

MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM

DECEMBER 1, 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 Auditorium, Room 100, *"The Louisiana Purchase Board Room,"* of the Claiborne Building Conference Center, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 10:52 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. Victor Bussie
Dr. Mildred G. Gallot
Mr. Robert T. Hale
Mr. Jeffrey S. Jenkins

Mr. D. Wayne Parker
Mr. Gordon A. Pugh
Mr. Winfred F. Sibille
Dr. Eunice W. Smith
Mr. Aron Walker III
Mr. Michael H. Woods

ABSENT

Mr. Donald T. "Boysie" Bollinger
Mr. Andre G. Coudrain

Mr. Walter R. Rhodes
Mr. Charles C. Teamer, Sr.

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 October 27, 2006

Upon motion of Mrs. Burkhalter, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting of October 27, 2006.

Mr. Long recognized System President Clausen who made a special presentation to Dr. Walter Bumphus, President of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System. Dr. Clausen invited Commissioner of Higher Education E. Joseph Savoie to join her in acknowledging Dr. Bumphus. Dr. Clausen thanked Dr. Bumphus for his leadership in developing a highly credible and successful community and technical college system. She also thanked him for helping with the development of articulation agreements to provide seamless transfer of community college students to four-year institutions. She stated Dr. Bumphus will be moving to the University of Texas where he will hold the Sid Richardson Chair in Community College Leadership. Dr. Savoie echoed Dr. Clausen's comments. Dr. Bumphus was presented with a plaque of appreciation to thank him for his contributions to higher education in Louisiana.

Dr. Clausen also acknowledged and thanked Board of Regents Commissioner of Higher Education E. Joseph Savoie, Mr. Donnie Vandal, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, and Ms. Connie Koury, General Counsel, for their continued support of the University of Louisiana System.

E. Report of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Dr. Smith, Vice Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, presented the Committee report.

Upon motion of Dr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Pugh, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to approve the adoption of the following resolution.

- E.1. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of a Letter of Intent for a collaborative Ph.D. degree program in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology, offered by Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center – Shreveport, Louisiana Tech University, and Louisiana State University in Shreveport.

***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 a Letter of Intent for a collaborative Ph.D. degree program in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology, offered jointly by Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center – Shreveport, Louisiana Tech University, and Louisiana State University in Shreveport.*

Dr. Smith informed the Board that the Committee heard a presentation on international education from Nicholls State University. She stated that Dr. Carroll J. Falcon, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; Dr. Laynie Barrilleaux, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs; along with other Nicholls faculty, staff, and students discussed the University's goals and infrastructure, opportunities available to the university community within the Nicholls campus, and opportunities available beyond the Nicholls campus. Dr. Smith stated that no action is required by the Board and that this was a report only.

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.

- F.1. Grambling State University's request for approval of the employment contract and agreement for Mr. Larry Wright, Head Coach, Men's Basketball, effective July 1, 2006.

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

- F.2. University of Louisiana System's report on significant athletic activities for the period October 15 through November 15, 2006.

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

- F.3. University of Louisiana System's report on audits submitted for the period October 15 through November 15, 2006.

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

G. Report of the Facilities Planning Committee

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

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

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

- G.1. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to demolish Nicholas Cefalu Coliseum.

***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 Nicholas Cefalu Coliseum.*

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

- G.2. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to demolish a storage building.

***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 demolish a storage building.*

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

- G.3. University of Louisiana System's request for approval and adoption of System-wide space and quality standards for third-party projects in accordance with Act 758 of 2006.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve and adopt System-wide space and quality standards for third-party projects in accordance with Act 758 of 2006.

AND FURTHER, that UL System staff, and legal counsel shall assure that all documents conform to statutory and administrative requirements and that the subject standards shall be promulgated among the University of Louisiana System campuses.

- G.4. Other Business - Nicholls State University's request for approval to execute the first amendment to the Ground and Facilities Lease Agreement with NSU Facilities Corporation, a 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation, and any and all documents related to Galliano Cafeteria and Bollinger Memorial Student Union.

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 execute the first amendment to the Ground and Facilities Lease Agreement with NSU Facilities Corporation, a 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation, and any and all other documents related to Galliano Cafeteria and Bollinger Memorial Student Union.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Nicholls State University is authorized to spend an amount not to exceed \$700,000 from the auxiliary fund balance to cover increased construction costs incurred by the NSU Facilities Corporation in renovating the Galliano Cafeteria and Bollinger Memorial Student Union, as an additional capital contribution toward the cost of the project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Dr. Sally Clausen, President of the University of Louisiana System, and/or Dr. Stephen T. Hulbert, President of Nicholls State University, are/is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute said first amendment to the lease and any and all other documents related to the project.

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

H. Report of the Finance Committee

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

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

H.1. University of Louisiana System's request for approval to execute 501(c)3 (facilities corporation) affiliation agreements as follows:

- a. Louisiana Tech University and Innovative Student Facilities, Inc.
- b. McNeese State University and Cowboy Facilities, Inc.
- c. Southeastern Louisiana University and University Facilities, Inc.
- d. University of Louisiana at Lafayette and Ragin' Cajun Facilities, Inc.
- e. University of Louisiana at Monroe and University of Louisiana at Monroe Facilities, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve the execution of 501(c)3 (facilities corporations) affiliation agreements as follows:

- a. Louisiana Tech University and Innovative Student Facilities, Inc.
- b. McNeese State University and Cowboy Facilities, Inc.
- c. Southeastern Louisiana University and University Facilities, Inc.
- d. University of Louisiana at Lafayette and Ragin' Cajun Facilities, Inc.
- e. University of Louisiana at Monroe and University of Louisiana at Monroe Facilities, Inc.

H.2. University of Louisiana System's discussion of Fiscal Year 2006-2007 first quarter interim financial reports and ongoing assurances.

