

MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM

FEBRUARY 23, 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 Auditorium, Room 100, "*The Louisiana Purchase Board Room*," of the Claiborne Building Conference Center, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana at 12:08 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. Paul G. Aucoin
Mr. Victor Bussie
Mr. Andre G. Coudrain
Dr. Mildred G. Gallot
Mr. Robert T. Hale
Mr. Jeffrey S. Jenkins

Ms. Renee A. Lapeyrolerie
Mr. D. Wayne Parker
Mr. Gordon A. Pugh
Dr. Clyde L. Rougeou, Jr.
Mr. Winfred F. Sibille
Dr. Eunice W. Smith
Mr. Aron Walker III

ABSENT

Mr. Michael H. Woods

Also present for the meeting were the following: System President Sally Clausen, System staff, administrators and faculty representatives from System campuses, Attorney Linda Clark, interested citizens, and representatives of the news media.

Chair Long welcomed new Board Members Paul Aucoin, Renee Lapeyrolerie, and Clyde Rougeou, and stated they had been officially sworn in before the Academic and Student Affairs Committee earlier in the morning. He also stated that in the absence of Parliamentarian Michael Woods, he appointed Mr. Coudrain to serve as Acting Parliamentarian for this meeting.

C. Invocation

Mr. Bussie gave the invocation.

D. Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting held January 26, 2007

Upon motion of Mr. Jenkins, seconded by Mr. Pugh, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting of January 26, 2007.

E. Report of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee

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

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

- E.1. Northwestern State University's request for approval to award an Honorary Doctorate of Science and Humane Letters to Mr. James K. Elrod at the spring 2007 commencement exercises.

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

***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 Science and Humane Letters to Mr. James K. Elrod at the spring 2007 commencement exercises.*

- E.2. University of Louisiana System's request for approval to enter into an exchange agreement on behalf of its eight member institutions with the Normandy Business School in Le Havre, France.

Upon motion of Mr. Pugh, seconded by Mrs. Burkhalter, the Academic and Student Affairs Committee voted unanimously to approve the adoption of the following resolution.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve the request from the University of Louisiana System to enter into an exchange agreement on behalf of its eight member institutions with the Normandy Business School in Le Havre, France.*

Dr. Smith informed the Board that the Committee heard a presentation on international education from the University of Louisiana at Monroe. 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 Mr. Bussie, 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 Head Men's Football Coach Rod Broadway, effective January 25, 2007.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve the contractual agreement with Head Men's Football Coach Rod Broadway effective January 25, 2007.*

- F.2. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to pay salary supplements from the Louisiana Tech University Foundation for four assistant football coaches.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve the salary supplements for four assistant football coaches to be paid to Louisiana Tech University from the Louisiana Tech University Foundation.*

***AND FURTHER,** that the University require that related benefits associated with the salary supplements are also to be paid by the Foundation to the University.*

- F.3. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of the contractual agreement with Head Men's Football Coach Charlie Weatherbie effective January 1, 2007.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve the contractual agreement with Head Men's Football Coach Charlie Weatherbie effective January 1, 2007.*

***AND FURTHER,** that the University require that related benefits associated with the salary supplements are also to be paid by the Foundation to the University.*

- F.4. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of the contractual agreement with Head Men's Basketball Coach Orlando Early effective January 1, 2007.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve the contractual agreement with Head Men's Basketball Coach Orlando Early effective January 1, 2007.*

***AND FURTHER,** that the University require that related benefits associated with the salary supplements are also to be paid by the Foundation to the University.*

- F.5. University of Louisiana System's report on significant athletic activities for the period January 16 through February 15, 2007.

Mr. Robbie Robinson, Director of Internal and External Audit, presented this report. No official Board action was required.

- F.6. University of Louisiana System's report on internal and external audits submitted for the period January 16 through February 15, 2007.

Mr. Robbie Robinson, Director of Internal and External Audit, presented this report. 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. Coudrain, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Facilities Planning Committee to approve the adoption of the following resolutions for Items G.1., G.2., and G.4. Mr. Pugh stated Ms. Margo Addison requested to address the Board regarding Item G.3.

- G.1. Nicholls State University's request for approval to enter into a lease agreement with Nicholls State University Foundation, Inc. to install artificial turf in John L. Guidry Stadium and to name the playing field.

