

## **MINUTES**

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

**APRIL 28, 2006**

**A. Call to Order**

Mr. Jimmy D. Long, Sr. 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 11:00 a.m. Mr. Long 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. Jimmy D. Long, Sr., Chair  
Mr. Victor Bussie  
Mr. Andre G. Coudrain  
Dr. Mildred G. Gallot  
Mr. Robert T. Hale  
Mr. D. Wayne Parker

Mr. Gordon A. Pugh  
Mr. Winfred F. Sibille  
Dr. Eunice W. Smith  
Mr. Charles C. Teamer, Sr.  
Ms. Mallory Wall  
Mr. Michael H. Woods

#### **ABSENT**

Mr. Donald T. "Boysie" Bollinger  
Mrs. Elsie P. Burkhalter, Vice Chair

Mr. Jeffrey S. Jenkins  
Mr. Walter R. Rhodes

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

**C. Invocation**

Mr. Bussie gave the invocation.

**D. Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting held February 24, 2006**

Upon motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mr. Teamer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting of February 24, 2006.

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

Mr. Charles Teamer, Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, presented the Committee report.

Upon motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Ms. Wall, the Academic and Student Affairs Committee voted unanimously to amend its agenda to include one item of Other Business.

Upon motion of Mr. Teamer, seconded by Mr. Parker, 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. Northwestern State University's request for approval to award an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters to Mrs. Cheryl Anne Reese Wilson at the spring 2006 commencement exercises.

***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 award an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters to Mrs. Cheryl Anne Reese Wilson at the spring 2006 commencement exercises.*

- E.2. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to reorganize the Honors Program and the Office of International Initiatives to establish a Dean of Honors and International Studies position.

***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 reorganize the Honors Program and Office of International Initiatives to establish a Dean of Honors and International Studies position.*

- E.3. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of a Letter of Agreement with Hong Kong Shue Yan College to continue the collaborative MBA Program in Hong Kong.

***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 of a Letter of Agreement with Hong Kong Shue Yan College to continue the collaborative MBA program in Hong Kong.*

- E.4. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of a Letter of Intent for a Bachelor of Science degree program in Health Sciences.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve the University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for a Letter of Intent for a Bachelor of Science degree program in Health Sciences.*

- E.5. Other Business – University of Louisiana at Monroe’s request for approval to discontinue the Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy degree program and to withdraw the Master of Science in Occupational Therapy proposal.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve the University of Louisiana at Monroe’s request to discontinue the Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy degree program and to withdraw the Master of Science in Occupational Therapy proposal.*

**F. Report of the Joint Athletic and Audit Committee**

Mr. D. Wayne Parker, Chair of the Audit Committee, presented the Joint Athletic and Audit Committee report.

Upon motion of Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Bussie, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Joint Athletic and Audit Committee to approve the adoption of the following resolution.

- F.1. University of Louisiana System’s report on significant athletic activities for the period February 15 through April 15, 2006.

Mr. Richard Thompson, System Director of Internal Audit, presented the report to the Committee. As part of the report to the Committee, State Legislative Auditor Steve Theriot presented the University of Louisiana System Audit Report for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2005. He informed the Committee that the audit contained an unqualified opinion. No official Board action was required.

- F.2. Southeastern Louisiana University’s request for approval to appoint Mr. Dennis Roland as Interim Director of Intercollegiate Athletics effective March 16, 2006.

*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 appoint Mr. Dennis Roland as Interim Director of Intercollegiate Athletics effective March 16, 2006.*

- F.3. University of Louisiana System’s report on internal audit reports submitted for the period February 15 through April 15, 2006.

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

**G. Report of Facilities Planning Committee**

Mr. Gordon A. Pugh, Chair of the Facilities Planning Committee, presented the Committee report.

Mr. Pugh stated that at the request of Dr. Horace Judson, President of Grambling State University, the Facilities Planning Committee voted unanimously to amend its agenda to withdraw items G.1. and G.2. and replace these with item G.6.

