

MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM

JUNE 25, 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 11:18 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
Mrs. Elsie P. Burkhalter
Mr. Andre G. Coudrain
Mr. Jimmy D. Long, Sr.
Ms. Katie Ortego

Mr. D. Wayne Parker
Mr. Gordon A. Pugh
Mr. Walter R. Rhodes
Mr. Carl Shetler
Mr. Winfred F. Sibille
Dr. Eunice W. Smith
Mr. David Wright

ABSENT

Mr. Victor Bussie

Mr. Charles C. Teamer, Sr.

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

C. Invocation

Mr. Wright gave the invocation.

D. Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting held April 23, 2004

Upon motion of Mr. Shetler, seconded by Mr. Coudrain, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting of April 23, 2004.

Mr. Woods thanked former student Board Member Jennifer Porter for her year of service on the Board and welcomed new student Board Member Katie Ortego from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

E. Administering the Oath of Office to newly appointed Board Member Ms. Katie Ortego

Attorney Winston DeCuir administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed student Board Member Ms. Katie Ortego.

Chair Woods stated that Ms. Ortego will serve on the following Committees: Academic and Student Affairs, Athletic, Grievance, and Legislation.

F. 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.

- F.1. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to offer the following existing degree programs through distance learning technologies: (a) Bachelor of Science degree program in Health Information Administration and (b) Associate of Science degree program in Health Information Technology.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve the request from Louisiana Tech University to offer the following existing programs through distance learning technologies: (a) Bachelor of Science degree program in Health Information Administration and (b) Associate of Science degree program in Health Information Technology.*

- F.2. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of a letter of intent/proposal for a Master of Science degree program in Health Information Management.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve the letter of intent/proposal from Louisiana Tech University for a Master of Science degree program in Health Information Management.*

- F.3. McNeese State University's request for approval of a proposed McNeese/LSUA Engineering Consortium Agreement.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve the request from McNeese State University for a proposed McNeese/LSUA Engineering Consortium Agreement.*

- F.4. McNeese State University's request for approval of a Cooperative Agreement with Ecole Superieure Libre des Sciences Commerciales Appliquees (ESLSCA) in Paris, France.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve the request from McNeese State University for a Cooperative Agreement with Ecole Superieure Libre des Sciences Commerciales Appliquees (ESLSCA) in Paris, France.*

- F.5. University of Louisiana System's new and revised Policies and Procedures Memoranda on (a) Program Discontinuance, and (b) Unclassified Employees Called to Active Duty in the Military. (copy of PPMs attached to minutes)

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby endorse the proposed Policies and Procedures Memoranda on (a) Program Discontinuance, and (b) Unclassified Employees Called to Active Duty in the Military.*

G. Report of the Joint Athletic and Audit Committee

Mr. Shetler, Chair of the Athletic Committee, presented the Joint Athletic and Audit Committee report.

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

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

- G.1. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of the employment contract and agreement for Mr. Glynn Cyprien, Head Men's Basketball Coach, effective May 19, 2004.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve the employment contract and agreement for Mr. Glynn Cyprien, Head Men's Basketball Coach at University of Louisiana at Lafayette, effective May 19, 2004, and subject to appropriate staff and legal counsel review of all documentation.*

- G.2. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of the revised employment contract and agreement for Mr. Charlie Weatherbie, Head Football Coach, effective July 1, 2004.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve the revised contract and agreement for Mr. Charlie Weatherbie, Head Football Coach at the University of Louisiana at Monroe, effective July 1, 2004.*

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

- G.3. University of Louisiana at Monroe's preliminary report on Intercollegiate Athletic Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby accept the preliminary report by Carr Sports Associates, Inc. on ULM's Intercollegiate Athletic Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that President James E. Cofer is encouraged to use the report as a resource in making decisions regarding the ULM Intercollegiate Athletic Program.

AND FURTHER, that ULM report to the Board every quarter regarding the status of the ULM Intercollegiate Athletic Program.

- G.4. University of Louisiana System's discussion of results of System Universities' Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Internal Audit Plans.

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

- G.5. University of Louisiana System's request for approval of System Universities' Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Internal Audit Plans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve the System Universities' Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Internal Audit Plans.

- G.6. University of Louisiana System's discussion of internal audit reports submitted for the period April 15, 2004 through June 15, 2004.

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

- G.7. Other Business – Grambling State University's request for approval to increase ticket prices for the 2004 Bayou Classic. (also in Finance Committee)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve Grambling State University's request to increase ticket prices for the 2004 Bayou Classic.

H. Report of the Finance Committee

Mr. D. Wayne Parker, Vice Chair of the Finance Committee, presented the Committee report.

