

MINUTES

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

AUGUST 24, 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 10:40 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. Victor Bussie
Mr. Andre G. Coudrain
Mr. Jeffrey S. Jenkins

Mr. Russell L. Mosely
Mr. D. Wayne Parker
Ms. Olinda Ricard
Mr. Winfred F. Sibille
Dr. Eunice W. Smith
Mr. Michael H. Woods

ABSENT

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

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.

C. Invocation

Mr. Bussie gave the invocation.

D. Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting held June 29, 2007

Upon motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mr. Bussie, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the June 29, 2007 Board meeting.

E. Report of Grievance Committee

Mr. Victor Bussie, Chair of the Grievance Committee, presented the Committee report.

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

E.1. Mr. Daniel Banguel, Student, Northwestern State University.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby uphold the decision of Northwestern State University regarding Mr. Daniel Banguel's grievance without the necessity of a hearing.

F. Report of Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Mr. Michael H. Woods, Acting Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, presented the Committee report.

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

F.1. Grambling State University's request for approval to terminate the Bachelor of Science degree program in Family and Consumer Sciences Education.

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 terminate the Bachelor of Science degree program in Family and Consumer Sciences Education.

F.2. Grambling State University's request for approval to terminate the Bachelor of Science degree program in Industrial Arts Education.

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 terminate the Bachelor of Science degree program in Industrial Arts Education.

F.3. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of a proposal to establish a Ph.D. program in Industrial/Organizational Psychology.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve Louisiana Tech University's request to establish a Ph.D. program in Industrial/Organizational Psychology.

F.4. Northwestern State University's request for approval of a letter of intent for a Master of Science degree program in Radiologic Science.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve Northwestern State University's letter of intent for a Master of Science degree program in Radiologic Science.

- F.5. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to establish the Center for Nursing Research in Education and Practice.

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 establish the Center for Nursing Research in Education and Practice.

- F.6. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a letter of intent for a Bachelor of Science degree program in Engineering Technology.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve Southeastern Louisiana University's letter of intent for a Bachelor of Science degree program in Engineering Technology.

- F.7. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a letter of intent for a Bachelor of Arts degree program in Cinema Studies.

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 letter of intent for a Bachelor of Arts degree program in Cinema Studies.

- F.8. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to establish the National Incident Management Systems & Advanced Technologies (NIMSAT) 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 establish the National Incident Management Systems & Advanced Technologies (NIMSAT) Center.

- F.9. University of Louisiana System's request for approval of System Universities' 2007-08 Promotions in Faculty Rank and Recommendations for Tenure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve System Universities' 2007-08 Promotions in Faculty Rank and Recommendations for Tenure.

G. Report of Athletic Committee

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

Upon motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Dr. Smith, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Athletic Committee to approve the adoption of the following resolutions.

- G.1. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of the employment agreement with Head Men's Baseball Coach, Mr. Wade Simoneaux, for the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2011.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve Louisiana Tech University's employment agreement with Head Men's Baseball Coach, Mr. Wade Simoneaux, for the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2011.*

- G.2. McNeese State University's request for approval of the employment agreement with Head Men's Basketball Coach, Mr. Dave Simmons, for the period May 1, 2007 through April 30, 2008.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve McNeese State University's employment agreement with Head Men's Basketball Coach, Mr. Dave Simmons, for the period May 1, 2007 through April 30, 2008.*

- G.3. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of the employment agreement with Head Men's Baseball Coach, Mr. Tony Robichaux, for the period August 1, 2007 through July 31, 2011.

***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 employment agreement with Head Men's Baseball Coach, Mr. Tony Robichaux, for the period August 1, 2007 through July 31, 2011.*

- G.4. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of the employment agreement with Mr. David Walker as Athletic Director for the period September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2011.

***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 employment agreement with Mr. David Walker as Athletic Director for the period September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2011.*

- G.5. University of Louisiana System's report on significant athletic activities for the period June 16 through August 13, 2007.

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

Mr. Coudrain asked System institutions to submit progress reports regarding compliance with NCAA academic progress requirements to the System office by September 30, 2007.

H. Report of Audit Committee

Mr. Jeffrey S. Jenkins, Chair of the Audit Committee, presented the Committee report.

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

Upon motion of Mr. Jenkins, seconded by Mr. Sibille, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Audit Committee to approve the adoption of the following resolutions.

- H.1. Louisiana Tech University's request for acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Financial and Compliance Representation Letter.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby accept Louisiana Tech University's Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Financial and Compliance Representation Letter.*

- H.2. Northwestern State University's request for acceptance of Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Financial and Compliance Representation Letter.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby accept Northwestern State University's Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Financial and Compliance Representation Letter.*

- H.3. University of Louisiana System's report on internal and external audits submitted for the period June 16, 2007 through August 13, 2007.

