

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM

February 27, 2004

**A. Call to Order**

Chair Michael Woods called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System in the Auditorium, Room 100, "*The Louisiana Purchase Board Room*," of the Claiborne Building Conference Center, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 10:59 a.m. Chair Woods stated that a public comment card should be filled out if anyone wished to speak before the Board concerning items to be addressed by the Board.

**B. Roll Call**

The roll was called.

#### **PRESENT**

Mr. Michael H. Woods, Chair  
Mr. Donald T. "Boysie" Bollinger  
Mrs. Elsie P. Burkhalter  
Mr. Victor Bussie  
Mr. Andre G. Coudrain  
Mr. Jimmy D. Long, Sr.  
Mr. D. Wayne Parker

Ms. Jennifer L. Porter  
Mr. Walter R. Rhodes  
Mr. Carl Shetler  
Mr. Winfred F. Sibille  
Dr. Eunice W. Smith  
Mr. Charles C. Teamer, Sr.  
Mr. David Wright

#### **ABSENT**

Mr. Robert C. Davidge, Vice Chair

Mr. Gordon A. Pugh

Also present for the meeting were the following: System President Sally Clausen, System staff, administrators and faculty representatives from System campuses, Board Attorney Linda Law Clark, interested citizens, and representatives of the news media.

**C. Invocation**

Mr. Wright gave the invocation.

**D. Approval of the Minutes of the Board Meeting held January 9, 2004**

Upon motion of Dr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Coudrain, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting of January 9, 2004.

**E. Report of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee**

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

Upon motion of Dr. Smith, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to approve the adoption of the following resolutions.

E.1. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of its revised mission statement.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve Louisiana Tech University's revised mission statement.*

E.2. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of a letter of intent for a Ph.D. degree program in Industrial-Organizational Psychology.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve the letter of intent from Louisiana Tech University for a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree program in Industrial-Organizational Psychology.*

E.3. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a proposal for reinstatement of the Petroleum Engineering option under the Master of Science in Engineering degree program.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve the proposal from University of Louisiana at Lafayette for reinstatement of the Petroleum Engineering option under the Master of Science in Engineering degree.*

E.4. University of Louisiana System's new and revised Policies and Procedures Memoranda (PPMs).

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve the University of Louisiana System's new and revised Policies and Procedures Memoranda (PPMs) as follows: 1) FS-III.II.B-3 - Search Policies and Procedures for Positions of Dean or Higher; 2) M-(15) - Authorizing Contracts Between the University and a Member of the Faculty, Research Staff, or Coaching Staff for a Company in Which the Employee has an Interest Under Specified Circumstances; and 3) M-(9) - Accepting Monetary or Non-Monetary Compensation or Gifts.*

Dr. Smith stated that PPM S-II.IX.A.-1 regarding diversity course requirements was deferred by the Committee at the request of the Presidents' Council and the Council of Vice Presidents for Academic Affairs.

**F. Report of Joint Audit and Finance Committee**

Mr. Coudrain, Chair of the Finance Committee, presented the Joint Committee report.

Upon motion of Mr. Coudrain, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Joint Audit and Finance Committee to approve the adoption of the following resolutions.

- F.1. Nicholls State University's request for approval of a student referendum to increase the Student Government Association (SGA) and Cheerleader Fees.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve Nicholls State University's request for a student referendum to increase the Student Government Association (SGA) and Cheerleader Fees.*

- F.2. Northwestern State University's request for approval of a student referendum to increase the Student Drama Fee.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve Northwestern State University's request for a student referendum to increase the Student Drama Fee.*

- F.3. University of Louisiana System's discussion of internal audit reports submitted for the period November 15, 2003 through February 15, 2004.

Mr. Richard Thompson, System Director of Internal Audit, presented this report. No official Board action was required.

