

MINUTES

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

MARCH 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 at Southeastern Louisiana University, Teacher Education Center, 1300 North General Pershing, Hammond, Louisiana, at 10:43 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
Mr. Paul G. Aucoin
Mr. Andre G. Coudrain
Dr. Mildred G. Gallot
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
Mr. Michael H. Woods

ABSENT

Mrs. Elsie P. Burkhalter, Vice Chair
Mr. Victor Bussie

Mr. Robert T. Hale

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 extended thanks to Dr. Randy Moffett, President of Southeastern Louisiana University, and the entire Southeastern family for hosting the meeting.

Dr. Moffett welcomed the Board to Southeastern on behalf of the University and called on Hammond Mayor Mayson Foster and SLU Student Board Member Aron Walker, who also welcomed the Board to Hammond and Southeastern.

C. **Invocation**

Mr. Parker gave the invocation.

D. **Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting held February 23, 2007**

Upon motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Dr. Smith, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting of February 23, 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 Dr. Gallot, 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 proposed 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 proposed Bachelor of Science degree program in Unified Public Safety and Administration.

Dr. Smith informed the Board that the Committee heard a presentation on international education from Southeastern Louisiana 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 Athletic Committee, presented the Joint Athletic and Audit Committee report.

- F.1. University of Louisiana System's report on significant athletic activities for the period February 16 through March 12, 2007.

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

- F.2. University of Louisiana System's report on internal and external audits submitted for the period February 16 through March 12, 2007.

Mr. Robbie Robinson, Director of Internal and External Audit, presented this report to the Committee. 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. Coudrain, the Board voted unanimously to amend its agenda to include two items of other business.

Upon motion of Mr. Woods, seconded by Mr. Coudrain, 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. Northwestern State University's request for approval to enter into a Ground Lease Agreement with Provident Group – NSU Properties L.L.C., a 501(c)3 corporation to develop University Place, Phase II.

***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 enter into a Ground Lease Agreement with Provident Group – NSU Properties L.L.C., a 501(c)3 corporation to develop University Place, Phase II.*

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

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

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

- G.2. Northwestern State University's request for approval of the form and authorizing the execution of the first amendment to the Ground Lease Agreement involving the University Place Phase I housing development.

***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 the form and authorizing the execution of the first amendment to the Ground Lease Agreement involving the University Place Phase I housing development.*

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

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

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Dr. Randall J. Webb, President of Northwestern State University, is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute this agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Northwestern State University will provide the System office with copies of all final executed documents for Board files.

AND FURTHER, that the affiliate organization shall comply with Board of Regents' Endowed Chair and Endowed Professorship Programs' Statement of Investment of Policy and Objectives.

- G.4. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of the Abdalla Hall addition 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 University of Louisiana at Lafayette's Abdalla Hall addition, in accordance with the provisions set forth in Act 959 of 2003.

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

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

- G.5. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a student referendum for the Performing Arts/Music 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 approval of a student referendum for the Performing Arts/Music Fee.*

- G.6. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to enter into a sponsorship agreement with Charles Moncla including the naming of the new indoor practice facility the Leon Moncla Indoor Practice Facility.

***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 enter into a sponsorship agreement with Charles Moncla including the naming of the new indoor practice facility the Leon Moncla Indoor Practice Facility.*

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

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Dr. Ray Authement, President of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents associated with said sponsorship agreement by the University of Louisiana System on behalf of and for the use of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.*

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

- G.7. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to enter into a sponsorship agreement with Cox Communications including the naming of the athletic administration building the Cox Communications Athletic Center.

This item was **withdrawn** at the request of Dr. Ray Authement, President, University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

- G.8. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Louisiana Immersive Technologies Enterprise (LITE) Commission.

***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 enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Louisiana Immersive Technologies Enterprise (LITE) Commission.*

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Dr. Ray Authement, President of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute this agreement.

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

- G.9. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to enter into a Ground Lease Agreement and Agreement to Lease with Option to Purchase with ULM Facilities, Inc. to install synthetic turf and other improvements in Malone Stadium.

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 to enter into a Ground Lease Agreement and Agreement to Lease with Option to Purchase with ULM Facilities, Inc. to install synthetic turf and other improvements in Malone Stadium.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Dr. James E. Cofer, President of the University of Louisiana at Monroe, is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents associated with said lease agreements by the University of Louisiana on behalf of and for the use of the University of Louisiana at Monroe.

