

MINUTES

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

OCTOBER 27, 2006

A. Call to Order

Mr. Jimmy D. Long called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System in the Library/Conference Center, University of Louisiana at Monroe, 700 University Avenue, Monroe, Louisiana, at 10:06 a.m. Chair 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
Mrs. Elsie P. Burkhalter, Vice Chair
Mr. Andre G. Coudrain
Dr. Mildred G. Gallot
Mr. D. Wayne Parker

Mr. Winfred F. Sibille
Dr. Eunice W. Smith
Mr. Charles C. Teamer, Sr.
Mr. Aron Walker III
Mr. Michael H. Woods

ABSENT

Mr. Donald T. "Boysie" Bollinger
Mr. Victor Bussie
Mr. Robert T. Hale

Mr. Jeffrey S. Jenkins
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.

C. Invocation

Mr. Parker gave the invocation.

Chair Long extended thanks to Dr. James Cofer, President of University of Louisiana at Monroe, and his entire staff for hosting the meeting.

Dr. Cofer welcomed the Board of Supervisors to ULM's campus. He showed a PowerPoint and highlighted changes on the campus since the Board last visited six years ago. He stated that although the physical changes are important, the intellectual infrastructure changes have been the most silent and probably the most important changes on campus. Dr. Cofer thanked the Board for visiting and honoring the campus with their presence.

D. Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting held August 25, 2006

Upon motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mr. Woods, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting of August 25, 2006.

E. Report of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee

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

Upon motion of Mr. Teamer, seconded by Mrs. Burkhalter, 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. Grambling State University's request for approval of its revised Mission Statement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve Grambling State University's revised Mission Statement.

E.2. Grambling State University's request for approval to establish the Center for Mathematical Achievement in Science and Technology (CMAST).

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 establish the Center for Mathematical Achievement in Science and Technology (CMAST).

E.3. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to terminate the Master of Science degree program in Human Resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request to terminate the Master of Science degree program in Human Resources.

E.4. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to establish the Institute for Coastal Ecology and Engineering (ICEE).

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 Institute for Coastal Ecology and Engineering (ICEE).

F. Report of the Joint Athletic and Audit Committee

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

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

- F.1. Northwestern State University's request for approval to update a plan for Supplemental Compensation for Coaches whose teams participate in post-season competition.

***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 update the plan for Supplemental Compensation for Coaches whose teams participate in post-season competition.*

- F.2. Acceptance of Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Financial and Compliance, Federal Award Program, and Review Representation Letters :

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby accept Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Financial and Compliance, Federal Award Program, and Review Representation Letters for:*

- a. *BOS for the UL System*
- b. *Grambling State University*
- c. *McNeese State University*
- d. *Northwestern State University*
- e. *Southeastern Louisiana University*
- f. *University of Louisiana at Lafayette*
- g. *University of Louisiana at Monroe*

- F.3. University of Louisiana System's report on significant athletic activities for the period August 11, 2006 through October 15, 2006.

Mr. Coudrain stated this report was for information only and no official Board action was required.

- F.4. University of Louisiana System's report on audits submitted for the period June 15 through August 11, 2006.

Mr. Coudrain stated this report was for information only and no official Board action was required.

Mr. Coudrain informed the Board that Dr. Clausen reported that Mr. Robbie Robinson will soon join the UL System Staff as the Director of Internal Audit.

G. Report of the Facilities Planning Committee

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

Upon motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Dr. Gallot, the Board voted unanimously to amend its agenda to include two items of other business.

Upon motion of Mr. Sibille, 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. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to continue with the process of developing the University's Phase II new residence hall facilities utilizing Innovative Student Facilities, Inc. (ISFI), a 501(c)3, not-for-profit corporation.

***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 continue with the process of developing the University's Phase II new residence hall facilities utilizing Innovative Student Facilities, Inc., a 501(c)3, not-for-profit corporation.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the appropriate documentation related to the firms selected for design, bond counsel, and underwriter services shall be submitted to and reviewed by the Board staff and legal counsel prior to officially executing any contract documents.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the University will return to the Board when the project's design and the financial pro-forma are completed. At that time, all other information and documentation required for implementing the project shall be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System for final approval.*

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

- G.2. Nicholls State University's request for approval to continue discussions/negotiations with The Maxine Giardina Charter School, L.L.C. and appropriate state agency(ies) regarding the feasibility of locating a new charter school for dyslexia and related learning disorders on the campus of Nicholls State University.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby authorize Nicholls State University to continue discussions/negotiations with The Maxine Giardina Charter School, L.L.C. and appropriate state agency(ies) regarding the feasibility of locating a new charter school for dyslexia and related learning disorders on the campus of Nicholls State University.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Dr. Stephen Hulbert, President of Nicholls State University, is hereby designated and authorized to continue such discussions/negotiations.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pending a successful outcome of said negotiations, Nicholls State University shall prepare all appropriate documentation related to the terms, conditions, and cost of said agreement; shall assure that all documents conform to statutory and administrative requirements; and shall assure review by legal counsel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Nicholls State University shall submit appropriate documentation to the Board for approval prior to executing any official documents and, upon final approval by the Board, shall furnish copies of all executed documents to the Board.

