

MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM

APRIL 23, 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 11:05 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. Robert C. Davidge, Vice Chair
Mr. Donald T. "Boysie" Bollinger
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
Mr. Charles C. Teamer, Sr.

ABSENT

Mrs. Elsie P. Burkhalter
Mr. Victor Bussie
Mr. Gordon A. Pugh

Dr. Eunice W. Smith
Mr. David Wright

Also present for the meeting were the following: System Vice President for Accreditation, Leadership and Accountability Dr. Loren J. Blanchard, 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. Long gave the invocation.

D. Approval of the Minutes of the Board Meeting held March 26, 2004

Upon motion of Mr. Shetler, seconded by Mr. Coudrain, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting of March 26, 2004.

E. Report of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Mr. Walter R. Rhodes, Vice Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, presented the Committee report.

Upon motion of Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Coudrain, the Board voted unanimously to amend its agenda to include one item of other business.

Upon motion of Mr. Rhodes, 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 a proposal for a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree program in Nanosystems Engineering.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve the proposal from Louisiana Tech University for a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree program in Nanosystems Engineering.*

- E.2. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a proposal for a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree program in Occupational Safety, Health and Environment.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve the proposal from Southeastern Louisiana University to establish a Bachelor of Science degree program in Occupational Safety, Health and Environment.*

- E.3. Other Business - University of Louisiana System's request for Board endorsement/approval of the Board of Regents' statewide articulation matrices.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby endorse/approve the Board of Regents' statewide articulation matrices.*

F. Report of Joint Audit and Finance Committee

Mr. Coudrain, Chair of the Finance Committee, presented the Joint Audit and Finance 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. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to allow a student self-assessed fee referendum to provide monies to student organizations and athletics.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to allow a student self-assessed fee referendum to provide monies to student organizations and athletics.

- F.2. Louisiana Tech University's request for acceptance of Fiscal Year 2004 Financial and Compliance Questionnaire.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby accept the Financial and Compliance Questionnaire as submitted by Louisiana Tech University.

- F.3. University of Louisiana System's request for ratification of approval to establish an LEQSF (8g) Endowed Professorship as follows:

University of Louisiana at Monroe:

- 1) The Lucy Shackelford Endowed Professorship in Kinesiology

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

- F.4. University of Louisiana System's discussion of Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Third Quarter Interim Financial Reports and ongoing assurances.

The Committee received a summary report from Mr. Dave Nicklas, System Vice President for Finance and Administration, regarding the System's Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Third Quarter Interim Financial Reports and ongoing assurances. No official Board action was required.

- F.5. University of Louisiana System's discussion of internal audit reports submitted for the period March 15, 2004 through April 15, 2004.

The Committee received a report from Mr. Richard Thompson, System Director of Internal Audit. 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 by Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Coudrain, the Board voted unanimously to amend its agenda to include one item of other business.

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 purchase a small tract of land for a proposed pedestrian bridge to be located near campus.

***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 purchase a small tract of land for a proposed pedestrian bridge to be located near campus.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Dr. Daniel Reneau, President of Louisiana Tech University, is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute said purchase of property.*

***AND FURTHER,** that UL System staff and legal counsel ensure that all documents conform to statutory and administrative requirements.*

- G.2. McNeese State University's request for approval to demolish the Miller house located at 4017 South Hodges Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana.

***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 the Miller house located at 4017 South Hodges Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana.*

***AND FURTHER,** that UL System staff and legal counsel ensure that all documents conform to statutory and administrative requirements.*

- G.3. Nicholls State University's request to lease approximately five (5) acres of university property to Thibodaux Regional Medical Center (TRMC).

