

## MINUTES

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

JANUARY 6, 2006

**A. Call to Order**

Mr. 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 10:27 a.m.

**B. Swearing In of 2006 Board Officers**

Dr. Kay Kirkpatrick, System Vice President for Administration and General Counsel, administered the Oath of Office to 2006 Board Officers as follows:

Mr. Jimmy D. Long – Chair  
Mrs. Elsie P. Burkhalter – Vice Chair  
Mr. Michael H. Woods – Parliamentarian

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Prior to roll call, Chair Long turned the meeting over to Dr. Clausen who announced an agreement between the University of Louisiana at Monroe and the LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport that will provide students from ULM the opportunity to pursue occupational therapy training. Dr. Clausen spoke of the many challenges confronting higher education as a result of funding reductions as well as changes in program accreditations. She stated that many of these challenges will require out-of-the-box solutions that will generate unprecedented collaboration and cooperation among public—and possibly private—institutions. Dr. Clausen stated that budget cuts, new accreditation demands, and future program costs forced ULM to re-examine its occupational therapy program.

Mr. Gerard Killebrew, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, Board of Regents, highly commended the partnership and stated that the collaboration between ULM and LSUHSC-Shreveport represents the type of cooperation needed among all state colleges and universities during these difficult fiscal times. ULM made a very prudent and courageous decision. Dr. Cofer is to be commended.

LSU System President William Jenkins applauded the partnership and complimented ULM President James Cofer, the UL System, LSU-Shreveport Health Sciences Center Chancellor John McDonald, and Dean Joseph McCullough of the LSU School of Allied Health Professions on working together to serve the healthcare needs of the citizens of our state.

Chancellor John McDonald, who joined the meeting from Shreveport via video conference, stated that LSUHSC-Shreveport will continue to support cooperative programs for the overall betterment of the citizens of Louisiana who depend on healthcare professionals.

ULM President Cofer credited Dr. Clausen for initiating talks with LSU officials about forming the partnership between the systems. He stated that this partnership affords a continuing opportunity for current and future ULM students to pursue a career in occupational therapy.

**C. Roll Call**

The roll was called.

**PRESENT**

Mr. Jimmy D. Long, Sr., Chair  
Mrs. Elsie P. Burkhalter, Vice Chair  
Mr. Donald T. "Boysie" Bollinger  
Mr. Victor Bussie  
Mr. Andre G. Coudrain  
Dr. Mildred G. Gallot  
Mr. Robert T. Hale

Mr. Jeffrey S. Jenkins  
Mr. D. Wayne Parker  
Mr. Winfred F. Sibille  
Dr. Eunice W. Smith  
Mr. Charles C. Teamer, Sr.  
Ms. Mallory Wall  
Mr. Michael H. Woods

**ABSENT**

Mr. Gordon A. Pugh

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.

**D. Invocation**

Mr. Bussie gave the invocation.

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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.

**E. Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting held December 9, 2005**

Upon motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Dr. Smith, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting of December 9, 2005.

**F. 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. Teamer, seconded by Dr. Gallot, 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. Nicholls State University's request for approval of an exchange agreement with Ecole Superieure de Commerce (ESC) de St. Etienne in St. Etienne, France.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve the request from Nicholls State University for an exchange agreement with Ecole Superieure de Commerce (ESC) de St. Etienne in St. Etienne, France.*

- F.2. Nicholls State University's request for approval of an exchange agreement with Häme Polytechnic—University of Applied Sciences, Valkeakoski, Finland.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve the request from Nicholls State University for an exchange agreement with Häme Polytechnic—University of Applied Sciences, Valkeakoski, Finland.*

- F.3. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to establish the Center for Child Development under the existing Institute for Early Childhood.

***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 establish the Center for Child Development under the existing Institute for Early Childhood.*

- F.4. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of an on-line Master's degree program in Criminal Justice.

***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 on-line Master's degree program in Criminal Justice.*

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

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

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

- G.1. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to amend the employment contract for Mr. Dennis Roland, Head Football Coach.

***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 amend the employment contract for Mr. Dennis Roland, Head Football Coach.*

G.2. University of Louisiana System's report on significant athletic activities for the period November 15 through December 15, 2005.

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

G.3. University of Louisiana System's report on internal audit reports submitted for the period November 15 through December 15, 2005.

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**H. Report of Facilities Planning Committee**

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

Upon motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mrs. Burkhalter, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Finance Committee to approve the adoption of the following resolution.

H.1. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to demolish two (2) buildings, Livingston Hall and McKneely Hall.

