

## **MINUTES**

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

**FEBRUARY 24, 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 11:10 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  
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. 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. 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 Meetings held January 6, 2006 and January 26, 2006**

Upon motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting of January 6, 2006 and the special Board Meeting of January 26, 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. Teamer, 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 to transition from an open admissions institution to a selective admissions institution.

*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 transition from an open admissions institution to a selective admissions institution.*

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There was public comment in opposition to the approval of the above item from Mr. Clifton Lemelle, Sr., a member of the Grambling University National Alumni Association.

- E.2. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to reorganize its academic affairs division.

*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 reorganize its academic affairs division.*

- E.3. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to award an honorary Doctorate in Educational Leadership to Mr. Cecil J. Picard 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 University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request to award an honorary Doctorate in Educational Leadership to Mr. Cecil J. Picard at the spring 2006 commencement exercises.*

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

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

Upon motion of Mr. Coudrain, 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. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to amend the employment contract for Mr. Jack Bicknell III, Head Football Coach.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve the amended employment contract for Mr. Jack Bicknell III, Head Football Coach.*

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

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

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

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**G. Report of Facilities Planning Committee**

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

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

Upon motion of 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. McNeese State University's request for approval to sell 29.69 acres of University property located at the former Chennault Air Force Base to the City of Lake Charles.

This item was withdrawn at the request of Dr. Robert Hebert, President of McNeese State University.

- G.2. McNeese State University's request for approval to sell right-of-way rights of University property to the City of Lake Charles to allow extension of East McNeese Street.

*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 sell right-of-way rights of University property to the City of Lake Charles to allow for extension of East McNeese Street.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Dr. Robert Hebert, President of McNeese State University, is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute said purchase of right-of-way rights.*

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

- G.3. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of the form of a Ground and Buildings Lease Agreement and an Agreement to Lease with Option to Purchase with University Facilities, Inc. (UFI), a 501(c)(3), not-for-profit corporation, and a resolution authorizing UFI to continue negotiations for a design/build contract.

*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 approve the form of a Ground and Buildings Lease Agreement and an Agreement to Lease with Option to Purchase with University Facilities, Inc., a 501(c)(3), not-for-profit corporation.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby authorize University Facilities, Inc. to continue negotiations for a design/build contract in accordance with ULS policy and criteria outlined in the RFP.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that after UFI has completed negotiations for a design/build contract, the completed lease agreements including the design/build contracts and other required documents will be submitted to the Board for final approval.*

*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.4. Other Business – Grambling State University's request to sell 10% interest in a piece of property located in Florida valued at \$5,600.

*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 sell its 10% interest in a piece of property located in Palmetto, Florida, Manatee County.*

*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 for said land sale.*

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

#### **H. Report of Finance Committee**

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

Upon motion of Mr. Woods, 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 student referenda to increase fees for the Student Government Association (SGA), Cheerleaders, Orchesis, and the KGRM Radio Station.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve Grambling State University's request of a student referenda to increase fees for the Student Government Association (SGA), Cheerleaders, Orchesis, and the KGRM Radio Station.*

- H.2. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of a student referendum to renew a fee to improve campus parking facilities and pedestrian walkways.

***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 student referendum to renew a fee to improve parking facilities and pedestrian walkways.*

- H.3. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to ratify an extension of the deferred compensation agreement between Louisiana Tech Foundation and Dr. Daniel Reneau.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby ratify an extension of the deferred compensation agreement between Louisiana Tech Foundation and Dr. Daniel Reneau.*

- H.4. Nicholls State University's request for approval of a student referendum to increase the fee for *Mosaic*, the student literary magazine.

***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 increase the self-assessed fee for *Mosaic*, the student literary magazine.*

- H.5. Northwestern State University's request for approval of a student referendum to increase the following student self-assessed fees: Artist Series, SGA Activity, Potpourri, Current Sauce, Argus, KNWD-FM, Union Board Drama, Intramurals, Student Union Programs, Alumni, Natchitoches SGA Speaker Program and Rowing Team.

