisiana at Lafayette's** request to rename Judice Hall "Judice-Rickels Hall" in honor of Dr. Milton Rickels.

Agenda Item H.8.

On motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Coudrain, the Board accepted the recommendation of the Facilities Planning Committee and voted unanimously to approve **University of Louisiana at Lafayette's** ground lease with RAGIN' CAJUN FACILITIES, INC. (Lessee) and to approve the lease with option to purchase the constructed facilities from RAGIN' CAJUN FACILITIES, INC. (Lessor).

Attorney Terri M. Collins, representing University Housing LLC, one of the bidders for the UL – Lafayette Ragin' Cajun Facilities project, addressed concerns of the process with the RFP.

Mr. Tommy Spinosa expressed concerns regarding data included in the Executive Summary he received that morning regarding UL – Lafayette's Ragin' Cajun Facilities project.

Chair Pugh explained Board and Committee procedures for review of this and all projects to be presented to the Board for approval. He stated that the project was discussed in detail at the Facilities Planning Committee. Mr. Sibille called for the question and the motion passed unanimously.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Woods, Chair of the Finance 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 Finance Committee and took the following actions:

Agenda Item I.1.

Approved **Louisiana Tech University's** student self-assessment referendum for University parking and continuation of Alumni Walkway.

Agenda Item I.2.

Approved **Louisiana Tech University's** request to amend the ARAMARK Corporation Food Service contract.

Agenda Item I.3.

Approved **Louisiana Tech University's** request of a supplemental bond resolution providing for the issuance of revenue bonds on a parameter basis on behalf of the University to provide funds to purchase and install a new gas fired turbine.

Agenda Item I.4.

Received **University of Louisiana at Monroe's** Fiscal Year 2002 Financial and Compliance Questionnaire.

Agenda Item I.5.

Approved **University of Louisiana System's** performance-based funding allocations to System universities and authorized the transfer of these funds to a restricted account.

Agenda Item I.6.

Received a summary of the **University of Louisiana System's** Fiscal Year 2001-2002 Third Quarter Interim Financial Reports and ongoing assurances.

Agenda Item I.7.

Received Status Reports as presented by the following universities:

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

Legislative Auditor Dan Kyle, and Director of Financial and Compliance Audits Robbie Robinson gave the Committee an update on the status of the financial and compliance audits of Grambling State University for the fiscal years 2000/01 and 2001/02, and UL Monroe for fiscal year 2001/02.

While Mr. Robinson indicated that the ULM audit was progressing well and appeared to be on schedule to meet the SACS November, 2002 deadline, he expressed concern that the Grambling audits had to be completed by September 16, and his staff auditors were currently six weeks behind schedule. He announced that senior OLA staff was scheduled to visit GSU Tuesday, April 30 to meet with Mr. Owens and his staff to discuss and review information necessary for the Legislative Auditor to begin the audits.

Agenda Item I.8. – Other Business

On motion of Mr. Woods, seconded by Mr. Shetler, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Finance Committee and amended its agenda to include an item of other business regarding Energy Surcharges.

On motion of Mr. Woods, seconded by Mrs. Suggs, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and suspended the Energy Surcharges assessed at System Universities for the Summer 2002 sessions.

REPORT OF THE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

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

Mr. Long reported that the Legislation Committee received a report on 2002 Special Legislative Session and explained that the 2002 Legislative Regular Session is a fiscal session and discussed fiscal matters that may be reviewed during the Regular Session.

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

Agenda Item K.1.

Approved **Louisiana Tech University's** request to appoint Dr. Corre Stegall as Vice President for University Advancement, effective July 1, 2002.

Agenda Item K.2.

Approved **University of Louisiana at Monroe's** request to appoint Dr. Stephen Richters as Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, effective May 1, 2002.

Agenda Item K.3. – Other Business

On motion of Mr. Shetler, seconded by Mrs. Suggs, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Personnel Committee and amended its agenda to include an item of other business regarding ULS Policies and Procedures Memorandum.

On motion of Mr. Shetler, seconded by Mrs. Suggs, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Personnel Committee and approved the Policies and Procedures Memorandum entitled "University Presidents in Transition."

System President Sally Clausen asked that the agenda be altered to allow Superintendent of Education Cecil Picard to address the Board on joint commitments relating to teacher training.

Superintendent Picard thanked the Board and pledged elementary and secondary education's commitment to supplying qualified future teachers for training at Louisiana universities. He listed some accomplishments in the state K-12 system such as test scores that have increased in

Louisiana, and further stated that the Department of Education's goal is to provide universal access to all students.

Dr. Clausen thanked Superintendent Picard for restating the Department's commitment to working with higher education and she further thanked Chair Pugh for allowing Mr. Picard time to speak.