- F.4. University of Louisiana System request for approval to establish LEQSF (8g) Endowed Professorships as follows:

**Louisiana Tech University:**

- 1) Herbert McElveen Endowed Professorship in Applied and Natural Science
- 2) Norman and May Pipes Johnson Professorship in Forestry and Horticulture
- 3) Herbert McElveen Professorship in Business
- 4) Eva Cunningham Professorship in Education
- 5) Hubberd H. and Velma Horton Boucher Professorship in Education
- 6) Mary Robin Dorsett Endowed Professorship in Education
- 7) James E. Wyche III Professorship in Engineering

**McNeese State University:**

- 1) Professorship in Science #7
- 2) Professorship in Science #8
- 3) Professorship in Science #9
- 4) Professorship in Science #10

**Nicholls State University:**

- 1) The Bonnie Bourg Endowed Professorship in Higher Education
- 2) The Morris and Sandra Hebert Endowed Professorship in Geomatics/Surveying
- 3) The Jimmy and Glenny Lee Buquet Endowed Professorship in the Louisiana Center for Dyslexia and Related Learning Disorders
- 4) The T. Baker Smith Endowed Professorship in Geomatics/Surveying
- 5) The Peltier Foundation Endowed Professorship in the College of Business Administration
- 6) The Agnes H. Candies Endowed Professorship in the College of Business Administration
- 7) The American Association of Drilling Engineers Endowed Professorship in Petroleum Services

**Northwestern State University:**

- 1) The Coypu Foundation Endowed Professorship in Biological Sciences

**Southeastern Louisiana University:**

- 1) The Nell Yarborough Sibley Endowed Professorship in Education
- 2) The Joseph and Arlene Meraux Endowed Professorship in Education

**University of Louisiana at Lafayette:**

**Carryover BORSF PROFESSORSHIP APPLICATIONS – 2003**

- 1) Anthony Moroux/BORSF Memorial Endowed Professorship in Political Science II
- 2) Anthony Moroux/BORSF Memorial Endowed Professorship in Political Science III
- 3) Patrick Rutherford/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Education
- 4) Northwestern Mutual Financial Network/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Insurance and Risk Management
- 5) A-CIM/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Engineering II
- 6) The LAGCOE/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Petroleum Engineering
- 7) Marine Survival Training Center/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Safety Engineering
- 8) Joseph P. Montiel/BORSF Endowed Professorship in English
- 9) Joseph P. Montiel/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Language
- 10) Lockheed Martin Corporation/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Computer Science/Computer Engineering IV
- 11) Elias “Bo” Ackal, Jr. /BORSF Endowed Professorship in Political Science
- 12) Dr. and Mrs. Sammie W. Cospers/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Physics
- 13) Mr. and Mrs. Tom Galloway/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Communication or Business
- 14) Dr. Tommy Comeaux/BORSF Memorial Endowed Professorship in Traditional Music V
- 15) The Lafayette Coca-Cola/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Marketing
- 16) The Lafayette Coca-Cola/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Hospitality Management IV

**BORSF PROFESSORSHIP APPLICATIONS – 2004**

- 1) Lionel Billeaud/Genevieve Gidiere Professorship in Music
- 2) The Lafayette Coca-Cola/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Hospitality Management V

- 3) The Lafayette Coca-Cola/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Marketing II
- 4) Endowed Professorship in Foreign Languages
- 5) Lafayette General Medical Center Professorship in Nursing
- 6) Mr. and Mrs. Tom Galloway/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Business II
- 7) Dr. Tommy Comeaux/BORSF Memorial Endowed Professorship in Traditional Music VI
- 8) Jim and Pat Prince/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Accounting II

**University of Louisiana at Monroe:**

- 1) Endowed Professorship in Entrepreneurship
- 2) The Thurmon Potts Professorship in Construction
- 3) The Bruce and Lizabeth Boulware Professorship in Management

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does **hereby** approve the request from System institutions to establish the LEQSF (8g) Endowed Professorships as noted above.*

- F.5. University of Louisiana System request for approval of a 3% tuition increase effective summer 2004.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby **approve** a 3% increase in tuition effective summer 2004.*

- F.6. University of Louisiana System's discussion of Fiscal Year 2003-2004 second quarter interim financial reports and ongoing assurances.