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

- G.10. Other Business - University of Louisiana System's discussion of interim reports on capital outlay projects being financed through the use of alternative financing arrangements.

Mr. Woods stated that Dr. Nick Bruno, Vice President for Operations and Facilities, presented a summary of the System's interim reports on capital outlay projects to the Committee which are being financed through the use of alternative financing arrangements. This was a report only and no action by the Board was necessary.

- G.11. Other Business - University of Louisiana System's report on proposed Executive Budget for FY 2007/2008.

Mr. Woods stated that Dr. Nick Bruno, Vice President for Operations and Facilities, and Mr. Todd Barré, Associate Vice President for Operations and Facilities, presented a report to the Committee regarding the proposed Executive Budget for FY 2007/2008. This was a report only and no action by the Board was necessary.

H. System President's Business

H.1. Personnel Actions

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

Upon motion of Mr. Pugh, seconded by Mr. Coudrain, the Board voted unanimously to approve the System personnel actions.

H.2. System President's Report

- Dr. Clausen introduced a new National Greek Community Assessment program in which the University of Louisiana System is the first system to volunteer. The assessment program, which is being piloted this semester, will involve twelve institutions nationally, including two ULS schools (Grambling State University and Nicholls State University). The other six ULS schools will participate later this fall. Dr. Clausen recognized the vice presidents for student affairs from System campuses for their work in making this possible, in addition to all of the other contributions they make toward the enrichment of student life on their respective campuses.
- Nicholls State University will serve as this year's host for X-treme Spring Break. Nicholls SGA President Olinda Ricard will serve as coordinator for this initiative. Ms. Ricard stated that over 100 students have already registered to participate in the program which will take place from April 9 through April 13. She stated that students from GSU, ULL, ULM, SLU, and Nicholls have registered to help with this service learning project. Student Member Aron Walker invited Board Members to participate for a day if their schedules permit.
- Dr. Clausen informed the Board that she was recently appointed to a three-year term on the Board of Directors for Louisiana Capitol Federal Credit Union. She also stated she has been appointed to chair the Association of Governing Boards' Presidents' Committee. She stated she will be hosting a meeting in November in New Orleans and that more information will be forthcoming about that meeting.
- Mr. Ralph Perlman, Special Projects Analyst, gave a report on the System-wide joint purchasing initiative which was championed by former Board Member Bob Davidge who was present at the meeting. Mr. Davidge spoke on the overall initiative which was launched in 2002 at the suggestion of Mr. Pugh and based on the theory that combined purchasing power could generate substantial cost savings for System universities. Since 2002, volume discounts on the purchase of scientific supplies and equipment, computer equipment, and savings in utility costs have resulted in millions of dollars of cost efficiencies for System campuses.

I. Board Chair's Business

I.1. Board Chairman's Report

- Mr. Long reiterated his appreciation to Dr. Moffett and his staff for hosting this month's meeting and stated that campus-based Board meetings offer an opportunity to learn more about the diverse campuses in the UL System and are much appreciated by Board Members.
- Mr. Sibille reported on actions affecting System universities taken by the Board of Regents at their March 22, 2007 Board Meeting. He stated the Governor's proposed executive budget was discussed. Mr. Sibille supported Mr. Pugh's comments at the Joint Facilities Planning and Finance Committee meeting regarding BOR, K-12, and all system-heads endorsing the Governor's proposed \$611 million investment in education. He stated the need to speak with one voice in support of Governor Blanco's budget.
- The University of Louisiana at Lafayette will host the April 26 and 27 meetings of the Board. Mr. Long stated that details of the meeting and accommodations will be forthcoming.
- Board Members were reminded that an orientation session would be held immediately following the Board meeting.
- Mr. Long extended his appreciate to former Board Member Bob Davidge for attending today's meeting. He also informed the Board that he recently had an opportunity to have lunch with former Board Member David Wright and that Mr. Wright sent his regards to the Board.

J. Other Business

Dr. Clausen called attention to lists included in Board Members' folders with photographs, names and addresses, etc. for Board Members, campus presidents, and System staff. She also recognized Mr. Tom Stephens who was in the audience.

K. Adjournment

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