

MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM OCTOBER 23, 2009

A. **Call to Order**

Mrs. Elsie Burkhalter, Chair, called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System in Room 100, the "Louisiana Purchase Room," Claiborne Conference Center, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana at 11:35 a.m.

B. **Roll Call**

The roll was called.

PRESENT

Mrs. Elsie Burkhalter, Chair
Mr. Winfred F. Sibille, Vice Chair
Mr. Paul Aucoin
Mr. Andre Coudrain
Mr. Edward Crawford III
Dr. Mildred G. Gallot
Mr. E. Gerald Hebert

Mr. Steven Jackson
Ms. Renee Lapeyrolerie
Mr. Jimmy D. Long, Sr.
Mr. Russell Mosely
Mr. D. Wayne Parker
Mr. Carl Shetler

ABSENT

Mr. Jeff Jenkins

Also present for the meeting were the following: System President Randy Moffett, System staff, administrators and faculty representatives from System campuses, Attorneys Linda Clark and Winston DeCuir, interested citizens, and representatives of the news media.

C. **Invocation**

Mr. Parker gave the invocation.

D. **Approval of Minutes of August 28, 2009 Meeting**

Upon motion of Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Sibille, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2009 Board Meeting.

E. **Report of Academic and Student Affairs Committee**

Dr. Gallot, Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, presented the Committee report.

Upon motion of Dr. Gallot, seconded by Mr. Mosely, the Board voted unanimously to approve the adoption of the following resolutions.

- E.1. McNeese State University's request for approval to award an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree to Mr. William D. Blake at the Fall Commencement Exercises.

***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 award an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree to Mr. William D. Blake at the Fall Commencement Exercises.*

- E.2. Nicholls State University's request for approval to award an Honorary Doctor of Letters degree to Mr. Kenneth Louis Wells at the Fall 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 for approval to award an Honorary Doctor of Letters degree to Mr. Kenneth Louis Wells at the Fall Commencement Exercises.*

- E.3. Northwestern State University's request for approval to award an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree to Mr. Thomas N. Carleton at the Fall Commencement Exercises.

***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 award an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree to Mr. Thomas N. Carleton at the Fall Commencement Exercises.*

F. **Report of Athletic Committee**

Chair Shetler presented the Committee report.

Upon motion of Mr. Shetler, seconded by Mr. Sibille, the Board voted unanimously to approve the adoption of the following resolutions as amended.

- F.1. Louisiana Tech University's request to approve the addendum to the contract of Mr. Derek Dooley, Head Football Coach and Director of Athletics, provided the University submits each extension for approval to the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System.

***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 the addendum to the contract of Mr. Derek Dooley, Head Football Coach and Director of Athletics, provided the University submits each extension for approval to the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System.*

- F.2. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of the employment agreement with Golf Coach, Mr. Jeff Parks.

***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 the employment agreement with Golf Coach, Mr. Jeff Parks.*

- F.3. McNeese State University's request for approval of the employment agreement with Head Football Coach, Mr. Bernard M. Viator, for the period October 1, 2009 through February 28, 2010.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve McNeese State University's request for approval of the contractual agreement with Ms. Julie Langford as Head Volleyball Coach for the period February 1, 2009 through January 31, 2010.*

- F.4. McNeese State University's request for approval of the employment agreement with Head Women's Soccer Coach, Mr. Ronald Paul Savoie, Jr., for the period October 1, 2009 through February 28, 2010.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve McNeese State University's request for approval of the employment agreement with Head Women's Soccer Coach, Mr. Ronald Paul Savoie, Jr., for the period October 1, 2009 through February 28, 2010.*

- F.5. McNeese State University's request for approval of the employment agreement with Head Women's Volleyball Coach, Mr. Dale P. Starr, for the period October 1, 2009 through February 28, 2010.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve McNeese State University's request for approval of the employment agreement with Head Women's Volleyball Coach, Mr. Dale P. Starr, for the period October 1, 2009 through February 28, 2010.*

- F.6. McNeese State University's request for approval of the employment agreement with Head Men's Basketball Coach, Mr. Dave Simmons, for the period October 1, 2009 through April 30, 2010.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve McNeese State University's request for approval of the employment agreement with Head Men's Basketball Coach, Mr. Dave Simmons, for the period October 1, 2009 through April 30, 2010.*

- F.7. McNeese State University's request for approval of the employment agreement with Head Women's Basketball Coach, Ms. Brooks D. Williams, for the period October 1, 2009 through April 30, 2010.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve McNeese State University's request for approval of the employment agreement with Head Women's Basketball Coach, Ms. Brooks D. Williams, for the period October 1, 2009 through April 30, 2010.*