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

- H.4. Other Business – Nicholls State University's request for acceptance of Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Financial and Compliance Representation Letter.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby accept Nicholls State University's Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Financial and Compliance Representation Letter.*

I. Report of Facilities Planning Committee

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

- I.1. Grambling State University's request for approval of the form and authorizing the execution of Ground and Facilities Lease Agreement involving the financing, design, and implementation of the University's Phase II comprehensive housing redevelopment plan.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve Grambling State University's request for approval of the form and authorizing the execution of Ground and Facilities Lease Agreement involving the financing, design, and implementation of the University's Phase II comprehensive housing redevelopment plan.*

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 to execute said lease agreement.

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

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

- I.2. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to enter into a Ground Lease Agreement with Louisiana Tech Foundation, Inc. to construct improvements to the Thomas Assembly Center and accept donation of said improvements once completed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve Louisiana Tech University's request to enter into a Ground Lease Agreement with Louisiana Tech Foundation, Inc. to construct improvements to the Thomas Assembly Center and accept donation of said improvements once completed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Dr. Daniel D. Reneau, President of Louisiana Tech University, is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents associated with said lease by the University of Louisiana System on behalf of and for the use of Louisiana Tech University.

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

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

- I.3. Northwestern State University's request for approval to demolish the Nursing Annex Building on the Shreveport Campus.

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 demolish the Nursing Annex Building on the Shreveport Campus.

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

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

- I.4. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for authorization to proceed with the process of issuing an RFP to privately design, finance, construct, furnish, own, and operate a full-service hotel to be located on property owned by the University.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby authorize Southeastern Louisiana University to proceed with the process of issuing an RFP to privately design, finance, construct, furnish, own, and operate a full-service hotel to be located on property owned by the University.*

***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.*

***AND FURTHER,** that once the proposals are received and evaluated by the University's selection committee, the University will forward the recommended proposal to the Board along with all required documentation for final approval.*

- I.5. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to exercise the option to lease an additional two acres of land to Jackies International, Inc. and ProImage Property, LLC to expand hotel services.

***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 exercise the option to lease an additional two acres of land to Jackies International, Inc. and ProImage Property, LLC to expand hotel services.*

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

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

- I.6. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to demolish the structure at 4502 Bon Aire Drive, Monroe, Louisiana.

***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 demolish the structure at 4502 Bon Aire Drive, Monroe, Louisiana.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that University of Louisiana at Monroe 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 Monroe will provide the System office with copies of all final executed documents for Board files.

- I.7. University of Louisiana System's request for approval of the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Capital Outlay Budget Request and Institutions' Five-Year Capital Outlay Plans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Capital Outlay Budget Request and Institutions' Five-Year Capital Outlay Plans.

J. Report of Finance Committee

Upon motion of Mr. Woods, seconded by Mr. Aucoin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities Planning Committee to approve the adoption of the following resolutions.

- J.1. McNeese State University's request for approval to enter into a ten-year lease agreement for the University's food service operations and facilities with Compass Group USA, Inc. "Chartwells."

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 enter into a ten-year lease agreement for the University's food service operations and facilities with Compass Group USA, Inc. "Chartwells."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that McNeese 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. Robert Hebert, President of McNeese State University, is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute this amendment.

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

- J.2. University of Louisiana System's request for approval of Fiscal Year 2007-08 Operating Budgets, including organizational charts, undergraduate/graduate mandatory attendance fees, faculty pay plans, and professional staff pay plans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve Fiscal Year 2007-08 Operating Budgets, including organizational charts, undergraduate/graduate mandatory attendance fees, faculty pay plans, and professional staff pay plans.

J.3. University of Louisiana System's discussion of Fiscal Year 2006-07 fourth quarter interim financial reports and ongoing assurances.

Dr. Nick Bruno, System Vice President for Business and Finance, and Mrs. Devery Pierce, System Director of Accounting and Financial Analysis, presented a summary of the System's Fiscal Year 2006-07 fourth quarter interim financial reports and ongoing assurances to the Committee. No official Board action was required.

K. Report of System President's Business

K.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. Coudrain, seconded by Mrs. Burkhalter, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System voted unanimously to approve System personnel actions and summer school appointments.

K.2. System President's Report

- Dr. Clausen reported that on August 13 the second annual UL System Service-Learning Conference was held, which was attended by more than 100 campus participants. Dr. Clausen called on Jackie Tisdell, System Executive Director of Student Development and Communications, and Dr. Steve Landry, UL Lafayette's Vice President for Academic Affairs, who showcased service-learning projects which were funded with grant money from the UL Serves grant this past year. This year faculty and staff are again encouraged to apply for more than \$500,000 in grant money available for service-learning projects.
- On September 13, UL System staff will participate in a staff development program, which is designed to enhance office operations.
- Dr. Clausen thanked Dr. Daniel Reneau, President, Louisiana Tech University, and Board Member Wayne Parker for assisting with arrangements for the Board Professional Development being planned for September 26-28. Spouses of Board Members are invited to attend as well.
- Dr. Clausen presented a Powerpoint on performance indicators that are used in evaluating institution presidents.