Upon motion of Mr. Shetler, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, the Finance Committee voted unanimously to amend its agenda to include two items of other business.

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

- H.1. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to refinance existing bonded debt and apply savings for repair and replacement to existing residential housing facilities and to plan for new student housing.

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 refinance existing bonded debt and apply savings for repair and replacement to existing residential housing and to plan for new student housing.

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

- H.2. Nicholls State University's request for approval to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with South Louisiana Economic Council, Inc. to formalize the relationship.

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 enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with South Louisiana Economic Council, Inc. to formalize the relationship.

- H.3. Nicholls State University's request for approval of tuition waivers for public school teachers who are pursuing or have completed the National Board Certification Program.

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 tuition waivers, not to exceed a total of six (6) credit hours, for public school teachers who are pursuing or have completed the National Board Certification Program.

- H.4. Northwestern State University's request for approval to enter into a lease agreement for bookstore operation.

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 approval to enter into a lease agreement for bookstore operation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Dr. Randy Webb, President of Northwestern State University, is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute said bookstore operation.

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

- H.5. Acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Financial and Compliance Representation Letters: Grambling State University, Southeastern Louisiana University, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, and University of Louisiana at Monroe.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby accept the Financial and Compliance Representation Letters as submitted by Grambling State University, Southeastern Louisiana University, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, and University of Louisiana at Monroe.

- H.6. University of Louisiana System's consideration of 4% fee as authorized by HB 1062.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve an operational fee of 4% as authorized by HB 1062 and System universities may transfer these funds into internally restricted accounts.

- H.7. Other Business – Grambling State University's request for permission to increase ticket prices for the 2004 Bayou Classic. (also in Joint Athletic and Audit Committee)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve Grambling State University's request to increase ticket prices for the 2004 Bayou Classic.

- H.8. Other Business – University of Louisiana System's request to authorize System staff to approve energy surcharge requests from System universities in accordance with Board of Regents' guidelines.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby authorize System staff to approve energy surcharge requests from System universities in accordance with Board of Regents' guidelines.

I. Report of the Facilities Planning Committee

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

Upon motion of Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Shetler, the Facilities Planning Committee voted unanimously to amend its agenda to include two items of other business.

After receiving staff recommendations and System university presentations, the Committee discussed the following items and took the following actions without objection.

- I.1. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to purchase two small tracts of land on the south and north sides of the Kansas City Southern Railroad track 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 two small tracts of land on the south and north sides of the Kansas City Southern Railroad 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 ULS staff and legal counsel ensure that all documents conform to statutory and administrative requirements.

- I.2. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to enter into a lease with the Lafayette Economic Development Authority (LEDA) for seven acres of property in the Research Park for the purpose of constructing a technology immersion center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve the University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request to enter into a lease with the Lafayette Economic Development Authority (LEDA) for seven acres of property in the Research Park for the purpose of constructing a technology immersion center.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Dr. Sally Clausen, President of the University of Louisiana System, and/or Dr. Ray Authement, President of University of Louisiana at Lafayette, are hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute said lease.

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

- I.3. Other Business – Southeastern Louisiana University's request to amend the Board Resolution approved December 5, 2003 regarding the Southeastern Louisiana University Privatized Housing proposal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve Southeastern Louisiana University's Privatized Housing Proposal from Capstone Development Corporation and also gives approval to enter into a Ground Lease Agreement and an Agreement to Lease with Option to Purchase with a non-profit corporation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Southeastern Louisiana University is specifically authorized to refund its current housing debt related to the University's Phase I and Phase II housing projects.

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 hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute said lease agreements.

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

I.4. Other Business – University of Louisiana at Monroe’s request to amend the Board Resolution approved January 9, 2004 regarding the University of Louisiana at Monroe Privatized Housing proposal.

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 Privatized Housing Proposal from JPI Campus Quarters and also gives approval to enter into a Ground Lease Agreement and an Agreement to Lease with Option to Purchase with a non-profit corporation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that University of Louisiana at Monroe is specifically authorized to refund its current housing debt.

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 hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute said lease agreements.

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

J. Report of the Legislation Committee

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

The Chair stated that Mr. Dave Nicklas, System Vice President for Finance and Administration, provided the Committee with a general overview of the Appropriations Bill, HB1, and that Mr. Doug Lee, System Assistant Vice President for Facilities Planning, reported on the Capital Outlay Bill, HB2. Mr. Long stated Ms. Dawn Wilson, System Executive Associate to the President, then spoke to the Committee regarding the rest of the 2004 Regular Legislative Session. Mr. Long said that there was a great deal of discussion during the Committee and that Dr. Clausen also made comments regarding the Legislative Session.