- F.8. McNeese State University's request for approval of the employment agreement with Head Baseball Coach, Mr. Terry D. Burrows, for the period October 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve McNeese State University's request for approval of the employment agreement with Head Baseball Coach, Mr. Terry D. Burrows, for the period October 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

- F.9. McNeese State University's request for approval of the employment agreement with Head Men/Women's Track Coach, Mr. Brendon J. Gilroy, for the period October 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve McNeese State University's request for approval of the employment agreement with Head Men/Women's Track Coach, Mr. Brendon J. Gilroy, for the period October 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

- F.10. McNeese State University's request for approval of the employment agreement with Head Women's Tennis Coach, Ms. Magali Risoleo, for the period October 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve McNeese State University's request for approval of the employment agreement with Head Women's Tennis Coach, Ms. Magali Risoleo, for the period October 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

- F.11. McNeese State University's request for approval of the employment agreement with Head Women's Softball Coach, Ms. Natalie Mae Poole, for the period October 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve McNeese State University's request for approval of the employment agreement with Head Women's Softball Coach, Ms. Natalie Mae Poole, for the period October 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

- F.12. McNeese State University's request for approval of the employment agreement with Head Women's Golf Coach, Mr. Michael E. Fluty, for the period October 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve McNeese State University's request for approval of the employment agreement with Head Women's Golf Coach, Mr. Michael E. Fluty, for the period October 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

- F.13. McNeese State University's request for approval of the employment agreement with Head Men's Golf Coach, Mr. Adrian Neel DeRouen, for the period October 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve McNeese State University's request for approval of the employment agreement with Head Men's Golf Coach, Mr. Adrian Neel DeRouen, for the period October 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

- F.14. University of Louisiana System's report on significant athletic activities for the period of August 18 through October 13, 2009.

This is a report only, and no Board action is necessary.

G. **Report of Audit Committee**

Mr. Coudrain, Chair of the Committee, presented the report.

Upon motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mr. Long, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Committee report.

- G.1. University of Louisiana System's report on internal and external audits submitted for the period August 18 through October 13, 2009.

This is a report only, and no Board action is necessary.

H. **Report of Joint Facilities Planning and Finance Committee**

Mr. Mosely, Chair of the Facilities Planning Committee, presented the Committee report.

Upon motion of Mr. Mosely, seconded by Dr. Gallot, the Board voted unanimously to approve the adoption of the following resolutions.

- H.1. McNeese State University's request for approval to lease 7,700 square feet of temporary modular building space.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approve McNeese State University's request for approval to lease approximately 7,700 square feet of temporary modular building space.*

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

***AND FURTHER,** that ULS Staff and legal counsel ensure that all documents conform to statutory and administrative requirements.*

- H.2. University of Louisiana System's request for ratification of Auxiliary Rates and Non-Governmental Charges that have been administratively approved.

***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 ratification of Auxiliary Rates and Non-Governmental charges that have been administratively approved.*

- H.3. University of Louisiana System's semi-annual report on third-party projects.

This item was deferred until the December meeting.

- H.4. University of Louisiana System's discussion of Fiscal Year 2008-09 fourth quarter interim financial reports and ongoing assurances.

This is a report only and no Board action is necessary.

- H.5. University of Louisiana System's update on Fiscal Year 2009-10 financial issues.

This is a report only and no Board action is necessary.

I. **Report of Personnel Committee**

Mr. Aucoin, Chair of the Personnel Committee, presented the report.

Upon motion of Mr. Aucoin, seconded by Mr. Sibille, the Board voted unanimously to approve the adoption of the following resolutions.

- I.1. Grambling State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Wynetta Y. Lee as Dean of the College of Education effective September 8, 2009.

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 appoint Dr. Wynetta Y. Lee as Dean of the College of Education effective September 8, 2009.

Dr. Matthew Ware, Vice Chair of the Faculty Advisory Council and member of Grambling State University's Faculty Senate, spoke in opposition to the appointment of Dr. Lee and requested that her appointment be deferred.

- I.2. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to continue the interim appointment of Dr. Tammy Bourg as Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs effective July 21, 2009.

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 continue the interim appointment of Dr. Tammy Bourg as Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs effective July 21, 2009.

- I.3. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to continue the interim appointment of Mr. Edward Pratt as Interim Vice President for Student Affairs effective July 1, 2009.

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 to continue the interim appointment of Mr. Edward Pratt as Interim Vice President for Student Affairs effective July 1, 2009.

J. **Report of Special Committee on Access and Success**

Chair Parker gave the report of the Committee.