Mr. Chabert expressed appreciation to Superintendent Picard.

REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTS' EVALUATION COMMITTEE

Dr. Clausen presented the Report of the University Presidents' Evaluation Committee.

The Board accepted the report of the University Presidents' Evaluation Committee and took the following action:

Agenda Item L.1.

On motion Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mrs. Burkhalter, the Board accepted the recommendation of the University Presidents' Evaluation Committee and voted unanimously to accept Dr. Robert Woodbury's report on his evaluation of the performance of **Louisiana Tech University's** President Daniel Reneau and reaffirmed its confidence in Dr. Reneau.

Agenda Item L.2.

On motion of Dr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Long, the Board accepted the recommendation of the University Presidents' Evaluation Committee and voted unanimously to accept Edward Penson's report on his evaluation of the performance of **Northwestern State University's** President Randall Webb and reaffirmed its confidence in Dr. Webb and expressed appreciation for the personal courage he has demonstrated in the last few years.

REPORT OF SYSTEM OFFICE BUSINESS

Agenda Item M.2. System President's Report

The following announcements were made for Board consideration or information:

1. Dr. Clausen announced that with Chair Pugh's assistance the **University of Louisiana System** will host, along with University Presidents, its first collective reception at the City Club. She further stated that personal invitations were being mailed.

2. Dr. Clausen announced the following performance funding allocations, totaling \$438,948, awarded to System universities based on assessments of selected UL System performance indicators:

Grambling State University was awarded \$41,112,
Louisiana Tech University was awarded \$69,536,
McNeese State University was awarded \$50,538,
Nicholls State University was awarded \$46,794,
Northwestern State University was awarded \$51,622,
Southeastern Louisiana University was awarded \$60,701,
University of Louisiana at Lafayette was awarded \$71,701, and
University of Louisiana at Monroe was awarded \$46,944.

Chair Pugh congratulated the presidents and System universities on their accomplishments in the various areas.

Agenda Item M.1.

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

3. Dr. Clausen explained that in the process of evaluating System staff she proposed to highlight accomplishments of individual System staff members and proceeded to explain that she would like to highlight Ms. Nettie Daniels, Director of Institutional Research. Dr. Clausen recognized Ms. Daniels who gave an overview of her life and academic accomplishments. Dr. Clausen also read a quote of congratulations from Dr. Brenda Albright, consultant, for co-op work relationship shared with Ms. Daniels.

REPORT OF BOARD CHAIR'S BUSINESS

Agenda Item N.1. Board Chair's Report

- a. Adoption of Revised Board **RULES**

Chair Pugh asked Dr. Falcon to explain the review process used to complete the proposed Board **RULES** revisions. Dr. Falcon explained the process used to review the Board **RULES**, which included the public input session held at the System office on April 11, 2002 and a public review and comments of the revisions posted on the ULS website.

On motion of Mr. Lippman, seconded by Mrs. Suggs, the Board voted to accept the proposed revisions of the Board **RULES** and approved the revisions of the 2002 Board **RULES** subject to minor revisions of the search procedures for University President as indicated by Mr. Lippman.

b. Report of Ad Hoc Committee on Combined Purchasing Power-

Chair Pugh asked Mr. Davidge to present the Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on combined Purchasing Power. Mr. Davidge, Chair of the Committee, presented the Committee's report. He reported that the Committee met with assigned staff members and several Chief Financial Officers or their representative from System universities and developed a purpose "To bring about a culture of shared activities in purchasing or other such ventures to gain advantages at System universities." He announced that the Committee will notify participants of its next meeting date.

4. Chair Pugh called upon the Supervisors who attended the Board of Regents committee meetings this week to report on items of interest to the System.

Mr. Long attended the Legislation Committee and presented an overview of the committee's report.

Mr. Sibille attended the BOR Facilities and Property Committee and the BOR Finance Committee and gave an overview of each Committee's report on items that impacted the System. He further reported that the Finance Committee reviewed Athletic Policies and created an Athletic Policy Review Committee to review athletic policies. Mr. Sibille also announced that the UL - System was congratulated for the continued representation and System cooperation in attending BOR Committee meetings.

Mrs. Burkhalter attended the Academic and Student Affairs Committee and gave a summary of the committee's report on items that impacted the System. She further reported that the BOR presented a report on the Blue Ribbon Commission for Educational Excellence's April 11, 2002 meeting and announced that the next meeting will be May 9, 2002 at Pennington Conference Center.

5. Chair Pugh announced that the next meeting of the Board is scheduled for June 28th in Baton Rouge.

Mrs. Burkhalter thanked everyone for their many acts of kindness, calls, and prayers, and for the many gifts received during her illness.

On motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Chabert, by unanimous vote, there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.