

MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM

NOVEMBER 16, 2005

A. Call to Order

Chairman Michael Woods called to order a special meeting of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System in the Board of Regents' Conference Room, Room 6-242, Claiborne Building Conference Center, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 10:34 a.m. Mr. 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. Jimmy D. Long, Sr., Vice Chair
Mrs. Elsie P. Burkhalter
Mr. Victor Bussie
Mr. Andre G. Coudrain
Dr. Mildred G. Gallot

Mr. Jeffrey S. Jenkins
Mr. D. Wayne Parker
Mr. Gordon A. Pugh
Mr. Winfred F. Sibille
Ms. Mallory Wall

ABSENT

Mr. Donald T. "Boysie" Bollinger
Mr. Robert T. Hale
Mr. Walter R. Rhodes

Dr. Eunice W. Smith
Mr. Charles C. Teamer, Sr.

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

C. Invocation

Mr. Long gave the invocation.

D. Board of Regents' Report

Theresa Hay, Assistant Commissioner for Planning and Research for the Board of Regents, gave a report to the Board on the preliminary enrollment for fall 2005 for University of Louisiana System institutions. A copy of the handout is attached to the minutes.

E. Board Chairman's Report

- Mr. Woods stated that during the Education Forum on October 27, 2005, keynote speaker former Senator Bob Kerrey advised Louisiana to take several important actions in dealing with the effects of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. As a result of Senator Kerrey's remarks, Mr. Woods stated that higher education is working to achieve the following:
 - Speak with one voice
 - Make good decisions and gain the public's confidence
 - Establish priorities, establish a clear process and present a unified agenda
 - Be persistent and work through the politics
 - Build a different kind of education system, not just schools
- At the end of the forum with Senator Kerrey, Dr. E. Joseph Savoie, Commissioner of Higher Education, Louisiana Board of Regents, invited System Presidents, Board Chairs, and two other representatives to come to the table to begin the Master Planning process.
- Chairman Woods stated that he invited Supervisor Andre Coudrain, Chair of the Finance Committee, and Supervisor Mallory Wall, the UL System Student Board Member, to participate in the meetings.
- Mr. Woods said that three meetings have been held since the October 27 Forum, and one very important question has continued to be raised, "Can we afford the enterprise of higher education as we know it today?"
- Mr. Woods stated that subsequent meetings will continue to be held to engage in discussions that perhaps may lead to massive changes in higher education.
- Mr. Woods stated that he and System President Clausen would like Board support before going forward.

F. Executive Session, pursuant to LSA R.S. 42:6.1 (A)(5), to discuss the effect of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita on the University of Louisiana System campuses.

- Mr. Woods asked the Board to meet in Executive Session to discuss the effect of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita on University of Louisiana System campuses.
- Mr. Woods stated that, while in Executive Session, the Board may meet with its staff, legal counsel, or other persons it deems necessary. He stated that no motions or other actions may be taken while in Executive Session.
- Upon motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mr. Pugh, the Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 10:55 a.m.

- Upon motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mr. Sibille, the Board voted unanimously to reconvene in open session at 12:55 p.m.

- Mr. Woods stated that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System met in Executive Session to discuss the effect of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita on University of Louisiana System campuses. He stated that, while in Executive Session, no motions were made nor votes taken.

G. University of Louisiana System's request for approval to designate the Chairman of the Board, the President of the System, and other designees to represent the Board in the ongoing discussions regarding the future of higher education in light of the catastrophic effects of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Upon motion of Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Bussie, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following resolution.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby designate the Chairman of the Board, the President of the System, and other designees to represent the Board and make recommendations as appropriate in the ongoing discussions among the Commissioner of Higher Education, the Board Chairs, and System Presidents of the four management boards of Louisiana higher education, regarding the future of higher education in light of the catastrophic effects of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.*

H. Other Business

Upon motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Bussie, the Board voted unanimously to change the next meeting date of the Board of Supervisors from Friday, December 2, 2005 to Friday, December 9, 2005.

Upon motion of Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Bussie, the Board voted unanimously to express appreciation to Governor Kathleen Blanco, members of the Legislature, the Board of Regents, Commissioner of Higher Education E. Joseph Savoie, and the UL System university presidents for their willingness to deal with the serious problems facing the universities as a result of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

I. Adjournment

Upon motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mr. Sibille, there being no further business, the Board adjourned at 1:05 p.m.