J.1. **Northwestern State University**

Chair Parker reported that Dr. Lisa Abney, Interim Provost, and Dr. Mary Edith Stacy, Director of Enrollment Services, had presented a powerpoint describing the University's initiatives to advance recruitment, retention, and graduation rates among its students.

This was a report only, and no Board action was required.

K. **System President's Business**

K.1. **Personnel Actions**

Dr. Randy Moffett, System President, reported that System staff reviewed the personnel actions as amended, and staff recommends approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Shetler, the Board voted unanimously to approve the System personnel actions and promotions in faculty rank and recommendations for tenure.

K.2. **System President's Report**

Dr. Moffett informed Board members that copies of the proposed revision to the Board Rule on Financial Exigency were available in their folders. This item will be included on the December agenda for approval.

Campus Recognition

- Dr. Moffett congratulated the administration at **University of Louisiana at Monroe**, including President James Cofer and Dr. Stephen Richters, Provost, for the outcome of its recent NCATE visit. The Accreditation review team highly complimented the teacher education program and reported exemplary findings in faculty grants and research.
- President Moffett also complimented **University of Louisiana at Lafayette's** team of architecture and engineering students, Team Beausoleil, for the excellent showing in the U.S. Department of Energy's Solar Decathlon. The team was one of 20 international university teams to compete in building an energy-efficient home in Washington, D.C.
- Dr. Moffett recognized **Northwestern State University's** Student Chapter of the America Chemical Society, which earned the national Outstanding Chapter Award for 2008-09 Initiatives. The program included recruiting and retaining members, community service, and outreach.

CALL (Center for Adult Learning in Louisiana) Program

Dr. Moffett informed the Board that the System has received a grant to proceed with planning to implement a collaborative online business degree for Louisiana's adults.

LA PERC (Louisiana Postsecondary Education Review Commission) Update

Dr. Moffett reported that the Commission was scheduled to meet in Baton Rouge on October 26-27 for its next meeting. He proposed that the System offer recommendations to the Commission to (1) increase admission standards, (2) tighten guidelines for exceptions, and (3) increase transfer student expectations.

Upon motion of Mr. Mosely, seconded by Mr. Jackson, the Board unanimously approved the following resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University System does hereby agree to, in concert with the systematic implementation of similar policies in public four-year institutions in the State, increase admission standards, tighten admission exceptions, and strengthen transfer student expectations.

Grambling State University

Dr. Moffett reported that Dr. Horace Judson had tendered his resignation as President of Grambling State University effective October 31, 2009. During his five-year tenure, Dr. Judson has been especially noted for stabilizing enrollment, implementing higher admission standards, enhancing service-learning on the campus, and upgrading campus facilities.

Upon motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Dr. Gallot and Mr. Parker, the Board unanimously approved the following resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby accept Dr. Horace Judson's resignation as President of Grambling State University effective October 31, 2009.

Dr. Moffett stated that Dr. Robert Dixon, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Grambling, will provide leadership to the campus until an interim president is named. Dr. Moffett explained that the Board Rules provide for the Board Chair to appoint a search committee and indicated that the System Office will work with Mrs. Burkhalter to establish a timeline and next steps, including convening a special meeting to name an interim president.

L. **Board Chair's Business**

L.1. **Board Chair's Report**

Grambling State University

Chair Burkhalter pledged to secure an interim president for Grambling as soon as possible.

She also briefly outlined the defined presidential search process that has been utilized in the past. A Search Committee will be appointed and, early in the process, the Committee will visit the campus in order to gain input from faculty, staff, alumni, and community members to create a comprehensive list of desired qualifications for the next President.

2010 Board Meeting Schedule

Mrs. Burkhalter asked Board members to review the proposed 2010 Board Meeting Schedule located in their folders.

Upon motion of Ms. Lapeyrolerie, seconded by Mr. Sibille, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System unanimously voted to approve the proposed 2010 Board Meeting Schedule.

L.2. **Appointment of Nominating Committee for 2010 Board Officers**

Mrs. Burkhalter stated that she has appointed three Board members to the Nominating Committee: Mr. Andre Coudrain, Dr. Mildred Gallot, and Mr. Jeff Jenkins. Mr. Coudrain will serve as the Chair. The Committee will convene prior to the December meeting to nominate 2010 Board officers and provide their recommendations to the Board at the December meeting in Baton Rouge.

Mrs. Burkhalter reminded Board members that the next meeting is Thursday and Friday, December 3-4, in Baton Rouge.

M. **Other Business**

There was no other business to come before the Board.

N. **Adjournment**

Upon motion of Mr. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Sibille, the meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.