

MINUTES

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

APRIL 25, 2008

A. Call to Order

Mrs. Elsie P. Burkhalter 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.

B. Roll Call

The roll was called.

PRESENT

Mrs. Elsie P. Burkhalter, Chair
Mr. Winfred F. Sibille, Vice Chair
Mr. Paul G. Aucoin
Mr. Andre G. Coudrain
Mr. Edward J. Crawford III
Dr. Mildred G. Gallot
Mr. Robert T. Hale

Mr. Jimmy D. Long
Mr. Russell L. Mosely
Mr. D. Wayne Parker
Ms. Olinda Ricard
Ms. Connie Rougeou
Dr. Eunice W. Smith

ABSENT

Mr. Victor Bussie
Mr. Jeffrey S. Jenkins
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, Attorneys Winston DeCuir and Brandon DeCuir, interested citizens, and representatives of the news media.

C. Invocation

Mr. Parker gave the invocation.

Chair Burkhalter stated that a public comment card should be filled out if anyone wished to address the Board concerning items on the agenda.

Mrs. Burkhalter recognized Mr. Edward J. Crawford III and officially welcomed him to the Board. Mr. Crawford was appointed by Governor Jindal on April 3, 2008 and represents the Fourth Congressional District. Dr. Kirkpatrick, System General Counsel, administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Crawford on Thursday, April 24, 2008. Mrs. Burkhalter appointed Mr. Crawford to serve on the Academic and Student Affairs, Athletic, Audit, and Finance Committees.

Mr. Crawford stated that he was pleased to be part of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System and was looking forward to his tenure with the Board.

D. Approval of Minutes of the March 28, 2008 Board Meeting

Upon motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Coudrain, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 29, 2008 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Upon motion of Mr. Hale, seconded by Mr. Sibille, the Board voted unanimously to approve Committee reports in globo due to time constraints.

E. Report of Academic and Student Affairs Committee

- E.1. Grambling State University's request for approval of a Letter of Intent and Proposal to offer a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study in Developmental 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 for approval of a Letter of Intent and Proposal to offer a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study in Developmental Education.

- E.2. Grambling State University's request for approval to award an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree to Mr. James E. Davison at the Spring 2008 commencement exercises.

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 to award an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree to Mr. James E. Davison at the Spring 2008 commencement exercises.

- E.3. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to award an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree to Mr. Michael B. McCallister at the Spring 2008 commencement exercises.

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 to award an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree to Mr. Michael B. McCallister at the Spring 2008 commencement exercises.

- E.4. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to establish the Integrated STEM Education Research Center (ISERC).

***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 to establish the Integrated STEM Education Research Center (ISERC).*

- E.5. Nicholls State University's request for approval to award an Honorary Doctor of Commerce (D.Com) degree to Mr. Barry Melancon at the Spring 2008 commencement exercises.

***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 award an Honorary Doctor of Commerce (D.Com) degree to Mr. Barry Melancon at the Spring 2008 commencement exercises.*

- E.6. Nicholls State University's request for approval to discontinue the Associate of Science degree program in Nursing (ASN).

***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 discontinue the Associate of Science degree program in Nursing (ASN).*

- E.7. Northwestern State University's request for approval of a Memorandum of Understanding and Addendum with Kongju National University of Korea.

***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 Memorandum of Understanding and Addendum with Kongju National University of Korea.*

- E.8. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to award an Honorary Doctor of Letters degree to Mr. Ernest J. Gaines at the Spring 2008 commencement exercises.

***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 to award an Honorary Doctor of Letters degree to Mr. Ernest J. Gaines at the Spring 2008 commencement exercises.*

- E.9. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of a Letter of Intent for the online Master of Fine Arts degree program in Creative Writing.

***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 of a Letter of Intent for the online Master of Fine Arts degree program in Creative Writing.*

F. Report of Athletic Committee

- F.1. McNeese State University's request for approval of the appointment of Mr. Thomas H. McClelland II as Director of Athletics beginning April 1, 2008.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve the request of McNeese State University to appoint Mr. Thomas McClelland II as Director of Athletics effective April 1, 2008.*

- F.2. McNeese State University's request for approval of the employment agreement with Mr. Ronald P. Savoie, Jr., Head Women's Soccer Coach, effective March 1, 2008.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve the employment agreement for Mr. Ronald P. Savoie, Jr., Head Women's Soccer Coach, effective March 1, 2008.*

- F.3. McNeese State University's request for approval of the employment agreement with Mr. Dale P. Starr, Head Women's Volleyball Coach, effective March 1, 2008.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve the employment agreement for Mr. Dale P. Starr, Head Women's Volleyball Coach, effective March 1, 2008.*

- F.4. McNeese State University's request for approval of the employment agreement with Mr. Bernard M. Viator, Head Football Coach, effective March 1, 2008.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve the employment agreement for Mr. Bernard M. Viator, Head Football Coach, effective March 1, 2008.*

- F.5. Northwestern State University's request for approval to update a plan for supplemental compensation for coaches whose teams participate in post-season competition.