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

- G.1. Grambling State University's request for approval to amend the University's FY 2006-07 Capital Outlay Budget Request to include emergency funding to repair and improve the electrical, gas, sewer, and storm utility systems.

This item was **withdrawn** upon the request of Dr. Horace Judson, President of Grambling State University.

- G.2. Grambling State University's request for approval to amend the University's FY 2006-07 Capital Outlay Budget Request to include emergency funding to repair and/or replace the University's domestic water distribution system and water lines.

This item was **withdrawn** upon the request of Dr. Horace Judson, President of Grambling State University.

- G.3. Grambling State University's request for approval to name the Press Room in Robinson Stadium "Collie J. Nicholson Press Room" in honor of Mr. Collie J. Nicholson.

***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 name the Press Room in Robinson Stadium "Collie J. Nicholson Press Room" in honor of Mr. Collie J. Nicholson.*

- G.4. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to transfer ownership of Tech property to the Department of Military (Louisiana National Guard).

***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 transfer ownership of Tech property to the Department of Military (Louisiana National Guard).*

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

- G.5. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to sell right-of-way rights of University property to Bellsouth Telecommunications, Inc. to allow for installation of telecommunication equipment on the ULM Bienville Building site.

***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 sell right-of-way rights of University property to Bellsouth Telecommunications, Inc. to allow for installation of telecommunication equipment on the ULM Bienville Building site.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Dr. James E. Cofer, President of the University of Louisiana at Monroe, is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute said sale of right-of-way rights.*

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

- G.6. Grambling State University's request for approval to amend the University's FY 2006-07 Capital Outlay Budget Request to include an emergency project entitled "Campus Utility Infrastructure Assessment, Planning and Emergency Repairs and/or Replacement."

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve Grambling State University's request for approval to amend the University's FY 2006-07 Capital Outlay Budget Request to include an emergency project entitled "Campus Utility Infrastructure Assessment, Planning and Emergency Repairs and/or Replacement."*

**H. Report of Finance Committee**

Mr. Michael H. Woods, Chair of the Finance Committee, presented the Committee report.

- H.1. University of Louisiana System's discussion of Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Third Quarter Interim Financial Reports and ongoing assurances.

Dr. Nick Bruno, Vice President for Operations and Facilities, presented a summary of the System's Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Third Quarter Interim Financial Reports and ongoing assurances to the Committee. No official Board action was required.

- H.2. University of Louisiana System's report on third-party projects.

Dr. Nick Bruno, Vice President for Facilities and Operations, and Mr. J. Douglas Lee, Assistant Vice President for Facilities Planning, presented a report on third-party projects to the Committee. In addition, Mr. Toby Cortez, Sisung Securities Corporation, provided additional information on third-party oversight, evaluation, control, and operational controls. No official Board action was required.

**I. Report of Legislation Committee**

Mr. Victor Bussie, Chair of the Legislation Committee, stated that a report was provided to the Committee and that no official Board action was required.

**J. Report of Personnel Committee**

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

Upon motion of Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Bussie, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Personnel Committee to approve the adoption of the following resolution.

- J.1. Grambling State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Pamela Payne as Interim Vice President for Student Affairs effective February 1, 2006.

***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 Dr. Pamela Payne as Interim Vice President for Student Affairs at an annual salary of \$85,000 effective February 1, 2006.*

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

**K.1. Personnel Actions and Summer School Appointments**

Dr. Sally Clausen, System President, reported that System staff reviewed the personnel actions and summer school appointments and recommends approval.

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

**K.2. System President's Report**

- Dr. Clausen stated that the *PAR Guide to the 2006 Louisiana Legislature* was in the Board Members' packet for their information.
- Dr. Clausen also informed the Board that, after review by the System Staff, a revised PPM (Policy and Procedures Memorandum) concerning the prior approval process for unclassified personnel actions has been finalized. This PPM requires prior approval for positions at the level of Dean and higher.

