

**MINUTES**

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

**APRIL 28, 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 University of Louisiana at Lafayette, LITE Center, Room 100, 537 Cajundome Boulevard, Lafayette, Louisiana, at 10:30 a.m. Chair Long stated that a public comment card should be filled out if anyone wished to address the Board concerning items on the agenda.

**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. Andre G. Coudrain  
Dr. Mildred G. Gallot  
Mr. Robert T. Hale  
Ms. Renee A. Lapeyrolerie

Mr. Russell L. Mosely  
Mr. D. Wayne Parker  
Dr. Clyde L. Rougeou, Jr.  
Mr. Winfred F. Sibille  
Dr. Eunice W. Smith  
Mr. Aron Walker III  
Mr. Michael H. Woods

**ABSENT**

Mr. Victor Bussie

Mr. Jeffrey S. Jenkins

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 officially welcomed Mr. Russell L. Mosely to the Board of Supervisors who was sworn in Thursday, April 26, 2007. He stated Mr. Mosely will serve on the Facilities Planning, Finance, and Grievance Committees.

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Chair Long asked for a motion to take Board Agenda Item F.1. out of order.

Upon motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Board voted unanimously to amend its agenda to take Item F.1. out of order, "Grambling State University's request for approval to enter into a

new lease agreement with the State of Louisiana, Department of State, Office of the Secretary of State, for the purpose of establishing the Eddie G. Robinson Museum.”

A short video from the four services that were held in association with the passing of Grambling State University Coach Eddie Robinson was shown to the Board to honor his life and coaching career.

Mr. Long acknowledged Secretary of State Jay Dardenne and Grambling State University President Horace Judson, who both spoke in support of the Eddie G. Robinson Museum and its location on the campus of Grambling State University. Dr. Judson asked Mr. John Belton, Chairman of the Eddie G. Robinson Museum Commission, and Mr. Wilbert Ellis, President of the Friends of the Eddie G. Robinson Museum and retired Associate Athletic Director at Grambling, to join in making comments to the Board regarding Coach Robinson and the museum.

F.1. Grambling State University’s request for approval to enter into a lease agreement with State of Louisiana, Department of State, Office of the Secretary of State, for the purpose of establishing the Eddie G. Robinson Museum.

Upon motion of Dr. Gallot, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Board 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 Grambling State University’s request to enter into a lease agreement with the State of Louisiana, Department of State, Office of the Secretary of State, for the purpose of establishing the Eddie G. Robinson Museum.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Dr. Sally Clausen, President of the University of Louisiana System, is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute said lease agreement.*

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Chair Long extended appreciation to Dr. Ray Authement, President of University of Louisiana at Lafayette, for an outstanding job in preparing for this month’s meeting. Mr. Long complimented President Authement and the entire UL Lafayette family on their outstanding and gracious hospitality.

Dr. Authement welcomed the Board to Lafayette and showed a video highlighting the University, its programs, and its contributions to the local community.

**C. Invocation**

Mr. Parker gave the invocation.

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

Upon motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mr. Woods, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular Board Meeting of March 23, 2007.

**E. 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.

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.

- E. 1. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of the contractual agreement with Head Men's Basketball Coach, Mr. Kerry Rupp, effective April 15, 2007.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve the contractual agreement with Louisiana Tech University's Head Men's Basketball Coach, Mr. Kerry Rupp, effective April 15, 2007.*

- E. 2. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of the contractual agreement with Head Women's Basketball Coach, Ms. Mona Martin, 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 University of Louisiana at Monroe's Head Women's Basketball Coach, Ms. Mona Martin, effective January 1, 2007.*

- E.3. University of Louisiana System's report on significant athletic activities for the period March 13 through April 15, 2007.

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

- E.4. University of Louisiana System's report on internal and external audits submitted for the period March 13 through April 15, 2007.

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

**F. Report of the Facilities Planning Committee**

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

Upon motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mrs. Burkhalter, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Facilities Planning Committee to approve the adoption of the following resolutions.

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

- F.1. Grambling State University's request for approval to enter into a lease agreement with State of Louisiana, Department of State, Office of the Secretary of State, for the purpose of establishing the Eddie G. Robinson Museum.