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

H.3. University of Louisiana System's report on third-party projects.

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

I. System President's Business

I.1. Personnel Actions

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

Upon motion of Mrs. Burkhalter, seconded by Mr. Woods, the Board voted unanimously to approve the System personnel actions.

I.2. System President's Report

- Dr. Clausen acknowledged Dr. Brad O'Hara, System Associate Provost and Vice President for Student Affairs who informed the Board of some of the great things that the Chief Information Officers (CIOs) of System campuses have quietly been doing to generate efficiency throughout the University of Louisiana System. Dr. O'Hara asked System staff member Devin Broome to address the Board regarding collaborative efforts

to generate better business practices on System campuses. Mr. Broome stated that the ULS CIO Council formed two years ago and has proven to be a model for our System, state, and nation. He introduced CIO Council Chair, Charles Ordoyne from Nicholls State University, Mike Graham former CIO Council Chair from McNeese State University, Winfred Jones from Grambling State University, and Mr. Ralph Perlman, System staff member. Mr. Broome stated that \$2 million in efficiencies were realized the last two years from the combined purchasing power of System universities for equipment and services to benefit our students. He introduced Mr. Mike Abbiatti, Associate Commissioner for Information and Learning Technology, of the Board Regents who addressed the Board regarding the latest cooperative venture, the state-wide E-Learning Support Center located at the Technology Park in Baton Rouge. Dr. Clausen thanked Mr. Abbiatti for his leadership and support of the Council and their initiatives.

- Dr. Clausen asked the Board to approve the following staff changes and salary increases:
 - Jackie Tisdell will assume greater responsibility as Executive Director of Student Development and Communications.
 - Edwin Litolff will also be assuming greater responsibility for marketing initiatives in addition to his institutional research and enrollment management activities.
 - Devin Broome will assume greater responsibility in the area of information technology as Executive Director of Information Technology and Digital Media.
- Dr. Clausen also asked the Board to approve a non-recurring salary supplement for all System staff members.

Upon motion of Mr. Woods, seconded by Mrs. Burkhalter, the Board voted unanimously to approve the staff changes as outlined above by System President Sally Clausen and to also provide a non-recurring salary supplement to all System staff members.

- Dr. Clausen asked Dr. Brad O'Hara to update the Board regarding service learning grants to System universities. Dr. O'Hara reminded the Board of the \$1.2 million grant that the System was awarded last summer from the Corporation for National and Community Service. He stated that today 29 grants will be awarded to faculty and staff at all eight System campuses totaling \$618,000. Dr. O'Hara asked Dr. Charles Richard, Assistant Professor of English at UL Lafayette, to address the Board. Dr. Richard talked about the importance of this grant to his project entitled "Acadiana Food and Folklore Media Initiative: Preserving Culture and Promoting Tourism Recovery." He also spoke about the importance of this grant to UL Lafayette students and the community. Dr. O'Hara provided a summary and introduced all grant recipients by institution.
- Dr. Clausen informed the Board that she delivered the President-to-Presidents lecture on Transformational Leadership at the annual AASCU conference in November. She shared the beginning of that address with the Board – a video which was developed about the impact of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita on Louisiana, its citizens, and on ULS institutions. She stated that the response of AASCU members was very positive. Attitudes were changed as AASCU members became aware that some of the events that took place during that time were reported inaccurately by the national news media. Mr. Long stated that he spoke to a number of AASCU representatives who informed him that Dr. Clausen's President-to-Presidents presentation was outstanding.

J. Board Chair's Business

J.1. Board Chairman's Report

- Mr. Long asked the Board to ratify a resolution passed on November 15, 2006, by the Joint Executive Committee of the Board of Supervisors and the Board of Regents.

Upon motion of Mrs. Burkhalter, seconded by Dr. Smith and Dr. Gallot, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System voted unanimously to ratify the following resolution passed on November 15, 2006, by the Joint Executive Committee of the Board of Supervisors and the Board of Regents:

Upon motion of Mrs. Burkhalter, seconded by Mr. Pugh, the Joint Executive Committee of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System and the Board of Regents voted unanimously to direct the attorneys for the state to proceed with due dispatch to first file appropriate notices and motions in order to take appropriate action on behalf of the Board of Supervisors and the Board of Regents to have these suits dismissed and, thereafter, to ask for sanctions pursuant to Federal Rule 11 and the rules of the U. S. District Court for the Western District of Louisiana.

J.2. Report of the Board Nominating Committee

- Mr. Sibille gave a report of the Nominating Committee for Board Officers for 2007.

Upon motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Bussie, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee and elected Mr. Jimmy D. Long, Sr. as Chairman of the Board for 2007.

Upon motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Pugh, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee and elected Mrs. Elsie P. Burkhalter as Vice Chairman of the Board for 2007.

Upon motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mrs. Burkhalter, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee and elected Mr. Michael H. Woods as Parliamentarian for 2007.

J.3. Other Business

- Mr. Long stated that the next meeting of the Board will be on January 5, 2007 in Baton Rouge at which time the 2007 Board officers and any new members of the Board will be installed. He stated that there will be no institutional business conducted at this meeting.
- Mr. Long also stated that immediately following the January 5, 2007 meeting, the UL System Foundation will award its annual Clausen Scholarships to 15 deserving education students. He stated all Board Members and campus presidents are invited to attend and that details will be forthcoming.

- Mr. Long reminded the Board that there will be a second January meeting on Friday, January 26, 2007, at which time regular Board business will be conducted. He stated that Northwestern State University in Natchitoches will host this meeting. Details of this meeting will also be forthcoming.

K. Adjournment

Upon motion of Mr. Bussie, seconded by Mr. Pugh, the meeting adjourned at 12:01 p.m.