

MINUTES

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

JANUARY 26, 2007

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 Natchitoches Events Center, 700 2nd Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana, at 3:00 p.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. Jeffrey S. Jenkins

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. Victor Bussie
Mr. Robert T. Hale

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 Winston DeCuir, interested citizens, and representatives of the news media.

C. Invocation

Mr. Parker gave the invocation.

Chair Long extended thanks to Dr. Randy Webb, President of Northwestern State University, and the entire Northwestern family for hosting the meeting.

Dr. Webb welcomed the Board to Natchitoches on behalf of the University and Mr. Wayne McCullen, Mayor of Natchitoches. Dr. Webb highlighted Northwestern's Master of Arts degree program in

Student Personnel Services and introduced a few of the graduate students in the audience. He referenced Jim Collins' book, *Good to Great*, and spoke about Northwestern's emphasis on being responsive to students, business and industry, educational entities, etc. He thanked the Board for visiting and honoring Natchitoches with their presence.

D. Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting held January 5, 2007

Upon motion of Mrs. Burkhalter, seconded by Mr. Coudrain, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting of January 5, 2007.

E. Report of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Dr. Mildred G. Gallot, Acting Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, presented the Committee report.

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

E.1. Northwestern State University's request for approval of a Letter of Intent for a Bachelor of Arts degree program in Professional Communication.

***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 Letter of Intent for a Bachelor of Arts degree program in Professional Communication.*

Dr. Gallot informed the Board that the Committee heard a presentation on international education from Northwestern State University. She stated this report was for information only and that no action was required by the Board.

F. Report of the Joint Athletic and Audit Committee

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

Upon motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mrs. Burkhalter, 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. Grambling State University's request for approval of the contractual agreement with Mr. Larry Wright, Men's Head Basketball Coach, effective July 1, 2006.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve the contract and agreement for Mr. Larry Wright, Men's Head Basketball Coach at Grambling State University, effective July 1, 2006.*

- F.2. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of the employment contract for Mr. Derek Dooley, Head Football Coach, effective January 1, 2007.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve the employment contract for Mr. Derek Dooley, Head Football Coach at Louisiana Tech University, effective January 1, 2007.

- F.3. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of an extension of the employment contract for Mr. Chris Long, Head Women's Basketball Coach, for one year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve the extension of the employment contract for Mr. Chris Long, Head Women's Basketball Coach, for one year.

- F.4. University of Louisiana System's report on significant athletic activities for the period November 16, 2006 through January 15, 2007.

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

- F.5. University of Louisiana System's report on audits submitted for the period November 16, 2006 through January 15, 2007.

Mr. Coudrain 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 Committee report.

Upon motion of Mr. Woods, seconded by Mrs. Burkhalter, 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 to renovate the C. D. Henry Natatorium in accordance with the provisions set forth in Act 959 of 2003.

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 renovate the C. D. Henry Natatorium in accordance with the provisions set forth in Act 959 of 2003.

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

- G.2. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to establish an LEQSF (8g) Endowed Chair to be titled "John Ed Barnes Endowed Chair" in Finance.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve the request from Louisiana Tech University to establish an LEQSF (8g) Endowed Chair to be titled "John Ed Barnes Endowed Chair" in Finance.*

- G.3. Nicholls State University's request for approval to execute a funds management agreement with Nicholls State University Foundation, a 501(c)3 affiliated organization.

***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 a funds management agreement with the Nicholls State University Foundation, a 501(c)3 affiliated organization.*

- G.4. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a student referendum to create a self-assessed fee to support two new initiatives: 1) a university shuttle system and 2) the construction and operation of a new Student Services/Activity Building.

This item was **withdrawn** upon the request of Dr. Randy Moffett, President of Southeastern Louisiana University.

- G.5. University of Louisiana System's discussion of Fiscal Year 2006-2007 second 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. 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. 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. Marianne Fisher-Giorlando as Acting Dean of the College of Professional Studies effective January 8, 2007.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve the request from Grambling State University to appoint Dr. Marianne Fisher-Giorlando as Acting Dean of the College of Professional Studies effective January 8, 2007.*

- H.2. Northwestern State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Joel Worley as Professor and Interim Dean of the College of Business for the period January 1, 2007 through June 30, 2007.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve the request of Northwestern State University to appoint Dr. Joel Worley as Professor and Interim Dean of the College of Business for the period January 1, 2007 through June 30, 2007.*

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 Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mr. Woods, the Board voted unanimously to approve the System personnel actions.