*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 enter into a lease agreement with the State of Louisiana, Department of State, Office of the Secretary of State, for the purpose of establishing the Eddie G. Robinson Museum.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Dr. Sally Clausen, President of the University of Louisiana System, is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute said lease agreement.*

- F.2. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of the form and authorization to execute a Ground Lease Agreement and an Agreement to Lease with Option to Purchase with Innovative Student Facilities, Inc. to develop the University's Phase II Housing Project and related recreation and athletic facilities. (Also approved by the Finance Committee)

*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 the form and authorization to execute a Ground Lease Agreement and an Agreement to Lease with Option to Purchase with Innovative Student Facilities, Inc. to develop the University's Phase II Housing Project and related recreation and athletic facilities.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Louisiana Tech 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. Dan Reneau, President of Louisiana Tech University, are/is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute said lease agreement.*

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

- F.3. Nicholls State University's request for approval of the form and authorization to execute a Ground Lease Agreement and an Agreement to Lease with Option to Purchase with NSU Facilities Corporation to develop the University's Phase II Housing Project. (Also approved by the Finance Committee)

*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 Ground Lease Agreement and an Agreement to Lease with Option to Purchase with NSU Facilities Corporation to develop the University's Phase II Housing Project.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Nicholls 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. Stephen T. Hulbert, President of Nicholls State University, are/is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute said lease agreement.

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

- F.4. Nicholls State University's request for approval to sell or demolish seven (7) farm houses located at the University Farm, Lafourche Crossing in Thibodaux, Louisiana.

**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 sell or demolish seven (7) houses located at the University Farm, Lafourche Crossing in Thibodaux, Louisiana.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Nicholls 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.

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

- F.5. Northwestern State University's request for approval of Organizational Row Development and standardized lease.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve Northwestern State University's Organizational Row Development and standardized lease.

**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.

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

- F.6. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to enter into a grounds and facilities lease agreement with University Facilities, Inc., a private, not-for-profit 501(c)3 corporation to construct an athletic weight room and training facility.

*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 enter into a grounds and facilities lease agreement with University Facilities, Inc. a private, not-for-profit 501(c)3 corporation to construct an athletic weight room and training facility.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Southeastern Louisiana University shall obtain final reviews 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. Randy Moffett, President of Southeastern Louisiana 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 Southeastern Louisiana University.*

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

- F.7. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to demolish or relocate the Comeaux House located on the University's Equine Center property.

*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 or relocate the Comeaux House located on the University's Equine Center property.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that University of Louisiana at Lafayette shall obtain final review 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 file.*

- F.8. Other Business – Northwestern State University's request for approval to continue with the process of developing a food services lease with Sodexo Campus Services.

*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 continue with the process of developing a food services lease with Sodexo Campus Services.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the University will return to the Board when the lease agreement is completed. At that time, all required information and documentation shall be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System for final approval.*

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

**G. Report of the 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 Finance Committee to approve the adoption of the following resolutions.

- G.1. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of the form and authorization to execute a Ground Lease Agreement and an Agreement to Lease with Option to Purchase with Innovative Student Facilities, Inc. to develop the University's Phase II Housing Project and related recreation and athletic facilities. (Also approved by Facilities Planning Committee)

***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 the form and authorization to execute a Ground Lease Agreement and an Agreement to Lease with Option to Purchase with Innovative Student Facilities, Inc. to develop the University's Phase II Housing Project and related recreation and athletic facilities.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Louisiana Tech 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. Dan Reneau, President of Louisiana Tech University, are/is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute said lease agreement.*

***AND FURTHER,** that Louisiana Tech 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 of the form and authorization to execute a Ground Lease Agreement and an Agreement to Lease with Option to Purchase with NSU Facilities Corporation to develop the University's Phase II Housing Project. (Also approved by the Facilities Planning Committee)

***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 Ground Lease Agreement and an Agreement to Lease with Option to Purchase with NSU Facilities Corporation to develop the University's Phase II Housing Project.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Nicholls 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. Stephen T. Hulbert, President of Nicholls State University, are/is*

*hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute said lease agreement.*

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

- G.3. University of Louisiana System's discussion of Fiscal Year 2006-2007 third quarter interim financial reports and ongoing assurances.

Dr. Nick Bruno, Vice President for Operations and Facilities, presented a summary of the System's Fiscal Year 2006-2007 third quarter interim financial reports and ongoing assurances to the Committee. No official Board action was required.

#### **H. Report of Legislation Committee**

Mr. Winfred F. Sibille, Chair of the Legislation Committee, presented the Committee report.

Upon motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Dr. Smith, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Legislation Committee to approve the adoption of the following resolution.

- H.1. University of Louisiana System's update and proposed resolution regarding the 2007 Regular Legislation Session.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby designate System President Sally Clausen and Board Chairman Jimmy D. Long, Sr. to act on behalf of the Board in the upcoming 2007 Legislative Session.

#### **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. Aucoin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Personnel Committee to approve the adoption of the following resolution.

- I.1. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to appoint Dr. James R. Lumpkin as Dean of the College of Business effective June 1, 2007.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve the request of Louisiana Tech University to appoint Dr. James R. Lumpkin as Dean of the College of Business effective June 1, 2007.