*Upon motion of Mr. Bussie, seconded by Mr. Coudrain, the Board voted unanimously to approve PPM FS.III.II.B,C,D-1, entitled Personnel Actions, with the understanding that all personnel actions are subject to final ratification by the Board of Supervisors.*

- Dr. Clausen congratulated 120 students, faculty, and staff who participated in "Extreme Spring Break 2006," at McNeese State University and Southeastern Louisiana University on April 19-23, 2006. Dr. Clausen also acknowledged and thanked System Staff Members Jackie Tisdell and Edwin Litloff for their help and guidance. Dr. Clausen called upon Student Board member Mallory Wall, who gave an overview of the service learning project and stated that volunteers completed over 2,400 hours of community service in three days. A video was shown to the Board highlighting the projects and students who participated.
- Dr. Clausen recognized and gave a token of appreciation to members of the Student Advisory Council whose terms have been completed.
- Board Member Michael Woods stated that this meeting was Mallory Wall's last meeting as Student Board Member. He recognized and thanked Ms. Wall for her many contributions to the System during her tenure on the Board. Mr. Woods stated that Ms. Wall would receive the Board of Supervisors Student Member Scholarship for \$500 to further her graduate studies at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Dr. Clausen presented Ms. Wall with a recognition award for her outstanding service.

- Dr. Clausen congratulated President Stephen Hulbert and the faculty and staff from Nicholls State University on their reaffirmation accreditation by SACS.
- Dr. Clausen congratulated Northwestern State University on their recent participation in the men's NCAA basketball championship.
- Dr. Clausen introduced Dr. Geil Browning, founder of the Browning Group and author of *Emergenetics: Tap Into the New Science of Success*. Dr. Browning gave the Board an overview of Emergenetics, a science-based tool to identify and understand individual thinking and behavioral attributes in order to work more effectively in groups.
- Dr. Clausen congratulated Board Member Charles Teamer for being named one of the 100 most influential Black Americans in *Ebony Magazine's* May 2006 edition. Chairman Long also extended congratulations on behalf of the Board of Supervisors for this outstanding achievement.

## **L. Report of Board Chair's Business**

### **L.1. Board Chairman's Report**

- Mr. Long offered congratulations to Student Board Member Mallory Wall and System university students who participated in Extreme Spring Break. He stated service learning is a very powerful tool and, on behalf of the Board, congratulated all participants.
- Mr. Long stated that the Conference of Louisiana Colleges and Universities (CLCU) at the Marriott Hotel on Thursday, April 27, 2006, was both informative and timely. He acknowledged the outstanding speakers: Dr. Belle Wheelan, President of SACS, and Dr. Gordon Davies, former higher education commissioner in Virginia and Kentucky. He thanked President Sally Clausen for coordinating the event and stated that although higher education has some unique challenges ahead, some good things are happening in Louisiana that will serve as a foundation for much of what needs to be done in the future.
- Mr. Long acknowledged Student Board Member Mallory Wall who informed the Board of a ULS Student Advisory Council resolution which was passed on April 1, 2006, in support of System President Sally Clausen. Ms. Wall and other members of the Student Advisory Council presented a resolution to Dr. Clausen on her outstanding leadership and contributions to education in Louisiana.

### **L.2. Other Business**

- Mr. Long solicited comments from Mr. Sibille, who attended the April 27, 2006 Board of Regents meeting on behalf of the Board. Mr. Sibille gave a brief report regarding actions taken by the Board of Regents at that meeting affecting System universities.

- Mr. Long announced the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting is on May 26, 2006, in Baton Rouge.

**M. Other Business**

There was no other business to come before the Board.

**N. Adjournment**

Upon motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Dr. Smith, there being no further business, the Board adjourned at 12:10 p.m.