

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM
JANUARY 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 11:50 a.m.

B. **Roll Call**

The roll was called and all Board Members were present.

PRESENT

Mrs. Elsie Burkhalter, Chair	Mr. Jeff Jenkins
Mr. Winfred F. Sibille, Vice Chair	Ms. Renee Lapeyrolerie
Mr. Paul Aucoin	Mr. Jimmy D. Long, Sr.
Mr. Andre G. Coudrain	Mr. Russell Mosely
Mr. Edward Crawford III	Mr. D. Wayne Parker
Dr. Mildred G. Gallot	Mr. Carl Shetler
Mr. Gregory Hamer, Sr.	Ms. Morgan Verrette
Mr. E. Gerald Hebert	

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

C. **Invocation**

Mr. Parker gave the invocation.

D. **Administering the Oath of Office to reappointed Board Member – Mr. Edward Crawford III**

System Vice President for Administration and General Counsel Kay Kirkpatrick administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Edward Crawford III, who had recently been reappointed to the Board. Mr. Crawford represents the 4th District, and his term expires on December 31, 2014.

E. **Approval of Minutes of December 5, 2008 and January 9, 2009 Board meetings**

Upon motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mr. Sibille, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2008 and January 9, 2009 Board meetings.

F. **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. Long, the Board voted unanimously to approve the adoption of the following resolutions.

- E.1. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to award an Honorary Doctor of Fine Arts degree to Mr. George Rodrigue at the Spring 2009 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 Fine Arts degree to Mr. George Rodrigue at the Spring 2009 commencement exercises.

- E.2. University of Louisiana System's request for approval of Board RULE revision: Chapter II. Students, Section IV. Academic Status, C. Academic Suspension.

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 approve the revisions to Board Rule Chapter II. Students, Section IV. Academic Status, C. Academic Suspension.

- E.3. University of Louisiana System's report on Low Completers Program Review and Moratorium on Consideration of Proposed New Programs.

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

F. **Report of Athletic Committee**

Mr. Shetler, Chair of the Athletic Committee, presented the Committee report.

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

- F.1. Northwestern State University's request for approval of the contractual agreement with Mr. Bradley Dale Peveto, Head Football Coach, effective January 1, 2009.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve Northwestern State University's contractual agreement with Mr. Bradley Dale Peveto, Head Football Coach, effective January 1, 2009.

- F.2. University of Louisiana System's report on significant athletic activities for the period of November 22, 2008 through January 12, 2009.

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

G. **Report of Audit Committee**

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

- G.1. University of Louisiana System's report on internal and external audits submitted for the period November 22, 2008 through January 12, 2009.

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

H. **Report of Facilities Planning Committee**

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

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

- H.1. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to enter into a lease agreement between Louisiana Tech University and the Executive Board of the Louisiana Baptist Convention ("Board").

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Louisiana Tech University's request to enter into a lease agreement between Louisiana Tech University and the Executive Board of the Louisiana Baptist Convention ("Board").*

***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 lease 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**

Mr. Parker, Chair of the Finance Committee, presented the Committee report.

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

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

- I.1. Nicholls State University's request for approval of a student referendum to establish a self-assessed fee to support cheerleader and band operations.

***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 of a student referendum to establish a self-assessed fee to support cheerleader and band operations.*

- I.2. University of Louisiana System's discussion of Fiscal Year 2007-08 fourth quarter interim financial reports and ongoing assurances.

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

- I.3. University of Louisiana System's request for approval to establish LEQSF (8g) Endowed Professorships/Scholarships.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve the request from System institutions to establish the LEQSF (8g) Endowed Professorships/Scholarships as follows:

a. ***Grambling State University***

- 1) *The Ralph J. Bunche Endowed Professorship in Political Science*
- 2) *The Marie Maynard Daly Endowed Professorship in Chemistry*
- 3) *The E. Franklin Frazier Endowed Professorship in Sociology*
- 4) *The Fannie Lou Hamer Endowed Professorship in Political Science*
- 5) *The Benjamin A. Quarles Endowed Professorship in History*
- 6) *The Mary Elizabeth Carnegie Endowed Professorship in Nursing*
- 7) *The Collie J. Nicholson Endowed Professorship in Mass Communication*
- 8) *The Thurgood Marshall Endowed Professorship in Criminal Justice*
- 9) *The Whitney M. Young Endowed Professorship in Social Work*
- 10) *The Fredrick C. Hobdy Endowed Professorship in Kinesiology*