#### **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 recommended approval.



*Upon motion of Mr. Woods, seconded by Mr. Coudrain, the Board voted unanimously to approve the System personnel actions and summer school appointments.*

J.2. System President's Report

- Dr. Clausen discussed Governor Blanco's proposed budget for higher education, which includes funding that would place Louisiana at the SREB average for state appropriations. The proposed budget would provide the University of Louisiana System with over \$100 million in new, recurring funds. A PowerPoint presentation was shown to the Board outlining the recommended FY 2007/2008 UL System Operating Budget.
- Student Board Member Aron Walker was acknowledged and thanked for his year of service on the Board and on the Student Advisory Council.
- Dr. Brad O'Hara, System Vice President for Student Affairs, introduced a video highlighting student projects such as "R U Ready," Extreme Spring Break, and the COSBP trip to Washington, D.C.
- Special thanks were extended by Dr. O'Hara to each SGA president as Chair Long joined Dr. Clausen to present individual plaques commemorating and thanking the 2006/2007 Student Advisory Council members on their accomplishments and service. Dr. Clausen acknowledged the many contributions of the Student Advisory Council members on their respective campuses.

K. Board Chair's Business

K.1. Board Chairman's Report

- Mr. Long addressed a roundtable discussion that involved campus presidents and members of the Board on Thursday, April 26, 2007, regarding emergency response plans and initiatives in light of the events at Virginia Tech University. He stated that although campus plans are thoughtful, collaborative, and extensive; the plans need to be continuously reviewed and updated. He also informed the Board that System campuses have been devoting much time and effort in reviewing their plans which will undoubtedly result in enhanced communication capabilities in times of crises. Mr. Long stated that initiatives to improve security, educate campus communities about emergency procedures, and enhancing preventative measures to minimize emergencies are critical and essential. He thanked campus presidents and their staffs for their diligence regarding this issue and reminded the entire University of Louisiana System community – faculty, staff, administrators, and students – that security is everyone's responsibility.
- Student Board Member Aron Walker III was acknowledged by Chair Long for his service on the Board this past year in representing over 80,000 students in the University of Louisiana System. Mr. Walker extended his thanks and appreciation to all of the Board Members and particularly thanked System President Sally Clausen on her effective leadership.

- Mr. Long informed Board Members that a revised list of Committee assignments was in their folders. He stated Mr. Sibille will assume chairmanship of the Facilities Planning Committee and that Mr. Hale will be the vice chair.
- Mr. Long stated that the next meeting of the Board is scheduled for June 29, 2007, in Baton Rouge at the Claiborne Building.

K.2. Executive Session, pursuant to R.S. 41:6.1, 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District Court, Lincoln Parish, State of Louisiana.*
- c. *Grambling State University versus Grambling University National Alumni Association, No. 51668, 3<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District Court, Lincoln Parish, State of Louisiana.*
- d. *Melvin Spears, Jr. versus Grambling State University, Suit No 552061, Division 8, 19 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 Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mrs. Burkhalter, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 12:01 p.m.*

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

Yes: Mr. Aucoin, Mrs. Burkhalter, Mr. Coudrain, Dr. Gallot, Mr. Hale,  
Mr. Mosely, Mr. Parker, Dr. Rougeou, Mr. Sibille, Dr. Smith, Mr. Walker, Mr.  
Woods

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. Bussie, Mr. Jenkins, Ms. Lapeyrolierie

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*Upon motion of Mr. Woods, seconded by Mr. Sibille, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System voted unanimously to reconvene in open session at 1:35 p.m.*

Mr. Long stated for the record that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System met in Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and personnel matters and that, while in Executive Session, no motions were made nor votes taken.

*Upon motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mrs. Burkhalter, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System voted unanimously to authorize and ratify the Board filing a lawsuit against the Grambling State University National Alumni Association and Mr. James Bradford.*

**L. Other Business**

Dr. Ray Authement, President of University of Louisiana at Lafayette, announced his retirement. He stated his intention to serve in his current role until the Board can arrange a smooth transition from his presidency to the next. Chair Long responded that the Board is saddened by Dr. Authement's announcement but appreciates his intention to continue to serve and affect a successful changeover. System President Clausen thanked Dr. Authement for his many years of service and stated that he has served as "dean" of the ULS campus presidents and has been as a leader for the System office. She thanked him for being such a great friend to higher education and for dedicating his life to the University of Louisiana at Lafayette community.

Dr. Clausen stated that Dr. Authement requested an institutional review of the campus. Dr. Clausen also said that it is always appropriate to conduct an institutional review of a campus when there is a change in leadership.

*Upon motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mr. Woods, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System voted unanimously to conduct an institutional review of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.*

**M. Adjournment**

Upon motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mrs. Burkhalter, the meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.