The Committee received a report from Mr. Dave Nicklas, System Vice President for Finance and Administration, who presented a summary of the System's Fiscal Year 2003-2004 second quarter interim financial reports and ongoing assurances. No official Board action was required.

- F.7. University of Louisiana System's discussion of reports issued by the Office of the Legislative Auditor.

The Committee received a report from Mr. Dave Nicklas, System Vice President for Finance and Administration, who presented a summary of reports issued by the Office of the Legislative Auditor, which included the System's Financial and Compliance Audit Report for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2003. No official Board action was required.

**G. Report of the Facilities Planning Committee**

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

Upon motion of Mr. Sibille, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Facilities Planning Committee to approve the adoption of the following resolutions.

- G.1. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to demolish two buildings on the site proposed for the new Biomedical Engineering Building.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve Louisiana Tech University's request to demolish two buildings on the site proposed for the new Biomedical Engineering Building.*

- G.2. McNeese State University's request for approval to demolish two softball dugouts at the women's "old" softball field.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve McNeese State University's request to demolish two softball dugouts at the women's "old" softball field.*

- G.3. Nicholls State University's request for approval to rename the Nicholls State University Barker Annex the "Leonard J. Chabert Hall."

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve Nicholls State University's request to rename the Nicholls State University Barker Annex the "Leonard J. Chabert Hall."*

- G.4. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to demolish the 101 Building.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to demolish the 101 Building.*

- G.5. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to amend the University's Sandel Hall FY 2004-05 Capital Outlay Budget Request to include the renovation of the Student Success Center (Wigwam) facility.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to amend the University's Sandel Hall FY 2004-05 Capital Outlay Budget Request to include the renovation of the Student Success Center (Wigwam) facility.*

## **H. Report of the Personnel Committee**

Mr. David Wright, Chair of the Personnel Committee, presented the Committee report.

Upon motion of Mr. Wright, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Personnel Committee to approve the adoption of the following resolutions.

- H.1. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of the following: (a) To promote Dr. Terry McConathy to Executive Vice President and Dean of the Graduate School; and (b) To promote Dr. Leslie Guice to Vice President for Research and Development and Director of Information Technology.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve the request of Louisiana Tech University to appoint Dr. Terry McConathy as Executive Vice President and Dean of the Graduate School and Dr. Leslie Guice as Vice President for Research and Development and Director of Information Technology.*

Upon recommendation by Mr. Wright and with no objection from the Board, one item of other business was added to the agenda.

H.2. Other Business - Grambling State University's request for approval to appoint Mr. Melvin Spears, Jr. as Interim Head Football Coach.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve the request of Grambling State University to appoint Mr. Melvin Spears, Jr. as Interim Head Football Coach until a new president is appointed, at which time Mr. Spears will serve in this position as an at-will employee. The details of employment are to be outlined in an employment contract to be presented to the Board for consideration at its March 2004 meeting.*

**I. Report of the Grambling Presidential Search Committee**

Chair Sally Clausen informed the Board that the Search Committee met on Thursday, February 26, 2004, to discuss the forty-nine (49) individuals. In addition to the Search Committee Members, special thanks were extended to Board Chairman Mike Woods, Mr. Victor Bussie, Mr. Jimmy Long, Dr. Eunice Smith, and Mr. Winfred Sibille for attending the meeting. After much discussion, the Committee unanimously endorsed the following nine (9) individuals to be interviewed:

- Dr. A. Toy Caldwell-Colbert
- Dr. William H. Harris
- Dr. Melvin N. Johnson
- Dr. Horace Judson
- Dr. Charlie Nelms
- Dr. William Pollard
- Dr. Rodney D. Smith
- Dr. Anne W. Watts
- Dr. David Wilson

Dr. Clausen stated that reference and background checks on the candidates will continue. The interviews will be held at Grambling State University on March 15 and 16, 2004 and the public is invited to attend.