I.2. System President's Report

- The UL System will host a statewide education forum entitled *Student Access and Success: No Longer an Option* on Thursday, February 22, in Baton Rouge. Dr. Clausen stated that student access and success is a national problem and that many students begin postsecondary education only to drop out before completing a degree. She also stated that rising college costs make accessibility an issue for many students. Dr. Kati Haycock from the Education Trust, Dr. Carol Twigg from the Center for Academic Transformation, and Dr. George Mehaffy from AASCU will participate in the upcoming forum. Dr. Clausen also said that a representative from the LUMINA Foundation will be present to observe the strategies and plans for improvement. Further, Dr. Clausen stated that the forum will serve as a pilot for NASH which will be looking to hopefully replicate the forum elsewhere around the nation. Dr. Randy Moffett, President of Southeastern Louisiana University, is leading the ULS initiative.
- Nicholls State University was congratulated by Dr. Clausen on Nicholls' reaffirmation at the SACS annual meeting in December. She stated they were reaffirmed with no recommendations, an exceptional accomplishment.
- SREB has reclassified Louisiana Tech University as a Four-Year 2 institution. Dr. Clausen congratulated Dr. Dan Reneau, President of Louisiana Tech, and stated that Tech joins UL Lafayette and the University of New Orleans as the only three Louisiana schools in this category.
- From March 3-6, 2007, the Association of Governing Boards (AGB) will have its annual meeting in Phoenix, Arizona. Dr. Clausen invited Board Members to participate in the upcoming meeting and stated that the UL System has been asked to host next year's AGB annual meeting. Mr. Woods and Mrs. Burkhalter also encouraged Board Members to attend this year's AGB meeting.
- Student Board Member Aron Walker discussed plans for the Council of Student Body Presidents meeting on February 6-9, 2007 in Washington D.C. He stated that Dr. Clausen has been asked to accompany the students.

- Dr. Clausen informed the Board that Supervisor Boysie Bollinger will be King of the Washington Mardi Gras this year and extended congratulations on behalf of the Board and System.
- Dr. Clausen asked for a motion for the University of Louisiana System to join with twenty-two systems nationwide to participate in the National Association of System Heads (NASH) initiative on access and success.

Upon motion of Mr. Pugh, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System unanimously approved University of Louisiana System participation in the National Association of System Heads (NASH) initiative on access and success.

- Dr. Webb, his faculty, staff, and students were complimented and thanked by Dr. Clausen for hosting the Board Meeting in Natchitoches.
- Chair Jimmy Long was commended by Dr. Clausen for his vision and support of Northwestern State University and the Natchitoches community.

J. Board Chair's Business

J.1. Board Chairman's Report

- Mr. Long announced that Dr. Clausen will be inducted into the Louisiana Political Hall of Fame in Winnfield on Saturday, January 27. He stated the Board is proud of Dr. Clausen's accomplishments and the significant difference she has made in the lives of students and people of the state although she has never held public office. A video that Mr. Long asked System staff to develop was shown as a "surprise" for Dr. Clausen.
- Mr. Sibille reported on actions affecting System universities taken by the Board of Regents at their January 25, 2007 Board Meeting.
- Mr. Long informed the Board that Committee assignments for 2007 are included in their folders and that they will become effective at the February 23, 2007 meeting, which will be in Baton Rouge. He also reminded the Board that the *Student Access and Success* forum will be held on Thursday, February 22 in the Claiborne Building.

J.2. Executive Session, pursuant to R.S. 42:6.1, to discuss the following:

- a. *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.*
- b. *LeDay vs. Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System, et al, No. 51159, 3rd Judicial District Court, Lincoln Parish, State of Louisiana.*
- c. *Grambling State University versus Grambling University National Alumni Association, No. 51668, 3rd Judicial District Court, Lincoln Parish, State of Louisiana.*

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 Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mrs. Burkhalter, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 4:09 p.m.

Upon motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mrs. Burkhalter, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System voted unanimously to reconvene in open session at 4:44 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.

Upon motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mr. Pugh, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System voted unanimously to ratify the filing of a suit by Grambling State University against Grambling University National Alumni Association on behalf of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System for the purpose of recovering Bayou Classic proceeds. This ratification may be filed in the court records in the matter of "Grambling State University versus Grambling University National Alumni Association," No. 51668, 3rd Judicial District Court, Lincoln Parish, State of Louisiana, and Grambling State University is authorized to continue prosecution of said suit in its name on behalf of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System.

J.3. Other Business

There was no other business to come before the Board.

K. Adjournment

Upon motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mr. Pugh, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.