AND FURTHER, that University staff, UL System staff, and legal counsel shall assure that all related final documents conform to statutory and administrative requirements.

- G.3. Northwestern State University's request for approval to petition the State Interim Emergency Board to amend the University's Capital Outlay FY 2006-07 East and West Caspari Renovation Project to change the project name and scope.

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 petition the State Interim Emergency Board to amend the University's Capital Outlay FY 2006-07 East and West Caspari Renovation project to change the project name and scope.

AND FURTHER, that University staff, UL System staff, and legal counsel shall assure that all documents conform to statutory and administrative requirements.

- G.4. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to proceed with the process of completing Legacy Park Phase I residence hall facilities utilizing Ragin' Cajun Facilities, Inc., a 501(c)3, not-for-profit corporation.

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 proceed with the process of completing Legacy Park Phase I residence hall facilities utilizing Ragin' Cajun Facilities, Inc., a 501(c)3, not-for-profit corporation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appropriate documentation related to the firms selected for design, bond counsel, and underwriter services shall be submitted to and reviewed by the Board staff and legal counsel prior to officially executing any contract documents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the University will return to the Board when the project's design and the financial pro-forma are complete. At that time, all other information and documentation required for implementing the project shall be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System for final approval.

AND FURTHER, University staff, UL System staff, and legal counsel shall assure that all documents conform to statutory and administrative requirements.

- G.5. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to initiate the process of renovating the existing Clarke M. Williams Student Success Center utilizing ULM Facilities Corporation, a 501(c)3, not-for-profit corporation.

***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 initiate the process of renovating the existing Clarke M. Williams Student Success Center utilizing ULM Facilities Corporation, a 501(c)3, not-for-profit corporation.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the appropriate documentation related to the firms selected for design, bond counsel, and underwriter services shall be submitted to and reviewed by the Board Staff and legal counsel prior to officially executing any contract documents.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the University will return to the Board when the project's design and the project's financial pro-forma are complete. At that time, all other information and documentation required for implementing the project shall be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System for final approval.*

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

- G.6. Other Business – Grambling State University's report on the Eddie Robinson Museum and Visitors Center.

Mr. Sibille stated this report was for information only and no official Board action was required.

- G.7. Other Business – Nicholls State University's update on its Phase II privatized housing.

Mr. Sibille stated this report was for information only and no official Board action was required.

H. Report of the Finance Committee

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

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

- H.1. Grambling State University's request for approval of a student referendum to establish a student union annex fee.

***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 a student referendum to establish a student union annex fee.*

H.2. Grambling State University's request for approval of an amendment to the food service lease with Aramark Educational Services, Inc.

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 amend the lease with Aramark Educational Services, Inc.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Dr. Horace A. Judson, President of Grambling State University, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute said lease amendment.

AND FURTHER, University Staff, UL System Staff, and legal counsel assure that all documents conform to statutory and administrative requirements.

H.3. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a student referendum to replace the current SGA Fee and SGA Legal Assistance Fee with an increased SGA Fee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for a student referendum to replace the current SGA Fee and SGA Legal Assistance Fee with an increased SGA Fee.

H.4. University of Louisiana System's discussion of Fiscal Year 2005-2006 fourth quarter interim financial reports and ongoing assurances.

Mr. Woods stated this report was for information only and no official Board action was required.

I. Report of the Personnel Committee

Mrs. Elsie P. Burkhalter, Chair of the Personnel Committee, presented the Committee report.

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

I.1. McNeese State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Mitchell Adrian as Dean of the College of Business effective January 1, 2007.

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 appoint Dr. Mitchell Adrian as Dean of the College of Business effective January 1, 2007.

J. System President's Business

J.1. Personnel Actions

Dr. Sally Clausen, System President, reported that System staff reviewed the personnel actions, which included faculty and staff pay plans, and recommended approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mr. Teamer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the System personnel actions, which included faculty and staff pay plans.

J.2. System President's Report

- Dr. Clausen informed the Board that over 100 participants from each of our eight universities attended the first ULS service-learning conference held on September 14 and 15. She stated that the conference was designed to encourage faculty, staff, and students to apply for grants to infuse service-learning into the curriculum and co-curricular activities through a three-year \$1.2 million grant courtesy of Learn and Serve America. Grant award winners will be announced at the December meeting. Dr. Clausen stated that our System was mentioned and the importance of service-learning was reinforced in a recent Baton Rouge *Advocate* Sunday editorial. Dr. Clausen thanked System Staff Edwin Litolff, Devin Broome, Dawn Wilson, and Carol Slaght for their help in organizing the conference.

