

MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM

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Baton Rouge, LA

The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System met in regular session on Friday, October 25, 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 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. Andre G. Coudrain
Ms. Jessica Clarke
Mr. Winfred F. Sibille
Dr. Eunice Wicker Smith
Mrs. Carroll W. Suggs
Mr. David Wright

ABSENT:

Mr. Tex R. Kilpatrick, Vice Chair
Mrs. Elsie P. Burkhalter
Mr. Marty Chabert
Mr. Robert C. Davidge
Mr. Alfred S. Lippman
Mr. Jimmy Long, Sr.
Mr. Carl Shetler
Mr. Charles Teamer, Sr.
Mr. Michael H. Woods

Chair Pugh explained that in the absence of a quorum, nine members, the Board would receive committee reports and all items, including the Board’s August 23, 2002 Minutes, would be presented for official action at the December 6, 2002 meeting. Mr. Pugh directed the System staff to notify System universities that all items will be submitted for action or ratification at the next meeting of the Board. He further directed the System staff to notify System Universities to proceed with items requiring immediate action.

REPORT OF THE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

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

Agenda Item E.1.

Dr. Smith reported that the Grievance Committee voted unanimously to accept the staff report and voted unanimously to recommend that the Board affirm the action of **Louisiana Tech University** and deny a hearing to Dr. C. Richard Huston, 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.

Dr. Smith reported that the Academic and Student Affairs Committee received the staff reports and voted unanimously to recommend that the Board approve the following actions:

Agenda Item F.1.

Nicholls State University's request for approval of the dual diploma agreement with Ecole Supérieure du Commerce Extérieur (ESCE), (France).

Agenda Item F.2.a.-c.

Letters of Intent or Proposals as submitted by the following universities:

- A. **McNeese State University's** Letter of Intent for a Bachelor of General Studies degree program.
- B. **Northwestern State University's** Proposal for a Master of Arts degree program in Heritage Resources.
- C. **University of Louisiana at Lafayette's** Proposal for a Bachelor of Science degree program in Athletic Training.

Agenda Item F.3.

Northwestern State University's request to award the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree to Mr. Grits Gresham at the Fall 2002 Commencement.

Agenda Item F.4.

University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request to:

- A. Have an exception to Board RULE Chapter 1. Academics. Section VI.A.3. Honorary Degrees. Regarding the number of honorary degrees awarded per academic year, and
- B. Award honorary doctoral degrees at the Spring 2003 commencement exercises to the following persons:
 - 1. Mr. Clay Allen
 - 2. Mr. Bill Fenstermaker
 - 3. Mr. Matt Stuller

REPORT OF THE FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE

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

Mr. Sibille reported that the Committee received the staff's recommendations and voted unanimously to recommend that the Board approve the following actions:

Agenda Item G.1.

Grambling State University's request for approval to begin the process of selecting a development firm to finance, build, and manage privatized housing on the main campus. The Committee further requested that all required information and documentation will be submitted to the Board for approval prior to initiating any official action regarding this item.

Agenda Item G.2.

Nicholls State University's request for approval to rename the Nursing Department's Faculty Resource Center the Gipson and Enola Autin Faculty Resource Center.

Agenda Item G.3.

Nicholls State University's request for approval to name the University's Allied Health Building in Houma, Louisiana the *Theodore Louis Duhé Building*, in honor of Mr. T. L. "Teddy" Duhé.

Agenda Item G.4.

Northwestern State University's request for approval to begin the process of selecting a development firm to finance, renovate, build, and manage privatized housing on the main campus. The Committee further requested that all required information and documentation will be submitted to the Board for approval prior to initiating any official action regarding this item.

Agenda Item G.5.

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 New Vehicular Parking Garage.

Agenda Item G.6.

University of Louisiana at Monroe's request approval to demolish and remove Nicholson Hall and Olin Hall dormitories. The Committee further recommended that the Board require staff and legal counsel to ensure that all documents conform to statutory and administrative requirements.

REPORT OF THE JOINT ATHLETIC AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

In the absence of Mr. Woods, Chair of the Finance Committee and Mr. Shetler, Chair of the Athletic Committee, Mr. Nicklas was asked to present the Committee report.

Mr. Nicklas reported that Mr. Teamer, Vice Chair of the Finance Committee, chaired the committee meeting. He further reported that the Joint Athletic and Finance Committees met on Thursday and received the staff reports and voted unanimously to recommend the following actions by the Board:

Agenda Item H.1.

Approval of **Grambling State University's** request for permission to increase the 2002-2003 athletic ticket prices:

- a. home football day/night games (*ratification of administrative approval*)
- b. season tickets for home football games (*ratification of administrative approval*)
- c. Bayou Classic Tickets

Agenda Item H.2.