***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 enter into a lease agreement with Nicholls State University Foundation, Inc. to install artificial turf in John L. Guidry Stadium.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve Nicholls State University's request to name the playing field the "Manning Field, sponsored by Astro Turf" as a requirement of the synthetic turf donation.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Nicholls State University shall obtain final approvals from UL System staff, legal counsel, and all other appropriate agencies/parties, of processes, documents, and administrative requirements prior to execution of documents.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Dr. Stephen T. Hulbert, President of Nicholls State University, is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents associated with said lease agreements by the University of Louisiana System on behalf of and for the use of Nicholls State University.*

***AND FURTHER**, that Nicholls State University will provide the System office with copies of all final executed documents for Board files.*

- G.2. Nicholls State University's request for approval to enter into a lease agreement with Nicholls State University Foundation, Inc. to construct a building and related facilities to house the women's soccer 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 approval to enter into a lease agreement with Nicholls State University Foundation, Inc. to construct a building and related facilities to house the women's soccer program.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Nicholls State University shall obtain final approvals from UL System staff, legal counsel, and all other appropriate agencies/parties, of processes, documents, and administrative requirements prior to execution of documents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Dr. Stephen T. Hulbert, President of Nicholls State University, is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents associated with said lease agreements by the University of Louisiana System on behalf of and for the use of Nicholls State University.

AND FURTHER, that Nicholls State University will provide the System office with copies of all final executed documents for Board files.

G.4. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to name the new Center for Child Development building "Cecil J. Picard Hall."

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 name the new Center for Child Development building "Cecil J. Picard Hall."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that University of Louisiana at Lafayette shall obtain final approvals from UL System staff, legal counsel, and all other appropriate agencies/parties, of processes, documents, and administrative requirements.

AND FURTHER, that University of Louisiana at Lafayette will provide the System office with copies of all final executed documents for Board files.

Ms. Margo Addison, on behalf of four other people, spoke in opposition to Item G.3., University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to demolish the barn at the Equine Center, and requested that the Board delay the vote on the proposed demolition of the barn.

Facilities Planning Chair Pugh informed the Board that the Committee did consider the issues in opposition to Item G.3. and stated that the Facilities Planning Committee voted unanimously to approve this Item. Mr. Pugh also stated that the resolution allows President Authement to proceed in accordance with his best judgment as President of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Board Member Aucoin asked that the minutes reflect his encouragement to the University and the preservation group to continue their communication in order to reach a solution. Mr. Long noted that the request to demolish the barn would still go to the Board of Regents and Facility Planning and Control. He thanked Mr. Aucoin for his comments.

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

- G.3. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to demolish the barn at the Equine Center.

***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 the barn at the Equine Center.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that University of Louisiana at Lafayette shall obtain final approvals from UL System staff, legal counsel, and all other appropriate agencies/parties of processes, documents, and administrative requirements.*

***AND FURTHER,** that University of Louisiana at Lafayette will provide the System office with copies of all final executed documents for Board files.*

H. Report of the Finance Committee

Mr. Andre G. Coudrain, Vice Chair of the Finance Committee, presented the Committee report.

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

- H.1. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of a student referendum to create a self-assessed fee.

***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 approval of a student referendum to create a self-assessed fee.*

- H.2. McNeese State University's request for approval of a student referendum to create a self-assessed Athletic Fee.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve McNeese State University's request for approval of a student referendum to create a self-assessed Athletic Fee.*

- H.3. Nicholls State University's request for approval of a student referendum for the Student Government Association (SGA) for the use of the SGA to provide services.

***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 approval of a student referendum for the Student Government Association (SGA) for the use of the SGA to provide services.*

- H.4. Northwestern State University's request for approval of a student referendum to create a self-assessed Athletic Fee.

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 of a student referendum to create a self-assessed Athletic Fee.

- H.5. 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 an expansion to the Student Union.

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 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 an expansion to the Student Union.

- H.6. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to name a funded, unnamed endowed professorship in the College of Business Administration to the Dr. Henry Hu Endowed Professorship in Entrepreneurship.

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 to name a funded, unnamed endowed professorship in the College of Business Administration to the Dr. Henry Hu Endowed Professorship in Entrepreneurship.

