

MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM

AUGUST 25, 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 10:45 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
Mr. Andre G. Coudrain
Dr. Mildred G. Gallot

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

ABSENT

Mr. Donald T. "Boysie" Bollinger
Mr. Robert T. Hale
Mr. Jeffrey S. Jenkins

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, 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 June 23, 2006

Upon motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mr. Bussie, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting of June 23, 2006.

E. Report of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee

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

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

Upon motion of Mr. Woods, 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.

- E.1. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to award an honorary Doctorate of Humanities degree to Miss Ruth Johnson at the fall 2006 commencement exercises.

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 award an honorary Doctorate of Humanities degree to Miss Ruth Johnson at the fall 2006 commencement exercises.

- E.2. Northwestern State University's request for approval to award an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters degree to Mr. Cecil J. Picard at the fall 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 degree to Mr. Cecil J. Picard at the fall 2006 commencement exercises.

- E.3. **Northwestern State University's** request for approval of a Letter of Intent for a Bachelor of Science degree program in Unified Public Safety and Administration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve Northwestern State University's Letter of Intent for a Bachelor of Science degree program in Unified Public Safety and Administration.

- E.4. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to terminate the Master of Science degree program in Engineering and Technology Management at the end of the spring 2007 semester.

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 Engineering and Technology Management at the end of the spring 2007 semester.

- E.5. **University of Louisiana System's** request for approval of System Universities' 2006-07 Promotions in Faculty Rank and Recommendations for Tenure.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve System Universities' 2006-2007 Promotions in Faculty Rank and Recommendations for Tenure.*

Mr. Woods stated that there were two items of other business that required no action by the Board and were for information only. He stated Policy and Procedures Memorandum FS-III.II.D-1, *Requirements and Entitlements for Endowed Chairs at Campus Institutions*, will provide guidance to campus academic officers regarding requirements for endowed chairs. Mr. Woods also informed the Board that the Committee heard a presentation from Dr. Steve Landry, Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. He stated that Dr. Landry gave an overview of ULL's international education program that promotes study abroad and reciprocal student exchanges.

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 report on the Intercollegiate Athletic Program.

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

F.2. University of Louisiana System's report on significant athletic activities for the period June 15 through August 11, 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 June 15 through August 11, 2006.

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

G. Report of the Joint Facilities Planning and Finance Committee

Mr. Michael H. Woods, Chair of the Finance Committee, presented the Joint Facilities Planning and Finance Committee report.

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

Upon motion of Mr. Woods, seconded by Dr. Gallot, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Joint Facilities Planning and Finance Committee to approve the adoption of the following resolutions.

- G.1. Grambling State University's request for approval of the form and authorizing the execution of Ground and Facilities Lease Agreements, Agreement to Lease with Option to Purchase, and Act of Donation involving the financing, design, and implementation of the University's comprehensive housing and student services redevelopment plan.

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 of the form and authorizing the execution of Ground and Facilities Lease Agreements, Agreement to Lease with Option to Purchase, and Act of Donation involving the financing, design, and implementation of the University's comprehensive housing and student services redevelopment plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Dr. Sally Clausen, President of the University of Louisiana System, and/or Dr. Horace Judson, President of Grambling State University, are/is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute said lease agreement.

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

- G.2. Nicholls State University's request for approval to establish a fee structure for the College of Business Administration's newly proposed Executive Master of Business Administration (EMBA) Program.

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 establish a fee structure for the College of Business Administration's newly proposed Executive Master of Business Administration (EMBA) Program.

- G.3. Nicholls State University's request for approval to execute an affiliation agreement with NSU Facilities Corporation, a 501(c)3 corporation.

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 an affiliation agreement with NSU Facilities Corporation, a 501(c)3 corporation.

- G.4. Nicholls State University's request for approval of a student referendum to fund Title IX, facility, and life safety program needs for the Athletics program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve Nicholls State University's request for a student referendum to fund Title IX, facility, and life safety program needs for the Athletics program.

- G.5. Northwestern State University's request for ratification of agreement between the University, the Louisiana School of Math, Science, and the Arts, and the Natchitoches Parish School Board involving transfer of property and realignment of property lines.

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

ratification of agreement between the University, the Louisiana School of Math, Science, and the Arts, and the Natchitoches Parish School Board involving transfer of property and realignment of property lines.

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

- G.6. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of the form and authorizing the execution of (a) first amendment to agreement to lease with option to purchase, and (b) first amendment to ground and building lease agreement in connection with the University's comprehensive housing plan to include partial financing and the implementation of the University's intermodal transportation facility and Strawberry Stadium renovations.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of the form and authorizing the execution of (a) first amendment to agreement to lease with option to purchase, and (b) first amendment to ground and building lease agreement in connection with the University's comprehensive housing plan to include partial financing and the implementation of the University's intermodal transportation facility and Strawberry Stadium renovations.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Dr. Sally Clausen, President of the University of Louisiana System, and/or Dr. Randy Moffett, President of Southeastern Louisiana University, are/is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute said lease agreements.*

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

- G.7. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of supplemental pay for Mr. Gerald Hebert, an employee in the Office of Development, which will be funded by the UL Lafayette Foundation.