Approval of **Louisiana Tech University's** request for permission to assess a \$4-per-credit-hour energy surcharge effective the Winter Quarter 2002. The Committee further authorized the System staff approve requests to re-implement energy surcharges at other System Universities as appropriate.

Agenda Item H.3.

Approval of **Nicholls State University's** request for permission to implement a discounted tuition rate to certain high school students. The Committee further authorized all other System Universities to assess a reduced tuition rate to certain high school students with the approval of the System staff.

Agenda Item H.4.

Approval of **Southeastern Louisiana University's** request for approval of the 2002-2003 Athletic Ticket Prices and Promotional Events Prices.

Agenda Item H.5.

Approval of **University of Louisiana at Lafayette's** request for approval of a student referendum for the following:

- a. Parking/Transit assessment
- b. Recreational Facility/Equipment assessment

Agenda Item H.6.

Approval of **University of Louisiana System's** distribution of the Board of Regents Performance and Quality Improvement Pool Funds.

Agenda Item H.7.

Received a summary and status report of the following audits conducted by the office of the Legislative Auditor:

- a. **Grambling State University's** FY 2001-2002 Financial and Compliance Audit
- b. **University of Louisiana System's** FY 2001-2002 Financial and Compliance Audit

The Committee further received and recommended approval of **Grambling State University's** Fiscal Year (FY) 2002-2003 Operating Budget deferred at the August 23, 2002 meeting.

Agenda Item H.8 – Other Business

The Committee received a status report from System President Sally Clausen on Administrative Salaries. The Committee directed the System staff to prepare and recommend a System-wide Administrative Salary Policy to the Board for consideration at its next meeting.

The Committee also approved Dr. Clausen's request to implement additional presidential compensation adjustments for **Grambling State University's** President Neri Warner (5.8%) and **Louisiana Tech University's** President Dan Reneau (4.7%) in accordance with action taken at the Board's August 23, 2002 meeting.

The System staff also presented a brief summary of the report given at the Board of Regents Finance Committee for the UL-System's Fiscal Year 2002-2003 Operating Budgets. The following three points were emphasized during the meeting:

1. UL-System presidential salaries continue to lag their respective SREB counterparts.
2. The Committee noted that despite receiving the lowest level of State funding support in the Southern Region, the Board has maintained its commitment to faculty and has positioned faculty salaries closer to their SREB counterparts.
3. The Committee will support, in accordance with Legislative authority, a 3% tuition increase for UL-System Universities. Dr. Clausen also noted that after such an increase, the System Universities would, on average, be collecting over 20% less than their SREB counterparts. Our universities are also continuing to improve on performance such as first time freshmen retention rates, graduation rates, and faculty salaries. The priority on System campuses has been faculty and staff salaries at the expense of System University

Presidents' salaries. She commended the presidents for their accomplishments, and further stated that in order to retain outstanding leaders, the System realizes that it must adhere to the direction of Board member Andre Coudrain and develop a comprehensive Administrative Salary plan to be presented to the Board in December.

REPORT OF SYSTEM OFFICE BUSINESS

Dr. Clausen, and the System staff has reviewed, personnel actions as submitted by System Universities and requested that the System staff be authorized to grant administrative approval of personnel actions until they can be acted upon or ratified by the Board at its next meeting.

Agenda Item I.2. System President's Report

The following announcements were made for Board consideration or information:

1. Dr. Clausen reported that the personnel actions included Grambling State University's President Neri Warner and Louisiana Tech University's President Dan Reneau salary adjustments recommended by the Finance Committee.
2. Dr. Clausen recognized, in the audience, and thanked Mr. Rusty Jabour for his committed service as Director of Communication for the UL-System and wished him well in his newly accepted position in the Governor's Office.
3. Dr. Clausen recognized and thanked members of the UL System Director of Communications Search Committee (Dr. Loren Blanchard, Chair, Mr. Rusty Jabour, Mrs. Dawn Wilson Muscarello, Ms. Jackie Tisdale, Mr. Judy Dronet (ULL), and Mrs. Kim Hunter Reed (BoR)).
4. Dr. Clausen introduced **Ms. Catherine Heitman**, the newly appointed Director of Communications for the University of Louisiana System whose appointment was effective November 12, 2002.
Ms. Heitman thanked Dr. Clausen and the Board for their vote of confidence and approval of her appointment.

Agenda Item I.2.a.