***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 update the plan for supplemental compensation for coaches whose teams participate in post-season competition.*

- F.6. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to amend the employment contract for Mr. Robert Lee, Head Men's Basketball Coach, effective July 1, 2008.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve the amended employment contract for Mr. Robert Lee, Head Men's Basketball Coach, effective July 1, 2008.*

- F.7. University of Louisiana System's report on significant athletic activities for the period of March 16, 2008 through April 15, 2008.

No official Board action is required.

G. Report of Audit Committee

- G.1. University of Louisiana System's report on internal and external audits submitted for the period March 16, 2008 through April 15, 2008.

No official Board action is required.

H. Report of Facilities Planning Committee

- H.1. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to swap 2.1053 acres of unimproved land located northeast of the President's Residence for 9.862 acres of unimproved land located northwest of the President's Residence.

***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 swap 2.1053 acres of unimproved land located northeast of the President's Residence for 9.862 acres of unimproved land located northwest of the President's Residence.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the President of Louisiana Tech University, is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute said property exchange documents.*

***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.*

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

- H.2. Nicholls State University's request for approval to name the Executive Masters of Business Administration classroom located in the Theodore "Teddy" Duhé Building in Houma, Louisiana, the "Barker Family Executive Classroom."

***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 name the Executive Masters of Business Administration classroom located in the Theodore "Teddy" Duhé Building in Houma, Louisiana, the "Barker Family Executive Classroom."*

***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.*

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

- H.3. Northwestern State University's request for approval to enter into a Ground Lease Agreement and Agreement to Lease with Option to Purchase Agreement, with Northwestern State University Foundation, Inc., a 501(c)3, not-for-profit corporation, for the purpose of acquiring and installing scoreboards at various athletic sites on the University's main 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 for approval to enter into a Ground Lease Agreement and Agreement to Lease with Option to Purchase Agreement, with Northwestern State University Foundation, Inc., a 501(c)3, not-for-profit corporation, for the purpose of acquiring and installing scoreboards at various athletic sites on the University's main campus.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the President of Northwestern State University is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute said purchase of property.*

***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.*

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

- H.4. Other Business: Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of a Resolution to transfer a section of Tech Drive (from Railroad Avenue to Barnett Springs Road) to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LA DOTD).

***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 approve a Resolution to transfer a section of Tech Drive (from Railroad Avenue to Barnett Springs Road) to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LA DOTD).*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that University of Louisiana System Board Chair and/or the President of Louisiana Tech University are/is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute said property exchange documents.*

***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.*

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

I. Report of Finance Committee

- I.1. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to exercise the optional redemption of the last three years of its Auxiliary Fund, 2004 Revenue Refunding Bonds on their October 1, 2008 payment date.

***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 to exercise the optional redemption of the last three years of its Auxiliary Fund, 2004 Revenue Refunding Bonds on their October 1, 2008 payment date.*

- I.2. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of its 2008-09 Scholarships for the 2008-09 academic year.

***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 approval of its 2008-09 Scholarships for the 2008-09 academic year.*

- I.3. University of Louisiana System's request for approval of increases in Auxiliary rates:

- Grambling State University
- Louisiana Tech University
- Southeastern Louisiana University
- University of Louisiana at Monroe

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve University of Louisiana System's request for increases in Auxiliary rates:*

- *Grambling State University*
- *Louisiana Tech University*
- *Southeastern Louisiana University*
- *University of Louisiana at Monroe*

- I.4. University of Louisiana System's discussion of Fiscal Year 2007-2008 third quarter interim financial reports and ongoing assurances.

No official Board action is required.

- I.5. University of Louisiana System's update on First Generation Endowed Scholarships.

No official Board action is required.

J. Report of Legislation Committee

No official Board action was required.

K. Report of Personnel Committee

- K.1. Nicholls State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Rushton W. Johnson, Jr. as Dean of Student Life effective July 1, 2008.

***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 appoint Dr. Rushton W. Johnson, Jr. as Dean of Student Life effective July 1, 2008.*

- K.2. Northwestern State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Marcus Jones as Vice President for University Affairs effective July 1, 2008.

***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 appoint Dr. Marcus Jones as Vice President for University Affairs effective July 1, 2008.*

- K.3. Northwestern State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Darlene Williams as Vice President for Technology, Research and Economic Development effective July 1, 2008.

***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 appoint Dr. Darlene Williams as Vice President for Technology, Research and Economic Development effective July 1, 2008.*

- K.4. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Jeffrey Rhodes as Dean of Enrollment Management effective April 28, 2008.

***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 appoint Dr. Jeffrey Rhodes as Dean of Enrollment Management effective April 28, 2008.*

L. Report of Special Committee on Access to Success and Accountability

No official Board action is required.

M. System President's Business

M.1. Personnel Actions

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 Mr. Parker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the System personnel actions and summer school appointments.

M.2. System President's Report

- Dr. Clausen complimented and thanked the System staff for their good work, especially during the past several months.
- Dr. Clausen commended the ULS Campus Presidents who had presented their performance goals at the Board of Regents meeting. She also thanked Linda Johnson, member of the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, for highlighting the campuses' College Portraits and the System's commitment to accountability.