b. ***Louisiana Tech University***

- 1) *Harrelson Family Endowed Professorship 2 in Engineering*
- 2) *Cajun Contractors Endowed Professorship in Engineering*
- 3) *Eva J. Cunningham Endowed Professorship in Engineering*
- 4) *Francis J. Mangham Endowed Professorship in Business*
- 5) *Homer T. Rogers Endowed Professorship in Forestry*
- 6) *Gladys Lawson Rogers Endowed Professorship in Liberal Arts*

c. ***McNeese State University***

- 1) *Terry and Vic Stelly Endowed Professorship in Health & Human Performances*
- 2) *John B. and Patricia Scofield Professorship*
- 3) *Shirley Kidd Hunter Professorship in Health & Sciences*
- 4) *Daniel and Ellen Goos Professorship*

d. ***Nicholls State University***

- 1) *The Goldring Family Foundation Endowed Professorship in Culinary Arts*
- 2) *The Donald Peltier Endowed Professorship in Education*
- 3) *The Grace Gueydan Endowed Professorship in Nursing*

e. ***Northwestern State University***

- 1) *Willis-Knighton Health Care System Endowed Professorship in Nursing #4*
- 2) *Poindexter Foundation Endowed Professorship #2*
- 3) *Kenneth L. Durr Endowed Professorship in Accounting*
- 4) *Clifton M. Alford Memorial Endowed Professorship in Music*
- 5) *Clifton M. Alford Memorial First Generation Endowed Scholarship*

f. ***Southeastern Louisiana University***

- 1) *The Bruce Dugas Endowed Professorship in Business*
- 2) *The Knights of Babylon Endowed Professorship in Communication Sciences and Disorders*
- 3) *The Viola Brown Endowed Professorship in Visual and Performing Arts*
- 4) *The Joseph H. Miller Endowed Professorship in Business*
- 5) *The Dorcas and H.N. Capron, Jr. Endowed Professorship in Supply Chain Management*
- 6) *The Dorcas and H.N. Capron, Jr. Endowed Professorship in Marketing*
- 7) *The Joyce Junghans Endowed Professorship in Finance*
- 8) *The Joyce Junghans Endowed Professorship in Accounting*
- 9) *The Joyce Junghans Endowed Professorship in Management*

g. ***University of Louisiana at Lafayette***

- 1) *College of Engineering/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Bioprocessing I*
- 2) *College of Engineering/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Bioprocessing II*
- 3) *Mr. and Mrs. E.P. "Pat" Nalley/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Business Administration 2008*
- 4) *Philip and Jean Piccione/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Statistics VI*
- 5) *Paul A. Callais Memorial/BORSF Endowed First Generation Scholarship*
- 6) *First-Generation Endowed Undergraduate/BORSF Scholarship Program II*

J. **Report of Personnel Committee**

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

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

- J.1. Grambling State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Rama Tunuguntla as Acting Dean of the College of Professional Studies effective January 5, 2009.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve the request of Grambling State University to appoint Dr. Rama Tunuguntla as Acting Dean of the College of Professional Studies effective January 5, 2009.

- J.2. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to appoint Dr. W. Greg Leader as Interim Dean of the College of Pharmacy effective January 12, 2009.

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 appoint Dr. W. Greg Leader as Interim Dean of the College of Pharmacy effective January 12, 2009.

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

Chair Parker gave the report of the Committee.

K.1. McNeese State University

Chair Parker stated that Dr. Jeanne Daboval, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, McNeese State University, had presented a report to the Committee describing the University's initiatives to advance recruitment, retention, and graduation rates among its students. No Board action is required.