5. Dr. Clausen presented an overview of the second edition of the *University of Louisiana System: State-of-the-System Annual Report*.
6. Dr. Clausen also announced that Mrs. Opra Winfrey, nationally known television talk show host, visited Northwestern State University.

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7. Dr. Clausen asked Dr. Blanchard to present a report on NCATE accreditation at Southeastern Louisiana University.

Dr. Blanchard announced that four universities in the state have attempted to acquire NCATE accreditation under the new standards and stated that he was pleased to report that **Southeastern Louisiana University** is the first University in the State of Louisiana to acquire full NCATE accreditation.

8. Dr. Clausen announced that Acting President Warner has requested an Institutional review for Grambling State University and the review will begin October 28, 2002.

9. Dr. Clausen announced that Nicholls State University will contract for an independent Institutional review.

10. Dr. Clausen recognized Mr. Ravi Kallianpur, Chief Information Officer for the System. Mr. Kallianpur explained that the System staff will be instituting a process to streamline distribution of reports required of the UL-System and will be instituting a paperless environment by distributing Board agenda and schedule of meetings by way of information technology and the Internet.

11. Dr. Clausen acknowledged two staff members for outstanding contributions in their work for the System: Mrs. Dawn Wilson Muscarello and Dr. Loren Blanchard (co-author of *Paper Thin, Soul Deep*).

Mrs. Muscarello and Dr. Blanchard thanked Dr. Clausen and the Board for the recognition of their work, family, and personal accomplishments.

12. Dr. Clausen shared a video, narrated by Board Member Ms. Jessica Clarke (who is also ULL's 2002 Homecoming Queen) on student initiatives. The video highlighted the voter registration drive and visits to middle schools throughout the state to meet and conduct motivational guidance to eighth grade students.

Mr. Pugh thanked Ms. Clarke on the accomplishments made for the Student Initiative Program.

REPORT OF BOARD CHAIR'S BUSINESS

Agenda Item J.1. Board Chair's Report

Mr. Pugh made the following announcements for Board consideration or information:

1. Mr. Pugh informed the Board that a copy of the Proposed 2003 Schedule of Board Meetings for adoption at the December Board meeting is included in the folders.
2. Mr. Pugh expressed heartfelt condolences to the family of Mr. T. L. "Teddy" Duhé and asked Ms. Dawn Muscarello to read the Resolution to be presented to Mr. Duhé's family.
3. Mr. Pugh recognized Board Member Mr. Andre Coudrain, who read a letter of appreciation and commendations from Ms. Antoinette Mitchell, Associate Vice President for NCATE 2000 on the NCATE Accreditation and Review process and the NCATE 2000 Clinic for Louisiana Institutions "*A Partnership Approach to Enhancing Teacher Quality and Accountability*" hosted by the University of Louisiana System.
4. Mr. Pugh commended the System staff on the recent accomplishments with NCATE and encouraged a continued positive attitude for all accomplishments made by the UL-System and the State of Louisiana.
5. 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 the Finance Committee and gave an overview of the System universities' small capital projects, operating budgets and other items that were approved by the Committees. Mr. Sibille also announced that Commissioner Savoie presented a status report on administrative salaries.

Mr. Sibille reported that Mrs. Elsie Burkhalter attended the BoR Academic and Student Affairs Committee.

6. Mr. Pugh announced that although the Board will miss the presence of Dr. Ayo as university president, it respects his decision and accepts his letter of retirement, effective June 30, 2003, that was submitted prior to the meeting.
7. Mr. Sibille commented on Dr. Ayo's accomplishments, including observations by Dr. Ed Penson written during the evaluation of President Donald Ayo in 2000.

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8. Mr. Coudrain noted a cartoon and article in the *Nicholls' Worth* that highlighted student support and campus accomplishments achieved by Dr. Donald Ayo and the article noted his retirement announcement.

Mr. Pugh, in view of Dr. Ayo's retirement announcement, appointed the members listed below to serve as the 2002-2003 **Nicholls State University Presidential Search Committee**. He indicated that Dr. Clausen will serve as Chair of the Search Committee and asked that she select three representatives of the community to serve on the committee. He further charged the Committee and Dr. Clausen to submit a detailed timeline and process to conduct a quality national search.

Dr. Sally Clausen, Chair

Mr. Marty Chabert

Mrs. Jessica Clarke

Mr. Andre Coudrain

Mr. Robert Davidge

Mr. Albert Lippman

Mr. Winfred Sibille

Mr. Carl Shetler

Dr. Eunice Smith

A faculty member of the University selected by the Faculty Senate

9. Mr. Pugh announced that the next meeting of the Board will be December 6, 2002 in the Claiborne Building Conference Center, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 12:05. p.m.