K. 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 resolution.

- K.1. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to appoint Dr. James D. Liberatos as Dean of the College of Applied and Natural Sciences 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 Louisiana Tech University to appoint Dr. James D. Liberatos as Dean of the College of Applied and Natural Sciences at an annual salary of \$101,000 effective July 1, 2004.*

- K.2. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Stan A. Napper as Dean of the College of Engineering and Science 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 Louisiana Tech University to appoint Dr. Stan A. Napper as Dean of the College of Engineering and Science at an annual salary of \$125,000 effective July 1, 2004.*

- K.3. Nicholls State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Badiollah Asrabadi as Interim Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences for a one-year appointment 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. Badiollah Asrabadi as Interim Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences for a one-year appointment at an annual salary of \$91,025 effective July 1, 2004.*

- K.4. Nicholls State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Albert Davis as Interim Dean of the University College for a one-year appointment 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. Albert Davis as Interim Dean of University College for a one-year appointment at an annual salary of \$92,649 effective July 1, 2004.*

- K.5. Nicholls State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Velma Sue Westbrook as Dean of the College of Nursing and Allied Health 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. Velma Sue Westbrook Dean of the College of Nursing and Allied Health at an annual salary of \$94,780 effective July 1, 2004.*

L. Report of System President's Business

Dr. Sally Clausen, System President, asked Reverend Chris Andrews, Chairman of the University of Louisiana System (ULS) Foundation, to give a brief report on the Foundation.

Reverend Andrews stated that he sees the ULS Foundation as a junior partner helping to advance the goals of the University of Louisiana System. He offered two examples of ways that the Foundation has been helping the System. Reverend Andrews informed the Board that Foundation money is partially funding the RU Ready Campaign. He also said that the Foundation was able to assist with travel expenses for the last two presidential searches, particularly when Board Members were required to be on hand for open forums at University of Louisiana at Monroe and Grambling State University and also to meet with the accreditation visiting team at GSU. Reverend Andrews stated that the Foundation does not have much money and that thus far Dr. Clausen has been the primary fundraiser. He said that, in the future, he hopes to have more resources upon which to draw for the enhancement of the System. To that end, he stated that there are plans to expand the board and increase across-the-board involvement in the Foundation.

L.1. Personnel Actions

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

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

L.2. System President's Report

- Dr. Clausen thanked former student Board Member Jennifer Porter for her year of service to the Board.
- Mr. Jason Cole, System summer intern from the Nicholls' Women and Government Program, was introduced to the Board.
- Dr. Clausen introduced the newly elected SGA presidents from System campuses who were in attendance: Brett Bova, Southeastern Louisiana University; Mindy McConnell, Northwestern State University; Victor LaTroy Cato, University of Louisiana at Monroe; Damian Breaux, Nicholls State University; Michael Duff, McNeese State University; Katie Ortego, new ULS student Board Member from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, and Kimberly Ludwig, Louisiana Tech University. Mr. Martin Lemelle, SGA President from Grambling State University, was absent.

- At the invitation of Dr. Clausen, Ms. Kimberly Ludwig made comments to the Board regarding her testimony on the 4% operational fee before the Senate Education Committee and the Revenue and Fiscal Committee during the 2004 Legislative Session on the 4% operational fee.
- Dr. Clausen invited Dr. Horace Judson to address the Board. Dr. Judson stated he was pleased and honored to appear before the Board and said he has been focusing on Grambling State University since being selected as President on March 26, 2004. He stated his enthusiasm has grown over the last few months as he discovered the strengths at the institution while meeting with faculty, staff, students, and alumni from across the nation. He said he is looking forward to formally start on July 1. Dr. Judson stated that initially his biggest challenge will be to put together an administrative team as quickly as possible. He stated there are many vacancies in the both vice presidency and dean positions.
- Upon the recommendation of Dr. Clausen and upon motion of Mr. Davidge, seconded by Mr. Bollinger, the Board voted unanimously to approve the adoption of the following resolution that was read into the record by Mr. Rhodes.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby allow Dr. Horace Judson, President of Grambling State University, to fill unclassified positions that he deems most critical, and waive, for a period of up to six (6) months, Board PPM FS-III.II.B-1a, which requires a national search for the position of dean or higher.*

***AND FURTHER,** Dr. Judson must ensure that all appropriate background checks are secured; that all appointees possess appropriate academic and administrative experience and ability; that the System staff be advised and consulted prior to the nominations for appointments; and that such appointments be subject to final approval by the Board.*

- Dr. Clausen asked Dr. Blanchard to explain his idea to support professional development and morale among System staff members.
- Dr. Blanchard stated System staff was invited to submit proposals for professional development, for System operations in our office, for projects that impact our respective campuses, etc. He outlined for the Board a few proposals in order to provide examples of how growth among System staff is promoted and encouraged. Dr. Blanchard stated there were fifteen proposals by System staff that are designed to strengthen the quality of work in the System office, with System campuses, and higher education in general. All will be funded for a cost of \$50,052.