- Dr. Clausen reported on a National Association of State Higher Education Executive Officers (SHEEO) letter to U.S. Presidential candidates that she has been requested to sign. This letter expresses the concern that, although within the next four years there will be 3,000,000 additional jobs in the United States requiring a bachelor's degree, there will be an insufficient number of U.S. graduates to fill the jobs. A further concern is that a serious paucity of college and university leadership will exist due to retirement in the upcoming years.
- Dr. Clausen stated that a sample document would soon be distributed to Board members regarding presidential job performance in an effort to retain quality leadership.
- Dr. Clausen shared some special campus recognitions:
 - **Louisiana Tech Professor of Education** – Dr. Lajeane Thomas was named by *eSchool News* as one of the Top 10 individuals in the nation to have had a profound impact on educational technology. Dr. Thomas created the nation's first set of standards that define what students should know and be able to do with technology.
 - **UL Lafayette Associate Professor of Architecture** – Michael McClure and his wife received The American Academy 2008 Rome Prize, one of the most prestigious awards in the country for the arts and humanities. The McClures were recognized because of their eight-year research in building and designing in South Louisiana's unique ecological environment.
 - **UL Monroe Debate Team** – The ULM student speech and debate team recently beat 125 contenders and 20 universities to win the International Public Debate Association's National Championship Tournament.
- Dr. Clausen reported that the System, along with the Louisiana Community and Technical College System, recently co-sponsored a luncheon honoring their top students. Dr. Nick Bruno was the keynote speaker. Dr. Clausen stated that UL System campuses have designated scholarships for community college transfer students and are actively recruiting these students.
- Dr. Clausen thanked and recognized this past year's SGA leadership. She and Board Chair Elsie Burkhalter presented awards to the following student leaders:

Whitney Moore White, SGA President-Grambling and Chair of Student Advisory Council

Daniel Lewis, SGA President-Louisiana Tech

Morgan Verrette, SGA President-McNeese and Student Advisory Council Vice Chair

Shayne Creppel, SGA President-Northwestern

Christopher Barcelona, SGA President-Southeastern

Candace Urbanowski, SGA President-UL-Lafayette and Student Advisory Council Service Learning Coordinator

Brady Allen Middleton, SGA President-UL-Monroe

- Olinda Ricard, SGA President-Nicholls and UL System Student Board Member, thanked the University Presidents, Board Members, System staff, and Dr. Clausen for their support during her participation on the Board for the past year. Ms. Ricard presented a resolution from the Student Advisory Council congratulating Dr. Clausen for her hard work and dedication to higher education.
- Dr. Ray Authement, President of University of Louisiana at Lafayette, commended the Student Advisory Council for its stand against guns on campus. He stated that the Presidents had prepared and signed a resolution in opposition to the proposed legislation HB 199 to allow concealed handguns on Louisiana university campuses.
- Dr. Clausen recognized Dr. Authement for his many accomplishments as President of UL-Lafayette, and a powerpoint was presented in honor of his retirement.

Upon motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded unanimously by all Board members, the Board voted to amend the agenda to add an item of other business.

Upon motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded unanimously by all Board members, the Board voted to approve the following resolution.

***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 to name the College of Sciences the Ray P. Authement College of Sciences effective May 24, 2008 in honor of retiring President Ray P. Authement.*

***AND FURTHER,** that Dr. Authement appoint a University committee to design and install appropriate signage conforming to the intent of the motion.*

Dr. Authement especially thanked his wife, the University community, colleagues, and Board members for their strong support over the years.

N. Board Chair's Business

N.1. Board Chairman's Report

- Mrs. Burkhalter reported that the UL System President Search Committee held its second meeting on Thursday, April 24, and asked Mr. Coudrain, Vice Chair of the Committee, to give a report. Mr. Coudrain stated May 2, 2008 was a *preferred* date for submission of materials rather than a deadline date and that any applications received after that date will be considered.
- Mrs. Burkhalter reported that she and Mr. Russell Mosely, as well as Drs. O'Hara and Reed, had recently attended the Annual Conference of the Association of Governing Boards in Boston. Mr. Mosely stated that the sessions were informative and beneficial

and encouraged other Board members to participate in the future. Next year's meeting will be held in San Diego, California on April 18-21, 2009.

- Mrs. Burkhalter informed the Board that three PPMs were included in their folders for their information: *Assessment of Fees for Certain Eligible Non-Resident Students; Alternatively Financed Capital Improvements Projects; and Emergency Administrative Leave for Unclassified Staff (Includes Faculty)*.
- Upon motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mr. Sibille, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby designate the System President Clausen and Board Chair Burkhalter to act on behalf of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System during the 2008 Legislative Session.

- Mrs. Burkhalter thanked this past year's student leaders, including Student Board member, Olinda Ricard. Chair Burkhalter recognized their leadership and commitment to higher education.
- Mrs. Burkhalter indicated that the next Board meeting will be held on Friday, June 27, in Baton Rouge.

O. Other Business

There was no other business to come before the Board.

P. Adjournment

Upon motion of Dr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Sibille, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.