***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 lease approximately five (5) acres of university property to Thibodaux Regional Medical Center (TRMC).*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Dr. Sally Clausen, President of the University of Louisiana System, and/or Dr. Stephen T. Hulbert, President of Nicholls State University, are hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute said lease.*

***AND FURTHER,** that UL System staff and legal counsel ensure that all documents conform to statutory and administrative requirements.*

- G.4. Northwestern State University's request for approval to demolish an Equipment Shed and Hide House.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve Northwestern State University's request to demolish an Equipment Shed and Hide House.*

***AND FURTHER,** that UL System staff and legal counsel ensure that all documents conform to statutory and administrative requirements.*

- G.5. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to name the University Athletic Building the Dugas Athletic Building in honor of the Dugas Family.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve Southeastern Louisiana University's request to name the University Athletic Building the Dugas Athletic Building in honor of the Dugas Family.*

- G.6. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to sell approximately 200 acres of property located adjacent to the Hammond Municipal Airport.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve Southeastern Louisiana University's request to sell approximately 200 acres of property located adjacent to the Hammond Municipal Airport.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the sale proceeds are to be used for capital improvement programs.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Dr. Sally Clausen, President of the University of Louisiana System, and/or Dr. Randy Moffett, President of Southeastern Louisiana University, are/is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute said land sale.*

***AND FURTHER,** that UL System staff and legal counsel ensure that all documents conform to statutory and administrative requirements.*

- G.7. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to demolish the University Police Station and Stock Pavilion building.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve Southeastern Louisiana University's request to demolish the University Police Station and Stock Pavilion building.*

***AND FURTHER,** that UL System staff and legal counsel ensure that all documents conform to statutory and administrative requirements.*

- G.8. Other Business – University of Louisiana at Monroe’s request for approval to enter into a Ground Lease Agreement and Facilities Lease Agreement involving the ULM Student Union facility with University of Louisiana Monroe Facilities, Inc., a 501(c)3 corporation.

***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 to enter into a Ground Lease Agreement and Facilities Lease Agreement involving the ULM Student Union facility with University of Louisiana Monroe Facilities, Inc., 501(c)3 corporation.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Dr. Sally Clausen, President of the University of Louisiana System, and/or Dr. James E. Cofer, President of University of Louisiana at Monroe, are/is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute said lease agreement.*

***AND FURTHER,** that UL System staff and legal counsel ensure that all documents conform to statutory and administrative requirements.*

H. Report of Legislation Committee

Mr. Jimmy D. Long, Sr., Chair of the Legislation Committee, presented the Committee report.

Mr. Long also informed the Board that Commissioner Savoie called a meeting on April 8 with the System Presidents, System Legislative Liaisons, Board Chairs, and Board Legislation Committee Chairs. He stated this meeting was an opportunity for all Systems to “get on the same page as we proceed through the Session” and thanked Dr. Savoie and Regent Chairman Toups for initiating this meeting. Mr. Long stated this was the first time such a meeting has occurred.

Mr. Long also stated that on April 13 the UL System appeared before the Appropriations Committee. He thanked Dr. Loren Blanchard for his excellent presentation before the Committee on behalf of our System.

I. Report of the Personnel Committee

Mr. Charles Teamer, Acting Chair of the Personnel Committee, presented the Committee report.

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

- I.1. Nicholls State University’s request for approval to appoint Dr. Carroll J. Falcon as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs effective July 1, 2004.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve the request of Nicholls State University to appoint Dr. Carroll J. Falcon as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at an annual salary of \$120,000 effective July 1, 2004.*

- I.2. Northwestern State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Anthony J. Scheffler as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs effective July 1, 2004.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve the request of Northwestern State University to appoint Dr. Anthony J. Scheffler as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at an annual salary of \$111,673 effective July 1, 2004.*

- I.3. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Diane D. Allen as Dean of the College of Education and Human Development effective June 27, 2004.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve the request of Southeastern Louisiana University to appoint Dr. Diane D. Allen as Dean of the College of Education and Human Development at an annual salary of \$100,000 effective June 27, 2004.*

J. Report of System President's Business

Dr. Loren J. Blanchard, System Vice President for Accreditation, Leadership and Accountability, reported that staff reviewed the System personnel actions and summer school appointments 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 and summer school appointments as amended.

J.2. System President's Report

- Dr. Blanchard expressed gratitude to Mr. Woods, Board Chair, for attending and testifying before the House Appropriations Committee on April 13. He also expressed appreciation to Mr. Long, Mr. Sibille, and Mr. Bussie for their attendance and support. In addition, Dr. Blanchard thanked System staff for assembling the handout and oral presentation used at that meeting.
- Dr. Blanchard highlighted some outstanding activities taking place on System university campuses:
 - Two events from McNeese State University's annual Banners Series will broadcast on state and national television. The first annual McLeod Lecture on Louisiana Politics entitled, "*The Young Turks: How They Transformed Louisiana Politics,*" will air on LPB on May 2 at 4 p.m. In addition, CBS *Sunday Morning Show* is doing a segment on Louisiana fiddle master, Michael Doucet, who will perform on McNeese's campus on Saturday, April 24. LPB will film the performance for the CBS *Sunday Morning Show* to air at a later date.