- Dr. Clausen introduced Mr. Robbie Robinson, System Director of Internal and External Audit, who will replace Mr. Richard Thompson who recently retired. She thanked Mr. Parker for his service on the search committee.

Upon motion of Mr. Teamer, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Mr. Robbie Robinson as System Director of Internal and External Audit.

- Dr. Clausen recently visited Grambling State University to participate in a groundbreaking ceremony related to Grambling's new housing project.
- On Thursday, October 26, a panel including Student Board Member Aron Walker, Dr. Jim King from Louisiana Tech University, Dr. Robert Dixon from Grambling State University, and Dr. Randy Moffett from Southeastern Louisiana University led a discussion to identify several priorities for our System to address with respect to student access and success. Dr. Clausen stated this is a national issue and thanked our UL System Presidents for being proactive in developing solutions.
- Dr. Clausen asked Dr. Steve Landry, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, to discuss LITE (Louisiana Immersive Technologies Enterprise). Dr. Landry stated that LITE is a partnership among ULL, the State of Louisiana, and the Lafayette Economic Development Authority to build a state-of-the-art advanced visualization facility in Lafayette for the purpose of economic development. LITE provides advanced supercomputing data visualization services for organizations and groups engaged in projects for commercial industry, government, and/or research.
- Dr. Clausen informed the Board that she served on a panel on service-learning at LACUSPA's annual meeting in New Orleans.
- Dr. Clausen stated that she would be in Washington in early November to attend several meetings. On November 1, she will attend a National Association of System Heads (NASH) meeting; on November 3-5, she will attend an Education Trust Conference; and

on November 6, she will chair the AGB Council of Presidents meeting where she will introduce Pat Callan, President of the National Center for Public Policy in Higher Education. Dr. Clausen also informed the Board that in addition to continuing work on the NASH Student Access and Success initiative, she will be attending the AASCU annual conference at Thanksgiving where she will provide the President to Presidents Address on transformational leadership.

- Dr. Clausen thanked Dr. Cofer and the entire ULM community for hosting the Board's visit.

K. Board Chair's Business

K.1. Board Chairman's Report

- a. **University of Louisiana System's** request for approval of a proposed revision to Board RULES, Chapter II, Students, Section XIII. Requirements for Doctoral Degrees.

Upon motion of Mrs. Burkhalter, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve the proposed revision to Board RULES, Chapter II, Students, Section XIII. Requirements for Doctoral Degrees.

- b. **University of Louisiana System's** request for approval of a proposed addition to Board RULES, Chapter II, Students, Section XXI. Safety and Security.

Upon motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve the proposed addition to Board RULES, Chapter II, Students, Section XXI. Safety and Security.

- c. Adoption of 2007 Board Meeting Schedule.

Upon motion of Mrs. Burkhalter, seconded by Dr. Gallot, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System voted unanimously to adopt the 2007 Board Meeting Schedule.

- d. Appointment of Nomination Committee for 2007 Board Officers.

Mr. Long informed the Board that Mr. Bussie, Mr. Parker, and Mr. Sibille will serve on the Nomination Committee for 2007 Board officers. He stated Mr. Sibille will serve as committee chair. The Committee will provide a report at the December meeting, at which time the Board will vote on their recommendations.

- e. Mr. Long called attention to a new PPM dealing with transcript notations which will take effect January 1, 2007. He also stated a second PPM that deals with emergency administrative leave for unclassified staff has been developed which also takes effect on January 1, 2007.

- f. Mr. Long thanked Dr. Cofer, the faculty, staff, and students on behalf of the Board of Supervisors for their hospitality while visiting ULM's campus. He stated the Board sincerely appreciated ULM hosting this month's meeting and thoroughly enjoyed seeing and learning about the wonderful changes that have occurred on campus.
- g. Mr. Long solicited comments from Mr. Sibille, who attended the Board of Regents' meeting on October 25, 2006 on behalf of the Board. Mr. Sibille gave a report regarding actions affecting System universities taken by the Board of Regents at that meeting.
- h. Mr. Long reminded everyone that the next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be Friday, December 1, in Baton Rouge.

K.2. Other Business

- a. Executive Session, pursuant to R.S. 42:6.1., to discuss the following:

*Grambling University National Alumni Association, et al vs. Board of Supervisors
for the University of Louisiana System, et al
Civil Action No. 06-cv1571; United States District Court,
Western District of Louisiana, Monroe Division*

Mr. Long 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 action may be taken while in Executive Session.

Upon motion of Mrs. Burkhalter, seconded by Mr. Sibille, the Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 11:05 a.m.

Upon motion of Mrs. Burkhalter, seconded by Mr. Sibille, the Board voted unanimously to reconvene in open session at 12:00 p.m.

Mr. Long stated that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System met in Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and that, while in Executive Session, no motions were made nor votes taken.

L. Other Business

Mr. Long stated that there was no other business to come before the Board.

M. Adjournment

Upon motion of Mrs. Burkhalter, seconded by Mr. Parker, the meeting adjourned at 12:01 p.m.