

MINUTES
JOINT MEETING
BOARD OF REGENTS AND THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM

October 29, 2004

A joint meeting was held at 11:18 a.m., Friday, October 29, 2004, Kiva Room of the Cate Teacher Education Center at Southeastern Louisiana University, Hammond, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order by Board of Supervisors Chair Michael Woods of the University of Louisiana System.

The rolls were called and quorums established.

Board of Regents

Present:

Roland Toups, Chair
Frances Henry, Vice Chair
Pat Strong, Secretary
William "Billy" Blake
Scott Brame
Richard D'Aquin
Stanley J. Jacobs
Robert Levy
W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr.
Virgil Robinson
William Clifford Smith
Artis Terrell

Absent:

Reggie Dupré
Jeraul Mackey

Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System

Present:

Michael H. Woods, Chair
Elsie P. Burkhalter
Andre G. Coudrain
Jimmy D. Long, Sr.
Katie Ortego
D. Wayne Parker
Gordon A. Pugh
Walter R. Rhodes
Winfred F. Sibille
Eunice W. Smith
Charles Teamer

Absent:

Donald T. "Boysie" Bollinger
Victor Bussie
Robert C. Davidge, Vice Chair
Carl Shetler
David Wright

Supervisor Woods extended thanks to President Randy Moffett of Southeastern Louisiana University (SLU) and his staff for hosting the joint meeting. He remarked that many new and exciting things are going on at Southeastern. Dr. Moffett welcomed both Boards to the SLU campus.

President Moffett next introduced Kim Dottolo, Miss Southeastern, a senior who is a math/education major and will teach in the spring. Ms. Dottolo welcomed all in attendance and explained that SLU is a second home to her. She thanked both boards for all the hard work that is done for higher education.

President Moffett next thanked his staff for its efforts to coordinate the meetings on campus for the two boards and then showed a short video about campus life at SLU.

THE PUBLIC AGENDA: LOUISIANA'S EDUCATIONAL CHALLENGES PRESENTED BY DR. E. JOSEPH SAVOIE, COMMISSIONER, BOARD OF REGENTS

Dr. E. Joseph Savoie, Commissioner of Higher Education of the Board of Regents, gave a powerpoint presentation on Louisiana's educational challenges. He stressed the importance of collaboration and partnerships between the Boards and the postsecondary education institutions. Commissioner Savoie shared the following benefits of postsecondary education with the Boards.

- increased wages;
- increased consumption of goods and services;
- improved health and life expectancy;
- decreased reliance on government support;
- reduced crime and incarceration rates;
- increased charitable and civic participation; and
- increased parental involvement in schooling.

Dr. Savoie emphasized the need for students to complete high school, enter college, finish college and enter the workplace. He explained the great need to improve the graduation rates of our high school students, and Louisiana needs more certified teachers.

Commissioner Savoie identified several critical issues for postsecondary education leaders in Louisiana to pursue: (1) plugging the holes in the education pipeline; (2) increasing skills of adults who have not completed high school, and (3) narrowing educational and economic disparities.

LEADERSHIP THROUGH TRANSITION PRESENTED BY DR. SALLY CLAUSEN, PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM

Dr. Sally Clausen, President of the University of Louisiana System (ULS), gave a powerpoint presentation which gave a brief overview noting there are over 83,000 students in system's universities.

President Clausen briefly discussed the following points:

- increase in scholarships and fee exemptions;
- upgraded student housing;
- “R U Ready?” college preparation campaign;
- strengthened partnerships between universities;
- elevated standards for entering and exiting teachers; and
- increases in ACT scores.

Next, Katie Ortego, student member of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System, was introduced. She said there is a statewide effort being made to get students registered to vote for the upcoming presidential election. Ms. Ortego then introduced a short video about Ms. Jessica Clarke, a former ULS Board member and marketing major, who became a 3rd grade school teacher after graduation. Student Member Katie Ortego said she is proud of Ms. Clarke and hopes more students will enter the teaching profession.

Next, Board of Supervisors Chair Woods announced that eleven education majors from its universities were being awarded scholarships to help further their education. He said the \$500 competitive scholarships would be awarded in honor of the late State Superintendent Dr. Thomas G. Clausen through private donations to the University of Louisiana System Foundation. Mr. Woods said that eligible applicants had at least a 3.0 GPA and had acquired a minimum of 45 hours of college credit.

UL System President Sally Clausen said the scholarship fund was established in her brother’s name to recognize outstanding teacher candidates and encourage them in their careers. Additionally, Dr. Clausen thanked her staff for their hard work in preparation of the joint meeting.

BOR Chair Toups also took the opportunity to thank Dr. Moffett for the hospitality shown the last two days. He expressed gratitude to the Board members who participated in the meetings along with the leadership of Dr. Savoie and Dr. Clausen. Mr. Toups thanked the Regents' staff as well.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Boards, the joint meeting of the Board of Regents and the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System adjourned at 12:45 p.m.