- Northwestern State University is participating in a project called *Books for Baghdad*. This project is one of many projects in which a number of American universities are participating to improve Iraq's war-torn libraries by running textbook drives and establishing training programs for librarians. Northwestern is asking people to donate textbooks and cash to the University of Baghdad and two other universities in Iraq.
- Southeastern Louisiana University recently established the first campus-based chapter of the Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention group. This program exists in 48 countries and was created to help save lives by empowering youth through education about suicide.
- The University of Louisiana at Monroe and Kinesiology professor, Dr. Lisa Colvin, have teamed up with a local Monroe hospital to study pediatric body composition. This study will explore how a child's body deposits fat to give insight into the connection between diseases such as diabetes and hypertension. The bigger issue that the study is hoping to address is the obesity epidemic in America, especially among children in the South.
- Dr. Blanchard informed Board Members that the dates for commencement at System universities were included in their folders.
- Dr. Blanchard acknowledged and congratulated Ms. Jillian Kaiser, System student assistant, on her May graduation from Louisiana State University.

K. Report of Board Chair's Business

K.1. Board Chairman's Report

- Mr. Woods asked Dr. Les Guice, Louisiana Tech University, and Dr. Duane Blumberg, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, to come forward to make introductions regarding LONI (Louisiana Optical Network Initiative). He informed the Board that LONI is a proposed, statewide, optical-fiber computer network. Mr. Woods stated that Drs. Guice and Blumberg are members of the LONI steering committee.

Dr. Guice recognized Dr. Carolyn Hargrave and stated that she was instrumental in organizing the LONI steering committee. He asked Dr. Hargrave to stand and be recognized for her efforts. He also recognized other steering committee members who were present: Commissioner of Higher Education E. Joseph Savoie, chairman of the steering committee; Mr. Adam Knapp, Economic Development Policy Advisor with the Office of the Governor; Mr. Charles McMahon, LSU Director of Telecommunications; Mr. Tom Tierney, LSU Assistant Director for Business Relations for the Center for Computation and Technology; Mr. Mike Abbiatti, Assistant Commissioner for Information and Learning Technology with the Board of Regents; and Mr. Dan Henderson with Louisiana Department of Economic Development.

Dr. Duane Blumberg gave background information on LONI and introduced Mr. Ed Seidel, Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies at University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

Dr. Ed Seidel, Director of the Center for Computation and Technology at Louisiana State University and professor of astrophysics, spoke to the Board on behalf of a collaboration of research universities and state agencies supporting the development of the Louisiana Optical Network Initiative (LONI). These universities and agencies include LSU, Louisiana Tech, Southern, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Tulane, the University of New Orleans, and the Louisiana Department of Economic Development.

- Mr. Woods stressed the importance of the April 8 System Heads' meeting called by Commissioner Savoie to discuss upcoming post-secondary education legislation and strategy. He stated that this was the first time such a meeting has occurred and included Board Chairs, Legislation Committee Chairs, and System Heads.
- Mr. Woods complimented Dr. Blanchard on his testimony before the Appropriations Committee on April 13 and thanked Mr. Long, Mr. Sibille, and Mr. Bussie for their support and attendance at that meeting.
- Mr. Woods asked for comments from Mr. Sibille, who attended the April Board of Regents' Facilities and Property Committee meeting on behalf of the Board. Mr. Sibille gave a report regarding items affecting the UL System.
- Mr. Woods stated that Dr. Horace Judson will officially become President of Grambling State University on July 1, 2004. On June 1, 2004, he will begin working on a consulting basis on the budget and transition activities.
- The Board was reminded that the next Board meeting is on June 25, 2004, in Baton Rouge.

L. Other Business

There was no other business to come before the Board.

M. Adjournment

Upon motion of Mr. Bollinger, seconded by Mr. Davidge, there being no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:45 a.m.