***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 supplemental pay for Mr. Gerald Hebert, an employee in the Office of Development, which will be funded by the UL Lafayette Foundation.*

- G.8. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of the resolution to approve the form and to authorize the execution of a First Amendment of the Amended and Restated Agreement to Lease with Option to Purchase in connection with the lease and leaseback of a portion of the ULM campus to the 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 University of Louisiana at Monroe's (ULM) request for approval of the resolution to approve the form and to authorize the execution of a First Amendment of the Amended and Restated Agreement to Lease with Option to Purchase in connection with the lease and leaseback of a portion of the ULM campus to the University of Louisiana at Monroe Facilities, Inc.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Dr. Sally Clausen, President of the University of Louisiana System, and/or Dr. James E. Cofer, President of the University of Louisiana at Monroe, are/is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute said lease agreement.

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

- G.9. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of the form and authorizing the execution of a Ground Lease Agreement, an Agreement to Lease with Option to Purchase and Act of Donation involving the financing and implementation of the University's intermodal transit facility and parking improvements project.

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 the form and authorizing the execution of a Ground Lease Agreement, an Agreement to Lease with Option to Purchase and Act of Donation involving the financing and implementation of the University's intermodal/transportation facility and parking improvements project.

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

- G.10. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to purchase four residential properties from the ULM Foundation for no more than the appraised value of each property to allow for future growth and expansion of the University campus.

This item was **withdrawn** upon the request of Dr. James Cofer, President of University of Louisiana at Monroe.

- G.11. University of Louisiana System's request for approval to adopt a resolution and to execute an agreement with the State of Louisiana to provide Medicare-only coverage upon retirement to eligible officers and employees of the University of Louisiana System and System universities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve the adoption of attached resolution and the execution of the attached agreement with the State of Louisiana to provide Medicare-only coverage upon retirement to eligible officers and employees of the University of Louisiana System and System universities.

- G.12. University of Louisiana System's request for approval of the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Outlay Budget Request and the Institutions' Five-Year Capital Outlay Plans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Outlay Budget Request and the Institutions' Five-Year Capital Outlay Plans.

- G.13. University of Louisiana System's request for approval of Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Operating Budgets, including organizational charts, undergraduate/graduate mandatory attendance fees, and faculty pay plans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Operating Budgets, including organizational charts, undergraduate/graduate mandatory attendance fees, and faculty pay plans.

- G.14. Other Business – University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of a proposal from the ULM Foundation to initiate a process to construct an on-campus residence for the President of the University of Louisiana at Monroe.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve University of Louisiana at Monroe Foundation's request to initiate a process to construct an on-campus residence for the President of the University of Louisiana at Monroe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, upon completion of the project, the land and all improvements will be purchased by the University at a price not to exceed \$400,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any and all steps taken throughout this project from start to finish (including plans and authority to inspect construction) shall be shared with and approved by University and System Staff.

AND FURTHER, that once the project is completed all documents related to the purchase will be submitted to the Board for final approval.

- G.15. Other Business – Louisiana Tech's request for approval to enter into a lease agreement with Louisiana Tech Foundation, Inc. to install field lighting in Joe Aillet Stadium.

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 enter into a lease agreement with Louisiana Tech Foundation, Inc. to install field lighting in Joe Aillet Stadium.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Dr. Daniel D. Reneau, President of Louisiana Tech University, is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents associated with said lease by the University of Louisiana System on behalf of and for the use of Louisiana Tech University.

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

H. Personnel

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

Upon motion of Mrs. Burkhalter, seconded by Dr. Gallot, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Personnel Committee to approve the adoption of the following resolutions.

- H.1. Grambling State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Karen M. Martin as Vice President for Student Affairs effective August 14, 2006.

***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 appoint Dr. Karen M. Martin as Vice President for Student Affairs effective August 14, 2006.*

- H.2. McNeese State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Nikos Kiritsis as Dean of the College of Engineering and Technology effective August 1, 2006.

***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. Nikos Kiritsis as Dean of the College of Engineering and Technology effective August 1, 2006.*

- H.3. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Marvin L. Yates as Vice President for Student Affairs effective August 25, 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 Dr. Marvin L. Yates as Vice President for Student Affairs effective August 25, 2006.*

J. System President's Business

- J.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.

