

**MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM
DECEMBER 4, 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 10:50 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
Mr. Jeff Jenkins
Mr. Jimmy D. Long, Sr.
Mr. Russell Mosely
Mr. D. Wayne Parker
Mr. Carl Shetler

ABSENT

Ms. Renee Lapeyrolerie

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

C. **Invocation**

Mr. Parker gave the invocation.

D. **Approval of Minutes of October 23, 2009 Meeting and Ratification of Action Taken at November 16, 2009 Executive Committee Meeting**

Dr. Moffett requested a motion to amend Agenda Item E.3. on the October 23, 2009 Board minutes per request of Northwestern State University President Randy Webb.

Upon motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Coudrain, it was unanimously approved by the Board to amend E.3. to read as follows:

***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 award an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree to Mr. Thomas N. Carleton in Spring 2010.*

Upon motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Coudrain, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2009 Board Meeting as amended and to ratify the action taken at the November 16, 2009 Executive Committee Meeting.

Dr. Moffett, System President, welcomed Dr. Ray Authement, former President of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, and his wife Barbara and invited them to the table. Dr. Moffett commended Dr. Authement for his 34 exemplary years of service as President. Dr. Moffett informed the Board that he would like to recommend that Dr. Authement be awarded the title President Emeritus of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

Dr. E. Joseph Savoie, President of University of Louisiana at Lafayette, highly recommended Dr. Authement for the prestigious award and listed his leadership qualities of determination, compassion, dedication, and patience, among others.

Upon motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Hebert, 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 award the title President Emeritus of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette to Dr. Ray P. Authement.

Dr. Authement graciously voiced his appreciation for the emeritus title.

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

- E.1. McNeese State University's request for approval to establish and Institute of Industry-Education Collaboration (IIEC).

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 establish the Institute for Industry-Education Collaboration (IIEC).

- E.2. Nicholls State University's request for approval to combine the Department of University Studies and the Department of General Studies into a single department called the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies.

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 combine the Department of University Studies and the Department of General Studies into a single department called the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies.

- E.3. Nicholls State University's request for approval of a Letter of Intent to establish Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) degree programs in Special Education, Elementary Education, Middle School Education, Secondary Education, and Health and Physical Education.

***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 Letter of Intent to establish Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) degree programs in Special Education, Elementary Education, Middle School Education, Secondary Education, and Health and Physical Education.*

- E.4. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a Letter of Intent to establish a Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) degree program in Special Education.

***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 of a Letter of Intent to establish a Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) degree program in Special Education.*

- E.5. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a Letter of Intent to establish a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree program in Systems Engineering.

***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 of a Letter of Intent to establish a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree program in Systems Engineering.*

- E.6. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a proposal to offer a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Moving Image Arts.

***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 of a proposal to offer a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Moving Image Arts.*

- E.7. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's and Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a Letter of Intent for a joint offering of a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree program.

***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 and Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a Letter of Intent for a joint offering of a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree program.*

F. **Report of Joint Athletic and Audit Committee**

Chair Shetler presented the Committee report.

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

- F.1. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to appoint Mr. W. Bart Bellairs as Director of Intercollegiate Athletics, effective January 4, 2010.

***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 Mr. W. Bart Bellairs as Director of Intercollegiate Athletics, effective January 4, 2010.*

- F.2. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of campus Complimentary Ticket Policies.

***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 campus Complimentary Ticket Policies.*

- F.3. University of Louisiana System's report on significant athletic activities for the period of October 14 through November 20, 2009.

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

- F.4. University of Louisiana System's report on internal and external audits submitted for the period October 14 to November 20, 2009.

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

G. **Report of Facilities Planning Committee**

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

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

- G.1. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the City of Ruston for the transfer of ownership and maintenance responsibility for portions of the campus water system.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approve Louisiana Tech University's request to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the City of Ruston for the transfer of ownership and maintenance responsibility for portions of the campus water system.*

***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 cooperative endeavor and related 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 prior to execution of documents.

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

- G.2. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to demolish two structures located in the Research Park.