***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 a student referendum to increase the Artist Series, SGA Activity, Potpourri, Current Sauce, Argus, KNWD-FM, Union Board Drama, Intramurals, Student Union Programs, Alumni, Natchitoches SGA Speaker Program and Rowing Team fees.*

- H.6. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a student referendum to increase the Student Health Services 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 increase the Student Health Services Fee.*

- H.7. University of Louisiana at Lafayette’s request for approval of a resolution granting authority for the issuance of Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds for the Cajundome Convention Center Project Series 2006.

*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 resolution granting authority for the issuance of Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds for the Cajundome Convention Center Project Series 2006.*

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

- H.8. University of Louisiana at Monroe’s request for approval of a student referendum to establish the Student Success Fee, Athletic Success Fee, “31 Ambassadors” Fee and to increase the Student Government Association Fee and the Spirit Groups Fee.

*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 a student referendum to establish the Student Success Fee, Athletic Success Fee, and “31 Ambassadors” Fee and to increase the Student Government Association Fee and the Spirit Groups Fee.*

- H.9. University of Louisiana System’s request for approval to establish LEQSF (8g) Endowed Professorships as follows:

a. **Louisiana Tech University:**

- 1) Charles L. Farrar Endowed Professorship in College of Administration and Business
- 2) Roger Thomas Luffey Endowed Professorship in Education
- 3) Bobby J. and Laura B. Neill Endowed Professorship in Forestry
- 4) James C. Jeffery, M.D. Endowed Professorship in Pre-Med
- 5) George and Jean Baldwin Endowed Professorship in Education
- 6) George and Jean Baldwin Endowed Professorship in Engineering
- 7) Jack T. Painter Endowed Professorship in Civil Engineering
- 8) Clifford Ray King Endowed Professorship in the College of Administration and Business
- 9) John Ed Barnes Endowed Professorship in the College of Administration and Business – Department of Entrepreneurship

b. **McNeese State University:**

- 1) Judge Edwin F. Hunter, Jr. Professorship in Health and Science
- 2) Contractor’s Educational Trust Endowed Professorship in Mechanical Engineering
- 3) Citgo Petroleum Endowed Professorship in Engineering #1
- 4) Hale Family Endowed Professorship in Education

- c. **Nicholls State University:**
  - 1) The Capital One Endowed Professorship in Mathematics
- d. **Northwestern State University:**
  - 1) Roy O. Martin, Sr. Endowed Professorship in Computer Information Systems
  - 2) Karl and Linda Moore Endowed Professorship in Business
  - 3) Barry Smiley Professorship in Marketing
  - 4) Thomas E. Stewart Professorship in Education
  - 5) Willis-Knighton Health Care System Endowed Professorship in Nursing
- e. **Southeastern Louisiana University:**
  - 1) The Otto Candies Family Endowed Professorship in Business
  - 2) The Major Kenneth Dyson Endowed Professorship in Biological Sciences
- f. **University of Louisiana at Lafayette:**
  - 1) Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Nalley/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Business Administration 2005
  - 2) Philip and Jean Piccione/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Statistics II
  - 3) Kathy Authement Prouet/BORSF Memorial Endowed Professorship in Education I
  - 4) Kathy Authement Prouet/BORSF Memorial Endowed Professorship in Education II
  - 5) George and Adelaide Trahan Abraham/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Education
  - 6) Florence Mauboules/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Education
  - 7) The Coca-Cola/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Architecture
  - 8) The Coca-Cola/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Performing Arts
  - 9) Lafayette General Medical Center/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Health Sciences
  - 10) Harold J. Callais/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Electrical and Computer Engineering II
  - 11) Dr. Tommy Comeaux/BORSF Memorial Endowed Professorship in Traditional Music VII
  - 12) Lee & Ken Matherne/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Engineering
  - 13) Elmo J. Laborde, Jr./BORSF Memorial Endowed Professorship in Accounting

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve the request from System institutions to establish the LEQSF (8g) Endowed Professorships and as noted above.***

H.10. University of Louisiana System's discussion of the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 second quarter financial reports and ongoing assurances.