- J.2. System President's Report

- Dr. Clausen informed the Board that copies of Dr. Nick Bruno's article entitled, "Louisiana Renaissance: UL System Utilizes Privatized Process to Enhance Student Service," which was recently published in the *Journal of the National Association of College Auxiliary Services* was in their folders. She stated this article profiles the great progress the System has made in student housing and congratulated Dr. Bruno.
- Dr. Clausen stated that she has recently visited Nicholls State University, McNeese State University, and Southeastern Louisiana University in association with Board of Regents' check presentations for endowed professorships. She said she will be visiting Northwestern State University, Grambling State University, and University of Louisiana at Lafayette in September.

- Dr. Clausen invited Student Board Member Aron Walker to introduce the SGA presidents from System universities who were in the audience. Dr. Clausen welcomed the students and informed the Board that LACUPSA, Louisiana's student affairs professional organization, has invited her to chair a panel at its meeting in late September.
- Dr. Clausen told the Board that she has been invited by her colleagues to address the annual AASCU conference in November. The topic given to her was Transformational Leadership.
- Dr. Clausen stated that a summary of an important report that will be issued by the Commission on the Future of Higher Education to Department of Education Secretary Margaret Spellings was in their folders. The report outlines important goals and recommended actions for higher education including access, affordability, quality, and accountability.
- Dr. Clausen also distributed a letter to Board Members from Thomas C. Meredith, President of the National Association of System Heads (NASH), who invited Dr. Clausen to coordinate an inaugural pilot study on the role of system head leadership in addressing barriers to college student success. She stated this important initiative will focus on student retention and graduation rates, a serious concern in Louisiana and in the nation. Dr. Clausen said that in order to coordinate this initiative, she will be required to spend time in Washington, D.C. and to travel from time to time to work with system colleagues in other states. She asked Board Members for permission to consider this request. Board Members Andre Coudrain, Gordon Pugh, Elsie Burkhalter, Victor Bussie, and Board Chair Jimmy Long verbally supported and encouraged Dr. Clausen to accept this important invitation, an honor for Louisiana. Several Board Members stated they considered the invitation as a testament to Dr. Clausen's achievements and standing in the higher education community throughout the nation. Board Members unanimously agreed that this is an issue of national importance and that Dr. Clausen's work on this project will provide a great benefit to our System and to schools through Louisiana and the nation.

Upon motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mr. Bussie, the Board voted unanimously to encourage, support, and allow System President Sally Clausen the flexibility and latitude to accept the National Association of System Heads (NASH) invitation to coordinate the NASH initiative on the role of system head leadership in addressing barriers to college student success with details to be worked out with the Board Chair and Vice Chair.

M. Board Chair's Business

M.1. Board Chairman's Report

- Mr. Long thanked Dr. James Fisher on his presentation concerning leadership and Board responsibilities at the professional development program for Board Members. He stated that the comments were timely and can serve as a framework for work as UL System Board Members.

- Mr. Long congratulated Dr. Clausen for serving on a panel at Louisiana Public Broadcasting which examined athletics and academics and dealt with questions such as how universities and colleges strike a balance between their educational mission and the nature of inter-collegiate sports. He stated the LPB program will air several times during the next few weeks on LPB stations around the state.
- Mr. Long introduced Dr. Lisa Vosper, Associate Commissioner for Workforce Education and Training from the Board of Regents. Dr. Vosper spoke to Board Members regarding Louisiana Lifelong Learning Education Portal (LA ePortal), a new innovative tool that has been developed by the Board of Regents in consultation and collaboration with the Department of Education, the Department of Labor, and other entities to provide a means by which a student can plan and monitor his or her academic progress from middle school through postsecondary and into the workforce. She stated the web-based initiative has been in development for the last 2 ½ years and will serve as an educational and career planning tool for our state's exclusive use. She asked the Board to endorse the LA ePortal effort and encourage System campuses to participate in the effort by providing information about their campuses for their portfolios on the website. She also asked that institution presidents appoint two (2) individuals to serve on the LA ePortal Committee.

Mr. Long asked that System Staff develop a statement of support to be given to the Board of Regents regarding LA ePortal.

- Mr. Long discussed two Board RULES on which the Board will vote at the October Board Meeting. He stated that copies of these proposed changes were in Board Members' folders. The first deals with a proposed revision to Board RULES, Chapter II, Students, Section XIII, Requirements for Doctoral Degrees, adding language which states that the minimum resident requirement may be waived at the discretion of the university. A proposed addition to Board RULES, Chapter II, Students, Section XXI, Safety and Security, deals with emergency preparedness and recovery and is an outgrowth of work initiated last year by the Board of Regents.
- Mr. Long solicited comments from Mr. Sibille, who attended the Board of Regents' meeting on August 24, 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.

M.2. Other Business

- Mr. Long stated that the next regularly scheduled meeting is on Thursday and Friday, October 26 and 27 at the University of Louisiana at Monroe. He stated that information regarding lodging will be forthcoming.

N. Adjournment

Upon motion of Mr. Bussie, seconded by Mrs. Burkhalter, the meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m.