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 demolish two structures located in the Research Park.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Louisiana Tech University shall obtain final approvals from UL System staff, legal counsel, and all other appropriate agencies/parties, of processes, documents, and administrative requirements.

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

- G.3. McNeese State University's request for approval to name "Alpha" Hall "Chozen Hall" for the family of Harry and David Chozen.

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 to name "Alpha" Hall "Chozen Hall" for the family of Harry and David Chozen.

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

- G.4. McNeese State University's request for approval to amend the Lease/Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the McNeese State University Foundation involving the lease of the Fuller Farm property.

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 amend the Lease/Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the McNeese State University Foundation to lease the Fuller Farm property.

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/cooperative endeavor agreement.

AND FURTHER, that UL System staff and legal counsel ensure that all documents conform to statutory and administrative requirements.

- G.5. Nicholls State University's request for approval to name Lecture Room 152 in Betsy Cheramie Ayo Hall the Gibson and Enola Autin Auditorium.

***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 name Lecture Room 152 in Betsy Cheramie Ayo Hall the Gibson and Enola Autin Auditorium.*

- G.6. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a resolution approving the form and authorizing the execution of a Ground Lease Agreement and an Agreement to Lease with Option to Purchase with Ragin' Cajun Facilities, Inc. (RCFI), a 501(c)3, not-for-profit corporation, for the financing, design, and construction of improvements to the Ragin' Cajuns Softball Facilities.

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the University of Louisiana at Lafayette 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 prior to execution of documents.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Dr. Randy Moffett, President of University of Louisiana System, and/or Dr. E. Joseph Savoie, President of University of Louisiana at Lafayette, are/is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute said lease agreements and related documents.*

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

- G.7. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to continue with the process of financing, designing, renovating, and expanding the University's Student Union Complex utilizing Ragin' Cajun Facilities, Inc. (RCFI), a 501(c)3, not-for-profit corporation.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve the University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request to continue with the process of financing, designing, renovating and expanding the University's Student Union Complex utilizing Ragin' Cajun Facilities, Inc. (RCFI), a 501(c)3, not-for-profit corporation.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the University will return to the Board when the project's design and the financial pro-forma are completed. At that time, all other information and documentation required for implementing the project shall be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System for final approval in accordance with the University of Louisiana System's Alternatively Financed Capital Improvements PPM.*

***AND FURTHER,** University staff, UL System staff, and legal counsel shall assure that all documents conform to statutory and administrative requirements.*

- G.8. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to continue with the process of selecting a firm to develop and implement a comprehensive student housing plan utilizing Ragin' Cajun Facilities, Inc. (RCFI), a 501(c)3, not-for-profit corporation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve the University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request to continue with the process of selecting a firm to develop and implement a comprehensive student housing plan utilizing Ragin' Cajun Facilities, Inc. (RCFI), a 501(c)3, not-for-profit corporation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appropriate documentation related to the firms selected for design, bond counsel, and underwriter services shall be submitted to and reviewed by the Board staff and legal counsel prior to officially executing any contract documents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the University will return to the Board when the project's design and the financial pro-forma are completed. At that time, all other information and documentation required for implementing the project shall be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System for final approval in accordance with the University of Louisiana System's **Alternatively Financed Capital Improvements PPM**.

AND FURTHER, University staff, UL System staff, and legal counsel shall assure that all documents conform to statutory and administrative requirements.

H. **Report of Finance Committee**

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

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

H.1. **Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to begin negotiations with Texas Book Company for bookstore operations.**

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 to begin negotiations with Texas Book Company for bookstore operations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the University will return to the Board when negotiations are completed. At that time, all other information and documentation required to final approval shall be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System.

AND FURTHER, University staff, UL System staff, and legal counsel shall assure that all documents conform to statutory and administrative requirements.

H.2. **University of Louisiana System's discussion of Fiscal Year 2009-2010 first quarter interim financial reports and ongoing assurances.**

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

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

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

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

Chair Parker gave the report of the Committee.

I.1. University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Chair Parker reported that Provost Steve Landry, along with Dr. DeWayne Bowie, Vice President for Enrollment Services, Dr. Carolyn Bruder, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Ms. Bette Harris, Director of the Academic Success Center, had presented a powerpoint to the Committee 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.