Dr. Nick Bruno, Vice President for Operations and Facilities, presented the report to the Committee. No official Board action was required.

H.11. University of Louisiana System's request for approval of performance incentive funding allocations to System universities.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve University of Louisiana System's performance incentive allocation to System institutions as recommended by System staff.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that each University be permitted to transfer performance incentive funds to a restricted account.*

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Mr. Woods stated there were three items of other business discussed during the Committee meeting: 1) In the future, Board Members will receive only summary documents of financial reports except for the Chair who will receive full back-up materials; 2) System staff will research which fees the Board is authorized to approve and whether approval of those fees can be delegated to System staff; 3) A status report was presented on the FY07 budget with a more conclusive budget picture available when the Governor presents the budget on March 3.

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

I.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. Hale, the Board voted unanimously to approve the System personnel actions.*

I.2. System President's Report

- Dr. Clausen recognized and congratulated McNeese State University which recently announced a grant award of \$1.1 million from the National Science Foundation to fund a partnership with LSU-Eunice and Lamar State College in Orange, Texas; the grant will allow these institutions to organize a proactive approach in enrolling and mentoring students in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.
- Dr. Clausen welcomed several Northwestern graduate students who visited the Board meeting as part of their "Seminar in Current Issues in Higher Education and Student Affairs" class taught by Dr. Dan Seymour.
- Dr. Clausen also informed the Board that in order for the UL System to remain proactive, it will be hosting a meningitis forum in the near future to discuss the recent meningitis outbreak, how to learn from this situation, and how to better prepare should this tragedy occur again.
- Dr. Clausen announced "Extreme Spring Break 2006," an important student service-learning project to be held April 19-23, 2006. This project, an idea developed by student Board member Mallory Wall, will involve approximately 250 ULS students,



faculty, and staff in partnering with Habitat for Humanity to build homes in hurricane-affected areas. Southeastern Louisiana University and McNeese State University will serve as host institutions for the project.

- Dr. Clausen announced to the Board that she will be taking personal leave during the month of March as she will shortly become a grandmother for the first time. She also stated that in early April she and Mr. Woods will participate in a program at the National Conference on Trusteeship for the Association of Governing Boards (AGB).
- Dr. Clausen congratulated Mr. Bussie on his appointment as a trustee to oversee the \$2 billion Babcock and Wilcox bankruptcy settlement agreement.

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

Mr. Long congratulated Dr. Clausen on the upcoming birth of her grandchild. He welcomed the Northwestern graduate students attending today's meeting, and he thanked Mallory Wall for her leadership in establishing the "Extreme Spring Break" project to help in Louisiana's recovery effort.

Mr. Long called on Mr. Woods who asked to share a few thoughts with the Board. After addressing the Board, Mr. Woods offered the following resolution.

*Upon motion of Mr. Woods, with a unanimous second, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System thanks and supports System President Sally Clausen for her exemplary service and urges her to continue to work in higher education in our state and nation.*

Dr. Clausen's outstanding leadership and achievements in higher education at both state and national levels were highlighted by other Board Members and institution presidents who also offered support to Dr. Clausen in light of recent public comments regarding the LSU System presidency. Dr. Clausen received a standing ovation from the Board and entire audience.

##### **J.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.

*Upon motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mr. Teamer, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby suspend/waive for the fall 2005 semester certain fees under Board RULES, Chapter IV, Finance and Business, Section V. Student Fees, for those students displaced by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.*

##### **J.2. Other Business**

- Mr. Long solicited comments from Mr. Sibille, who attended the February 23, 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 April 28, 2006, in Baton Rouge.
- Mr. Long called upon Mr. Sibille who offered the following resolution:

*Upon motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Dr. Smith, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System voted unanimously to designate System President Sally Clausen and Board Chairman Jimmy D. Long, Sr. to act on behalf of the Board in the upcoming 2006 Legislative Session.*

**K. Other Business**

There was no other business to come before the Board.

**L. Adjournment**

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