- H.7. University of Louisiana System's request for approval to establish LEQSF (8g) Endowed Professorships as follows:

a. **Grambling State University**

- 1) The Ann Petry Endowed Professorship in English
- 2) The Conrad Hutchinson Endowed Professorship in Music
- 3) The Edward Bouchet Endowed Professorship in Physics
- 4) The Ira Aldridge Endowed Professorship in Theatre Arts

b. **Louisiana Tech University**

- 1) Harrelson Family Endowed Professorship in Engineering
- 2) Patricia Garland Endowed Professorship in CAB
- 3) Adelaide Murdoch Hunt Endowed Professorship in Human Ecology

c. **McNeese State University**

- 1) Murphy/Leaton Professorship in Teaching Excellence
- 2) Judge Edwin F. Hunter, Jr. Professorship in Health and Science #2
- 3) Lucretia M. Tupper Nursing Professorship
- 4) Capital One Bank Endowed Professorship
- 5) Olive M. Tupper Nursing Endowed Professorship

- 6) Mr. and Mrs. William D. Blake Endowed Professorship
- 7) McElveen Insurance Agency Endowed Professorship in Business
- 8) Katherine Krause Blake Endowed Professorship
- 9) Citgo Petroleum Endowed Professorship in Engineering #1
- 10) Coca-Cola Professorship in Teaching Excellence
- 11) Dr. O. C. Karkalits Professorship in Engineering and Technology
- 12) Mildred Scott Professorship in Math
- 13) Citgo Petroleum Endowed Professorship in Engineering #2

d. **Nicholls State University**

- 1) The Lorio Foundation Endowed Professorship in Fine Arts
- 2) The Lorio Foundation Endowed Professorship in Languages and Literature
- 3) The Lorio Foundation Endowed Professorship in Nursing
- 4) The Lorio Foundation Endowed Professorship in Physical Sciences

e. **Northwestern State University**

- 1) Willis Knighton Endowed Professorship in Nursing #2
- 2) Dr. Francisco A. Silva Endowed Professorship in Psychology (Addiction Studies)
- 3) Bryant and Heloise Lewis Endowed Professorship in Business

f. **Southeastern Louisiana University**

- 1) The Irene Pennington Endowed Professorship in the Visual and Performing Arts
- 2) The Parish National Bank Endowed Professorship in Accounting
- 3) The Rubio Family Endowed Professorship for Latin American Business Development Initiatives

g. **University of Louisiana at Lafayette**

- 1) Mr. and Mrs. E. P. "Pat" Nalley/BORSF Regents Professorship in Business Administration 2006A
- 2) Florence Mauboules/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Business Administration
- 3) The Hubert "Red" and Gertrude Dumesnil/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Economics
- 4) Bella Nickerson Chappuis Abramson/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Cinematic Arts
- 5) Alexandre Theriot, Jr. and Loretta Durand Theriot/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Business Administration
- 6) South Louisiana MidWinter Fair Association/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Renewable Resources
- 7) Philip and Jean Piccione/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Statistics III

- 8) Dr. Tommy Comeaux/BORSF Memorial Endowed Professorship in Traditional Music VIII
- 9) Drs. Chuck and Sue Lein/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Management
- 10) Mr. and Mrs. E. P. "Pat" Nalley/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Business Administration 2006B
- 11) American Legion Hospital/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Health Care Administration
- 12) Dr. Tommy Comeaux/BORSF Memorial Endowed Professorship in Traditional Music IX
- 13) Mary and Dave Romagosa/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Business
- 14) The Dr. Paul A. Barefield/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Communication
- 15) Mr. and Mrs. Tom Galloway/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Business III
- 16) Mr. and Mrs. Tom Galloway/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Business IV
- 17) M. Eloi Girard/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Engineering IV
- 18) Ruth Stodgill Girard/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Music IV
- 19) Alfred and Helen Lamson/BORSF Endowed Professorship
- 20) Coca-Cola/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Physics
- 21) Philip and Jean Piccione/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Statistics IV

h. **University of Louisiana at Monroe**

- 1) Capital One Professorship in Mathematics
- 2) Louisiana Real Estate Commission Endowed Professorship in Finance

I. Report of Personnel Committee

Mr. D. Wayne Parker, Chair of the Personnel Committee, presented the Committee report.

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

- I.1. Grambling State University's request for approval to appoint Mr. Leon Sanders as Interim Vice President for Finance and Administration effective January 19, 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 Mr. Leon Sanders as Interim Vice President for Finance and Administration effective January 19, 2007.*

J. System President's Business

J.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 Dr. Smith, the Board voted unanimously to approve the System personnel actions.