**J. Report of System President's Business**

Dr. Sally Clausen, System President, reported that staff reviewed the System personnel actions and recommended them for Board approval as amended.

J.1. Personnel Actions

*Upon motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mr. Shetler, the Board voted unanimously to approve the System personnel actions as amended.*

J.2. System President's Report

- Dr. Clausen highlighted System Board member Mr. David Wright and thanked him for his dedicated service to the Board, the UL System, and to all of education for over forty (40) years.
- System staff member, Dee'Layn Cothorn, Associate Vice President for Budget and Planning, was also highlighted.
- Congratulated and thanked the students at ULM for the tremendous job they are doing by raising vital funds for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital through St. Jude's "Up 'til Dawn Program." Also thanked ULM President James Cofer and his staff for their involvement and dedication to the students on their campus.
- Acknowledged Catherine Heitman, System Director of Communications, who informed the Board about the "*R U Ready?*" campaign and the public service announcement (PSA) recently developed for eighth grade and high school students. The PSA is a continuation of the ULS "*College Begins in Preschool*" campaign and was developed to help ensure that students are ready for selective admissions by taking the right courses in high school.
  - Ms. Heitman acknowledged Ms. Beth Courtney, President of Louisiana Public Broadcasting, and thanked her and her staff for their work in helping to produce the PSA.
  - Ms. Courtney stated LPB regards itself as a partner in education and wants to assist UL System universities in any way possible.
  - Showed the "*R U Ready?*" PSA directed at eighth grade and high school students and also showed the PSAs developed for middle school students and preschool children and their parents.
  - Ms. Heitman acknowledged and thanked Mr. Rusty Jabour, former ULS staff member, who guided the communications effort for the System for a few years and who helped develop the current "*R U Ready?*" campaign. She also informed the Board that Mr. Jabour is currently the Manager of Public Affairs for Cox Communications.
  - Mr. Jabour introduced Ms. Sharon Kleinpeter, Director of Government and Public Affairs for Cox Communications, who informed the Board that Cox Communications will begin to air the "*R U Ready?*" PSA beginning Monday, March 1, 2004. She stated that Cox is excited to be part of this project.
  - Ms. Courtney also informed the Board that LPB will air the PSA across the state and that she will ask Time Warner in Shreveport and Monroe to also help to get out this important message.
  - Ms. Heitman also informed the Board that there is a web site regarding this campaign, [www.rureadyinfo.net](http://www.rureadyinfo.net). She thanked ULL, Louisiana Tech, and SLU for their help with the development, the design, and the website.



- Dr. Clausen thanked both LPB and Cox Communications for helping to partner with the System in getting the “*R U Ready?*” message out to students.

**K. Report of Board Chairman’s Business**

**K.1. Board Chairman’s Report**

- Mr. Woods asked for comments from those Board Members who attended the February Board of Regents’ meetings on behalf of the Board. Mr. Sibille reported that only the Facilities and Property Committee had items affecting the UL System, and he gave a brief report regarding action taken by that committee.
- Mr. Woods informed the Board that the SREB Leadership Institute held at Southeastern Louisiana University on February 2-4, 2004, was a great success and he gave an update to the Board regarding the institute.
- The Board was informed that the next Board meeting is on March 26, 2004, in Baton Rouge.
- As a reminder, Mr. Woods reiterated that the interviews for candidates for the presidency of Grambling State University are March 15 and 16 at Grambling.

**L. Other Business**

There was no other business to come before the Board.

**M. Adjournment**

*Upon motion of Mr. Bollinger, seconded by Mrs. Burkhalter, there being no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:40 a.m.*