***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 two (2) buildings, Livingston Hall and McKneely Hall.*

**I. Report of Finance Committee**

Mr. Andre G. Coudrain, Chair of the Finance Committee, presented the Committee report.

I.1. Northwestern State University's request for approval to establish a LEQSF (8g) Endowed Chair in Mathematics in the College of Business.

This item was withdrawn at the request of Dr. Randy Webb, President of Northwestern State University.

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Dr. Nick Bruno, Vice President for Facilities and Operations, presented a report entitled *University of Louisiana System Recap of Billing Information for Displaced Students as of November 30, 2005* to the Committee. No official Board action was required.

**J. Report of Grievance Committee**

Dr. Eunice Smith, Chair of the Grievance Committee, presented the Committee report.

Upon motion of Dr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Burkhalter, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Grievance Committee to approve the adoption of the following resolution.

J.1. Ms. Joan K. Anderson, Southeastern Louisiana University.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby uphold the decision of Southeastern Louisiana University regarding Ms. Joan K. Anderson's grievance without the necessity of a hearing.*

J.2. University of Louisiana System's discussion of current Board grievance procedures.

Dr. Smith stated that the Committee recommended postponing discussion of grievance procedures until the System Office has completed additional research requested by Committee members.

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

K.1. Personnel Actions

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

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

K.2. System President's Report

- Dr. Clausen informed the Board that the System Office is streamlining operations to effect changes based on feedback provided by institution presidents. She highlighted the personnel action approval process as one area that is being reviewed to minimize approvals by the System and the Board.
- Dr. Clausen informed the Board that at the request of the Board of Regents the System policy and procedures regarding Reservist and National Guard Mobilization/Activation is being revised to clarify the issue of refunds to be paid to individuals who are called to duty during the semester. She stated the revisions allow for a refund of 100% of all tuition and fees except for auxiliary fees such as room and meals which will be refunded on a pro-rated or unused basis.
- Dr. Clausen also informed the Board that the Board of Regents has asked that the System extend out-of-state fee waivers to visiting students during the fall 2005 semester if they qualified under existing System guidelines. This is a one-time action.
- Dr. Clausen congratulated Southeastern Louisiana University on the Emmy Award that was recently won by the Southeastern Channel, the University's three-year-old educational cable-access channel.

- As a matter of public record, Dr. Clausen called attention to a letter in Board Members' packets from Mr. Benjamin L. Denny, the President of the Louisiana Tech University Foundation. The letter notified the ULS Board regarding a recent trust disbursement to Dr. Daniel Reneau, President, Louisiana Tech University, from the Louisiana Tech University Foundation. Dr. Clausen stated this information was furnished to comply with conditions imposed by the Board when the deferred compensation agreement was authorized in 1995 between the Tech Foundation and Dr. Reneau.
- Dr. Clausen informed the Board that \$600,000 has been awarded to the Louisiana Educational Leaders Network (LELN) in the second year of the Wallace Foundation grant. She thanked Mrs. Sharon Southall, Assistant Vice President for Teacher Quality and Leadership, for her hard work and leadership with this endeavor.

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

L.1. Board Chairman's Report

- a. **University of Louisiana System's** request for approval to suspend/waive for the fall 2005 semester Board RULES, Chapter IV, Finance and Business, Section V. Student Fees, for those students displaced by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Mr. Long stated that the Board of Regents has asked each system of higher education to suspend its rules for the fall 2005 semester dealing with certain student fees as outlined in the Board RULE cited above. Mr. Long stated that the Board will vote on the suspension of this RULE at the February 24, 2006 Board Meeting.

L.2. Other Business

- Mr. Long solicited comments from Mr. Sibille, who attended the December 7, 2005 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 following 2006 committee chairmanships:

Academic and Student Affairs	Mr. Charles C. Teamer, Sr.
Athletic	Mr. Andre G. Coudrain
Audit	Mr. D. Wayne Parker
Executive	Mr. Jimmy D. Long, Sr.
Facilities Planning	Mr. Gordon A. Pugh
Finance	Mr. Michael H. Woods
Grievance	Dr. Eunice W. Smith
Legislation	Mr. Victor Bussie
Personnel	Mrs. Elsie P. Burkhalter

Mr. Long called attention to the 2006 Standing Committee list included in Board Members' packets.

- Mr. Long mentioned the possibility of a Board Meeting on January 26-27, 2006.
- Mr. Long announced the regularly scheduled Board Meeting on February 23-24, 2006 in Baton Rouge.

**M. Other Business**

There was no other business to come before the Board.

**N. Adjournment**

Upon motion of Mr. Bollinger, seconded by Mr. Teamer, there being no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:30 a.m.