- Dr. Clausen thanked Ms. Arlys Etienne for her dedicated service while employed in the System Office and wished her well in her new position at the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality.
- Dr. Clausen also thanked and honored Dr. Carroll J. Falcon, System Senior Vice President and Chief Academic Officer, for his many years of exemplary service to the University of Louisiana System and the Board of Supervisors. Dr. Clausen congratulated Dr. Falcon and wished him farewell as he returns to Nicholls State University as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.
- Dr. Clausen highlighted Supervisor Carl Shetler thanking him for eleven years of dedicated service to the Board and to the University of Louisiana System. Mr. Shetler was particularly commended for his excellent mediation and negotiation skills.
- Dr. Clausen thanked Dr. E. Joseph Savoie, Commissioner of Higher Education, and his entire staff, particularly Mr. Donnie Vandal, Dr. Jimmy Clarke, and Ms. Connie Koury, for their dedication and effectiveness in representing higher education during the 2004 Legislative Session.

M. Report of Board Chair's Business

M.1. Board Chairman's Report

- Mr. Woods highlighted some outstanding activities taking place on System university campuses:

Grambling State University has partnered with universities in Arkansas and Mississippi to enhance the quality of life for the Mississippi Delta. The Mid-South Leaders Program, funded with a \$1.2 million grant from The W. K. Kellogg Foundation, will offer classes, learning retreats, and study travel tours to leaders and potential leaders in the 55-county/parish area. The goal is to help residents help themselves through practical application of knowledge and resources that will not only improve their quality of life, but also that of future generations.

A Louisiana Tech University forestry class teamed up with the City of Ruston to use Global Positioning Systems (GPS) to map the city drainage systems. The drainage systems had not been updated since the 1940s and the new technology and manpower of the students helped the public works department towards completing this task. This project allows students to get hands-on job experience by using the knowledge learned in the classroom and at the same time improving the community.

Nicholls State University is the beneficiary of five area hospitals this summer who have joined together to fund an extra semester for nursing students. This allows the University to admit 50 percent more students this year to its Bachelor of Science in Nursing program, a program that is in great demand.

University of Louisiana at Lafayette's Manufacturing Extension Partnership of Louisiana is part of a national program that was heralded for its creativity and vision by Harvard University's John F. Kennedy's School of Government. The national program was one of fifteen finalists for Harvard's Innovations in American Government Award (the "Oscar" for government programs). The program, charged with stimulating manufacturing in individual states, offers small business support services, advice, and technical support and is funded in part by the University.

- Mr. Woods stated that the Board will vote on two Bylaw additions at the August 27, 2004 Board Meeting. If approved, System universities will find it simpler to respond as they prepare for the Commission on Colleges (COC) of SACS reaffirmation under the new *Principles of Accreditation* approved in December 2001. (*Bylaw additions attached to minutes*)
- Mr. Woods gave a brief overview of the June 2, 2004 meeting with Judge Engelhardt regarding the Desegregation Settlement Agreement. He stated the purpose of the meeting was to provide an update on Grambling State University following its successful reaffirmation of COC/SACS accreditation, its two consecutive unconditional fiscal audits, and the appointment of a new President. Mr. Woods stated that an update report on three selected items was requested by Mr. Marshall and is due July 30, 2004. He also stated that the next meeting with Judge Engelhardt is June 1, 2005.
- Mr. Woods asked for comments from Mr. Long, who attended the May Board of Regents meeting, and from Mr. Sibille, who attended the June Board of Regents meeting. Mr. Long and Mr. Sibille each reported on items affecting the UL System.
- Mr. Woods stated the tentative 2005 Board Meeting Schedule, which was handed out to Board Members, will be voted on for adoption at the August 27, 2004 Board Meeting. He mentioned that although the location for possibly two of the meetings might change, it was important that meeting dates for 2005 be finalized because of scheduling purposes.
- Board Members were informed that the next meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be on August 27, 2004 in Baton Rouge.
- Mr. Woods read a letter from Mr. Tom Williams of Noel-Levitz commending ULS "leadership and the full and enthusiastic participation of the ULS Staff in the ULS/BOR Leadership Development and Organization Excellence Workshop on June 4 and 5, 2004." Mr. Woods stated that "once again our System is taking the lead and doing something that no other system in the country is doing."

N. Other Business

There was no other business to come before the Board.

O. Adjournment

Upon motion of Dr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Coudrain, there being no further business, the Board adjourned at 12:45 p.m.