L. **System President's Business**

L.1. Personnel Actions

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

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

L.2. System President's Report

- Dr. Moffett commended System staff member Brooke Crum for recently completing her Master of Education degree in Educational Technology from Northwestern State University via distance learning.
- **Campus Recognitions:**
 - **Grambling State University's** marching band performed at the 2009 U.S. Presidential Inaugural events in Washington, D.C. This is the third inauguration in which Grambling's band has participated.
 - **Louisiana Tech University** based Radiance Technologies received a \$100,000 Small Business Innovation Grant from the federal Missile Defense Agency. The grant will be used to develop technology aimed at creating an anti-tampering method to protect sensitive intellectual property and technology.
 - **Nicholls State University** was named to the 2008 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll by the Corporation for National and

Community Service. This is the third consecutive year Nicholls has received this recognition of its commitment to service learning.

- **University of Louisiana at Monroe's** cheerleading squad recently placed fourth in the 2009 College Cheerleading and Dance Team National Championship.
- Dr. Moffett stated that 23 student leaders from the University of Louisiana System traveled to Washington, D.C. to meet with the Louisiana delegation and to attend the U.S. Presidential Inauguration. Dr. Caprice Ieyoub, System Executive Director of Student Development and Special Assistant to the Provost, accompanied these students. Student Board member Morgan Verrette had the opportunity to participate in this trip and Dr. Ieyoub and Morgan shared their experiences with the Board.
- Dr. Moffett asked Presidents Hebert (McNeese State University) and Reneau (Louisiana Tech University) to give their perspectives on potential budget reductions.

Dr. Robert Hebert

Dr. Hebert remembered the impact of cuts during the 1980s as not being “pleasant.” He noted that, due to lack of funding, it was difficult to continue to achieve the mission of the university. Among other efforts, McNeese froze salaries and hiring and deferred necessary repairs. The community and students, faculty, and staff felt demoralized because of the actions. Long-term effects on the university, such as loss of programs, deteriorating buildings, negative impact on recruiting, retention, and graduation rates were felt for a decade afterwards. Cultural and community outreach programs, K-12 outreach, and economic development initiatives declined or were curtailed.

Dr. Hebert felt that the currently proposed cuts are more perilous because they are drastic and sudden, effectively moving from very good times to very bad times. He stated that, in his opinion, higher education in Louisiana may not recover in “our lifetime.”

Dr. Daniel Reneau

Dr. Reneau reported that this is the 16th budget cut he has experienced in his career. He believes that the worst effect of the cuts of the 1980s was the image that was portrayed. Because of this declining image, the best students enrolled in out-of-state universities and recruitment of top faculty was impossible. Dr. Reneau said it set back the university for a long period of time.

Dr. Reneau said that Louisiana's most important assets are the people and our ability to educate our citizens. He feels that, with the potential budget cuts, the universities will no longer have the ability to maintain current educational quality nor offer high quality services for students.

President Reneau estimated that 300 Louisiana Tech employees and possibly 200 Grambling employees would lose their jobs by July 1 if the proposed cuts were to go into effect. This loss of jobs for the area would have a devastating impact for Lincoln Parish and North Louisiana. Dr. Reneau feared that the universities might have to declare financial exigency.

Further, Dr. Reneau mentioned that, if research dollars are unavailable, applications for patents will not be forthcoming, thus having a detrimental effect on economic development for the state.

Dr. Reneau stated that the universities survived large tuition and fee increases in the 1980s, but the current proposed budget cuts would totally redefine higher education in Louisiana. He complimented Governor Jindal as an intelligent and innovative leader, and hoped that the reductions will not be drastic to the extent that faculty and students will leave the state in search of better opportunities elsewhere.

- Upon motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Mosely, the Board unanimously voted to include in the minutes the comments made by Drs. Hebert and Reneau.
- Dr. Moffett informed Board members that the Southeastern Louisiana University Presidential Search Committee would meet on the Southeastern campus on January 30. At that meeting, the Committee would (1) review candidate applications and the timeline and (2) would discuss next steps. He stated that 15 applications had been received.

M. **Board Chair's Report**

- Mrs. Burkhalter encouraged all Board members to participate in the Search Committee meeting on January 30.
- Mrs. Burkhalter reminded Board members that the next Board meeting will be on March 27, 2009, with Committee meetings beginning on Thursday, March 26.

N. **Other Business**

There was no other business to come before the Board.

O. **Adjournment**

Upon unanimous motion, the meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.