J. **System President's Business**

J.1. Personnel Actions

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

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

Dr. Moffett recognized Dr. Frank Pogue, Interim President of Grambling State University. He congratulated him for Grambling's victory at the Bayou Classic over the Thanksgiving holidays. Dr. Moffett stated that Dr. Pogue has already hit the ground running, and Board member folders contained several articles about his recent appointment as Interim President.

J.2. University of Louisiana System's request for approval of a proposed Board Rule Revision to Chapter III, Faculty and Staff, Section XVI. Financial Exigency.

Upon motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Aucoin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed Board Rule Revision to Chapter III, Faculty and Staff, Section XVI. Financial Exigency.

In conjunction with the Board Rule Revision, Board members were given a copy of an associated Policy and Procedures Memorandum (PPM) regarding Furloughs.

J.3. System President's Report

Dr. Moffett advised Board members that in the Board folders were copies of a PPM titled Tenured Faculty-Strategic Reduction Initiative, FS-III.II.G-1, which allows the campuses to develop plans that may offer certain retirement/resignation incentives to tenured faculty.

Upon motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mr. Shetler, the Board unanimously voted to approve PPM FS-III.II.G-1 titled Tenured Faculty-Strategic Reduction Initiative.

Team Beausoleil

Dr. Moffett again 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.

After showing a brief video of the team in action, Dr. Savoie, President of University of Louisiana at Lafayette, introduced the student team members who were present: Scott Chappuis, Greg Jefferson, Denisse Castro, Chris Dufreche, Chris Leger, and Dr. Geoff Gjertson, the faculty advisor for the project.

Mrs. Elsie Burkhalter

Dr. Moffett commended Mrs. Burkhalter for her last two years of service as Chair of the Board. She has served on numerous committees and search committees during her 16-year tenure on the Board. Throughout her tenure, she always kept the Board focused on what was best for students.

Dr. Moffett provided a small token of appreciation to Mrs. Burkhalter for her leadership and service.

K. **Board Chair's Business**

K.1. Board Chair's Report

Mrs. Burkhalter thanked Dr. Moffett, Board members, and staff for their support during her two years as Chair. She said it was a pleasure and she enjoyed the opportunity to serve in this capacity.

K.2. Report of Nominating Committee

Mrs. Burkhalter asked Mr. Coudrain, Chair of the Nominating Committee, to give his report to the Board.

Mr. Coudrain reported that the Committee had met earlier in the morning. Committee members present were Dr. Gallot and Mr. Jenkins, and Mr. Paul Aucoin was also present. Drs. Kirkpatrick and O'Hara staffed the meeting.

Upon motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mrs. Burkhalter, the Board unanimously voted to appoint Mr. Winfred Sibille as Chair of the Board for the 2010 calendar year.

Per Board Rules, the Chair will have the privilege of appointing a Parliamentarian.

Upon motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mr. Sibille, the Board unanimously voted to appoint Mr. Wayne Parker as Vice Chair of the Board for the 2010 calendar year.

Mr. Sibille and Mr. Parker each thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve for the coming year in these leadership roles.

K.3. Appointment of Grambling State University Presidential Search Committee

Mrs. Burkhalter stated that she was prepared to appoint the Search Committee. She named the following Board members: Mrs. Elsie Burkhalter, Mr. Edward Crawford, Dr. Mildred Gallot, Mr. Steven Jackson, Mr. Jeff Jenkins, Mr. Jimmy Long, Mr. Wayne Parker, and Mr. Winfred Sibille. She stated that Dr. Moffett will serve as non-voting Chair, and the Grambling faculty will select a representative to serve as a voting member.

Mrs. Burkhalter said that the Search Committee will hold its first meeting after the beginning of the year.

Mrs. Burkhalter reminded Board members that the next meeting, which will be primarily focused on installation of officers, is Friday, January 8, 2010, in Baton Rouge.

L. Other Business

There was no other business to come before the Board.

M. Adjournment

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