

MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM May 8, 2009

A. Call to Order

Mrs. Elsie Burkhalter, Chair, called to order the special meeting of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System in Room 109 of the Southeastern Louisiana University Nursing School, 4849 Essen Lane, Baton Rouge, Louisiana at 10:37 a.m.

B. Roll Call

The roll was called.

PRESENT

Mrs. Elsie Burkhalter, Chair	Mr. E. Gerald Hebert
Mr. Winfred F. Sibille, Vice Chair	Ms. Renee Lapeyrolierie
Mr. Paul Aucoin	Mr. Jimmy D. Long, Sr.
Mr. Andre G. Coudrain	Mr. Russell Mosely
Dr. Mildred G. Gallot	Mr. D. Wayne Parker
Mr. Gregory Hamer, Sr.	Mr. Carl Shetler
Mr. Jeffrey S. Jenkins	

ABSENT

Mr. Edward Crawford III
Ms. Morgan Verrette

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. Agenda Items

On motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Long, the Board accepted the recommendation of Mrs. Burkhalter to amend its agenda to consider a special resolution under item C.4 – Other Business.

C.1. University of Louisiana System's recommendation to adopt a furlough resolution for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

Upon motion of Mr. Jenkins, seconded by Mr. Shetler, the Board voted unanimously to approve the adoption of 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 System's recommendation to adopt a furlough resolution for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

C.2. University of Louisiana System's recommendation to approve Campus Housing and Meal Plan Rates for Academic Year 2009-2010.

Board members asked Dr. Bruno several questions regarding the variation in rental rates for housing among the universities. Dr. Bruno said the costs vary due to several factors including age, size of spaces, amenities and cost of financing and market conditions.

Mr. Jenkins asked whether there might be some advantage to consolidating the debt from the various projects. Dr. Bruno indicated that securing bond insurance is currently a challenge, but said he hopes that the sector will begin to improve. Dr. Bruno said staff will review whether consolidation is a viable consideration and will report back to the Board.

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve the University of Louisiana System's recommendation for Campus Housing and Meal Plan Rates for Academic Year 2009-2010:

- *Grambling State University*
- *Louisiana Tech University*
- *McNeese State University*
- *Nicholls State University*
- *Northwestern State University*
- *Southeastern Louisiana University*
- *University of Louisiana at Lafayette*
- *University of Louisiana at Monroe*

C.3. University of Louisiana System's request for approval of the 2009-2010 Undergraduate and Graduate Mandatory Attendance Fees.

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve the 2009-10 Undergraduate and Graduate Mandatory Attendance Fees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that approval of the tuition adjustment is contingent upon approval of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget.

D. **Other Business**

C.4. University of Louisiana System's recommendation to adopt a special resolution for The Shaw Group, Inc.

The Board acknowledged Mr. Jim Bernhard, Chairman of The Shaw Group, Inc., for declining \$172.5 million in incentive payments from the State of Louisiana and for suggesting that these funds be used for higher education. The Board discussed the resolution as well as an amendment, as suggested by Mr. Jenkins.

Upon motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, the Board voted unanimously to approve the adoption of The Shaw Group, Inc. resolution as amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve the University of Louisiana System's recommendation to adopt the special resolution acknowledging The Shaw Group, Inc.

Mr. Hebert read a letter to the Board which was co-authored by Mr. Mosely about funding for higher education. He asked that the Board consider sending a similar letter to the Governor, the Legislature, and the Division of Administration. The Board agreed that such a letter be drafted and distributed as suggested.

Dr. Moffett distributed the *Public Institution and University System Financial Conditions Survey* from the Association of Governing Board of Universities and Colleges to Board members. He also distributed an article from the *New York Times*, *Universities Cutting Teams as They Trim Their Budgets*.

Dr. Moffett provided an update of legislative items.

Upon motion of Mr. Hamer, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, the Board voted unanimously to approve a motion introduced by President Moffett to begin work on budget planning for fiscal years 2010-11 and 2011-12 in light of projected future state funding challenges. The Finance Committee and other interested members of the Board will meet with President Moffett to review measures such as program collaborations and consolidations as well as administrative restructuring in an effort to prepare for future expected budget shortfalls.

Mr. Aucoin reminded the group that Tier-2 reports are due May 15, 2009.

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

F. **Adjournment**

Prior to adjournment, Mr. Parker gave the closing prayer.

Upon motion of Ms. Lapeyrolerie, seconded by Dr. Gallot, the meeting adjourned at 12:11 p.m.