J.2. System President's Report

- The National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges (NASULGC) will co-host a special Seminar under the auspices of Project Interchange and the American Jewish Committee in Israel for University Presidents on July 1-9, 2007. Dr. Clausen informed the Board that she is one of approximately ten university presidents and chancellors invited to be part of this exchange and discussion. The seminar will include a cross-section of Israelis and examine the US-Israel relationship and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict with a special focus on the challenges of higher education within Israeli and Palestinian societies. The Board supported and encouraged Dr. Clausen's attendance at this seminar.
- Student Member Aron Walker gave a brief report on the Council of Student Body Presidents' (COSBP) trip to Washington, D.C. on February 6-9, 2007. He stated that Dr. Clausen accompanied the students and that they were able to meet with Louisiana's congressional delegation regarding issues affecting higher education in Louisiana.
- The Association of Governing Boards (AGB) annual meeting will be held in Phoenix on March 4-6 as well a meeting of the National Association of System Heads (NASH). Dr. Clausen informed the Board that she will attend both meetings.
- Dr. Clausen thanked those Board Members who were able to attend Thursday's Education Forum entitled *Student Access and Success: No Longer an Option*. Research indicates that two of the main reasons that students do not succeed in college is that they are not academically prepared or able to afford college. A Statement of Commitment and Action Regarding Student Access and Success was signed by Louisiana's four public higher education systems at the Forum. The systems agreed to join NASH in conjunction with The Education Trust in the creation of a voluntary and aggressive initiative to expand access and success, especially for low-income and first-generation college students, at our colleges and universities.
- Dr. Clausen reminded Board Members of the presentation made by Mr. Fred Obear at the professional development session in Natchitoches on presidential compensation. She stated that Robbie Robinson, System Director of Internal and External Audit, will have a presentation to bring to the Board in the near future on this issue.

K. Board Chair's Business

K.1. Board Chairman's Report

- a. By special permission of the Chairman: Comments regarding Grambling State University.

Mr. Long stated that he granted special requests made by Ms. Sharon Armstrong and Ms. Mary Lewis to make comments concerning Grambling State University. He stated that comments are limited to seven minutes each.

Ms. Armstrong expressed gratitude for the opportunity to address the Board. She spoke in opposition to the governance and management of Grambling State University. Ms. Armstrong allowed Mr. Clifton Lemelle to use part of her time, who spoke in opposition to imposing academic standards.

Ms. Mary Lewis stated she is the chapter president for the Grambling Alumni Association in Atlanta, Georgia and a 1967 graduate of Grambling. She spoke in support of the administration at Grambling State University and also commended raising admissions standards.

- b. Other Business

- Mr. Long stated that a revised list of standing committees was placed in the Board members' folders and that if Board Members had any questions to please contact him.
- Mr. Sibille reported on actions affecting System universities taken by the Board of Regents at their February 22, 2007 Board Meeting.
- The next meeting of the Board will be in Hammond on March 22-23, 2007 at Southeastern Louisiana University. Mr. Long stated that details of the meeting and accommodations will be forthcoming.
- Mr. Long congratulated Dr. Clausen and System staff for hosting the statewide Education Forum entitled *Student Access and Success: No Longer an Option*. He stated there was an impressive line-up of experts to help raise awareness about the need and possible strategies to address these issues that, fortunately, the UL System and others have been addressing for some time.
- Mr. Long extended an invitation to Board Members to attend the annual CLCU conference that will be hosted by River Parishes Community College on Thursday, March 1. He stated a copy of the program has been placed in the Board members' folders for further information.

K.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.*
- d. *Melvin Spears, Jr. versus Grambling State University, Suit No. 552061, Division 8, 19th Judicial District Court, East Baton Rouge Parish, State of Louisiana.*
- e. *Personnel Matters*

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 Dr. Gallot, seconded by Mrs. Burkhalter, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 12:55 p.m.

The following roll call vote was recorded to go into Executive Session:

Yes: Mr. Aucoin, Mrs. Burkhalter, Mr. Bussie, Mr. Coudrain, Dr. Gallot, Mr. Hale, Mr. Jenkins, Ms. Lapeyrolerie, Mr. Parker, Mr. Pugh, Dr. Rougeou, Mr. Sibille, Dr. Smith, Mr. Walker

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. Woods

Upon motion of Mrs. Burkhalter, seconded by Mr. Pugh, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System voted unanimously to reconvene in open session at 1:50 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

There was no other business to come before the Board.

M. Adjournment

Upon motion of Mr. Bussie, seconded by Mr. Coudrain, the meeting adjourned at 1:51 p.m.