Upon motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mrs. Burkhalter, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System unanimously authorized System President Sally Clausen to proceed with salary adjustments for University Presidents to ensure that all salaries are within the 90% range of respective SREB peers. The Board further authorized an immediate salary adjustment for UL Lafayette President Ray Authement to 90% of his peers. The Board further authorized a salary adjustment for Louisiana Tech President Daniel Reneau to 90% of his peers within the next twelve-month period.

- After complimenting the performance of UL System staff, Dr. Clausen requested permission to move forward with the following:

Upon motion of Mrs. Burkhalter, seconded by Mr. Woods, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System unanimously authorized System President Sally Clausen to proceed with salary adjustments for those System staff she deems appropriate.

- Dr. Clausen discussed the potential of using an incentive document with University Presidents. She indicated that she will work with the Presidents, the Chairman of the Board, and the Chairman of the Finance Committee to finalize details if approved.

Upon motion of Mr. Bussie, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System unanimously authorized System President Sally Clausen to proceed with the development of a presidential incentive document in consultation with the Chairman of the Board and the Chairman of the Finance Committee prior to implementing as she deems appropriate.

- Dr. Clausen indicated that she may be devoting more time this spring to the National Association of System Heads (NASH) initiative, *Student Access and Success*. Last year, the Board had approved her involvement, but she was regrettably unable to participate fully because of other obligations at the time.
- Dr. Clausen commended and congratulated Mrs. Janet S. Buchert, Assistant to the Board of Supervisors, upon her retirement. On behalf of the Board, Chairman Long complimented Janet on her many years of exemplary service to the Board of Supervisors and to the System Office.

L. Report of Board Chair's Business

L.1. Board Chairman's Report

- Mr. Long thanked all campus personnel for the work that is being accomplished as a new semester begins.
- Mr. Long thanked Board Members for participating in the Board Professional Development session that occurred on Thursday afternoon, August 23, regarding campus budgets. He complimented the content of the presentation and the dialogue, which provided an opportunity to review the progress made in higher education funding as a result of the education investment provided this year by the Governor and Legislature. This investment will result in better-prepared students and an increase in graduation rates.
- Mr. Long encouraged Board Members to participate in the September 26-28 Board Professional Development to be held at Squire Creek in Choudrant, Louisiana. The focus of the session will be preparing to enhance student access and success throughout the UL System. The Committee of 100, a statewide organization of business leaders to promote Louisiana's economic development, will host a reception and dinner on Thursday, September 27. Detailed information will be forwarded to Board Members.

- Mr. Long invited Board Members to attend the second public hearing of the UL Lafayette Presidential Search Committee on Wednesday, September 12, at the LITE Center in the Research Park in Lafayette. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 5:00 p.m. and is co-sponsored by the UL Lafayette Alumni Association.
- Mr. Long reported on the actions taken by the Board of Regents at its August 23, 2007 Board Meeting regarding Academic & Student Affairs items. Mr. Sibille reported on the actions taken by the Board of Regents regarding Facilities Planning items.
- Mr. Long stated that the next meeting of the Board is scheduled for October 26, 2007, in Baton Rouge at the Claiborne Building.

Mr. Aucoin commented about a complimentary article he had seen on the open search process for the UL Lafayette Presidency. He agreed and encouraged the Board to continue the transparency of the search process.

A second issue Mr. Aucoin addressed was UL Lafayette's computer security issue brought up at the previous meeting of the Audit Committee. Dr. Authement stated that he appointed a special committee which met with UL Lafayette's Vice President for Information Systems and its Internal Auditor to discuss the computer security issue. A position paper has since been developed which was approved by President Authement. The campus is in the process of implementing all audit report recommendations.

L.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 Mrs. Burkhalter, seconded by Dr. Smith, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 11:29 a.m.

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

Yes: Mr. Aucoin, Mrs. Burkhalter, Mr. Bussie, Mr. Coudrain, Mr. Jenkins,
Mr. Mosely, Mr. Parker, Ms. Ricard, Mr. Sibille, Dr. Smith, Mr. Woods

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Dr. Gallot, Mr. Hale, Ms. Lapeyrolerie

Upon motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System voted unanimously to reconvene in open session at 12:46 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.

M. Adjournment

Upon motion of Dr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, the meeting adjourned at 12:48 p.m.