

MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM APRIL 24, 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 11:25 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 G. Coudrain
Dr. Mildred G. Gallot
Mr. E. Gerald Hebert

Mr. Jeff Jenkins
Ms. Renee Lapeyrolerie
Mr. Jimmy D. Long, Sr.
Mr. Russell Mosely
Mr. D. Wayne Parker
Ms. Morgan Verrette

ABSENT

Mr. Edward Crawford III
Mr. Gregory Hamer, Sr.
Mr. Carl Shetler

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. **Approval of Minutes of March 27, 2009 Board Meeting**

Upon motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Long, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 27, 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. Hebert, the Board voted unanimously to approve the adoption of the following resolutions.

- E.1. Grambling State University's request for approval to discontinue the Bachelor of Science degree program in Hotel and Restaurant Management.

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 discontinue the Bachelor of Science degree program in Hotel and Restaurant Management.

- E.2. Grambling State University's request for approval to discontinue the Associate of Arts degree program in Criminal Justice.

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 discontinue the Associate of Arts degree program in Criminal Justice.

- E.3. Grambling State University's request for approval to award an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree to Dr. Cuthbert O. Simpkins 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 Grambling State University's request to award an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree to Dr. Cuthbert O. Simpkins at the Spring 2009 Commencement Exercises.

- E.4. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to award an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree to Mr. Glen F. Post III 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 Louisiana Tech University's request to award an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree to Mr. Glen F. Post III at the Spring 2009 Commencement Exercises.

- E.5. Nicholls State University's request for approval to award an Honorary Doctor of Science degree to Mr. Gary Fine 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 Nicholls State University's request to award an Honorary Doctor of Science degree to Mr. Gary Fine at the Spring 2009 Commencement Exercises.

F. **Report of Athletic Committee**

Dr. Gallot, Vice Chair of the Athletic Committee, presented the Committee report.

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

- F.1. University of Louisiana System's report on significant athletic activities for the period of March 14, 2009 through April 13, 2009.

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

G. **Report of Audit Committee**

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

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

- G.1. University of Louisiana System's report on internal and external audits submitted for the period March 14, 2009 through April 13, 2009.

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

H. **Report of Finance Committee**

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

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

- H.1. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to proceed with negotiations for a lease agreement for food service operations.

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 proceed with negotiations for a lease agreement for food service operations and to also develop all applicable documents for submittal to the Board for final approval.

- H.2. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to proceed with negotiations for a lease agreement for food service operations.

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 proceed with negotiations for a lease agreement for food service operations and to also develop all applicable documents for submittal to the Board for final approval.

- H.3. University of Louisiana System's discussion of Fiscal Year 2008-2009 third quarter interim financial reports and ongoing assurances.

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

- H.4. University of Louisiana System's report from the Cost Containment Efficiencies Subcommittee.

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

I. **Report of Legislation Committee**

Mr. Long, Chair of the Legislation Committee, gave the Committee Report.

I.1. **Update on the 2009 Regular Session of the Legislature**

Mr. Long stated that Session would begin on Monday, April 27, and that System staff would monitor proposed legislation and keep Board members up to date on pertinent bills affecting higher education. This was a report only, and no Board action is necessary.

J. **Report of Personnel Committee**

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

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

J.1. **Grambling State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Stacey Duhon as Vice President for Student Affairs effective April 1, 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. Stacey Duhon as Vice President for Student Affairs effective April 1, 2009.*

J.2. **University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to appoint Mr. Jerry Luke LeBlanc as Vice President for Administration and Finance effective May 1, 2009.**

***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 appoint Mr. Jerry Luke LeBlanc as Vice President for Administration and Finance effective May 1, 2009.*

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

Chair Parker gave the report of the Committee.

K.1. **Southeastern Louisiana University**

Chair Parker stated that President John Crain and representatives of Southeastern's administration had presented a powerpoint 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 summer school appointments and staff recommends approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Long, the Board voted unanimously to approve the System personnel action and summer school appointments.

L.2. System President's Report

- Dr. Moffett reported that the Economic and Community Impact Study had been released on April 16, 2009 at a press conference held in the Claiborne Building. He commended Dr. Beatrice Baldwin, Dr. Edwin Litolff, and Jackie Tisdell for their work on this important project.

Highlights include the following:

- Return on investment of \$8 per dollar spent;
 - \$3.4 billion annual impact;
 - 38,000 non-university jobs;
 - 455,000 graduates in last 50 years;
 - \$6.5 billion value-added of graduates in past ten years;
 - 100 events per day on UL System campuses;
 - 2.4 million volunteer hours by students/faculty/employees.
- Dr. Moffett reminded Board members of the agreement between the UL System and Pôle Universitaire, a university in France, that has been in effect since Fall 2008. Dr. Brad O'Hara reported on the success of the association between the university and our campuses, and Dr. Karen Fontenot, Head of the Department of Communications (Southeastern Louisiana University), made comments about her experiences at PULV International Week which was held in March.
 - Dr. Moffett stated that Board members were given a draft of a 2009-10 Budget Reduction plan for the System, including campuses and System Office. He also informed members that a draft resolution concerning furloughs of university employees was included in their folders and would be considered at the June meeting, pending final approval of the state budget.

M. Board Chair's Report

Mrs. Burkhalter said that as Board Chair she attended the Appropriations Committee meeting on April 21 and complimented Dr. Moffett for his testimony. She stated that he represented the UL System well.

Mrs. Burkhalter announced that this was the last meeting for Morgan Verrette, who had been serving for the past year as student member. Mrs. Burkhalter commended Morgan for her fine service to the Board, especially her participation as a Committee member on the Southeastern Presidential Search Committee. Morgan said that she appreciated the opportunity to serve on the Board and enjoyed the experience.

Mrs. Burkhalter stated that the next Student Board Member will be elected before our next Board meeting and will be sworn in at that time.

N. **Other Business**

The next meeting of the Board will be Thursday and Friday, June 25-26, in Baton Rouge.

O. **Adjournment**

Upon motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Crawford, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.