

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE  
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM  
JANUARY 8, 2010**

A. **Call to Order**

Mrs. Elsie Burkhalter 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 10:43a.m.

B. **Roll Call**

The roll was called.

**PRESENT**

Mrs. Elsie Burkhalter  
Mr. Winfred F. Sibille  
Mr. Paul Aucoin  
Mr. Andre 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  
Mr. Carl Shetler

**ABSENT**

Mr. Edward Crawford III  
Mr. Steven Jackson

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 Dianne Irvine, interested citizens, and representatives of the news media.

C. **Invocation**

Mr. Parker gave the invocation.

D. **Approval of Minutes of December 4, 2009 Meeting**

Upon motion of Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Aucoin, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of December 4, 2009.

E. **Installation of 2010 Board Officers**

Dr. Kay Kirkpatrick, System Vice President for Administration and General Counsel, administered the Oath of Office to the 2010 Board Officers as follows:

Mr. Winfred F. Sibille – Chair  
Mr. D. Wayne Parker – Vice Chair  
Mr. Russell L. Mosely – Parliamentarian

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Mr. Sibille requested a motion to amend the agenda to include four items of other business.

Upon motion of Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Shetler, the Board unanimously approved a motion to amend the agenda to include four additional items of other business.

Mr. Sibille also requested a motion to suspend the rules in order to dispense with Committee deliberations and allow the Board as a whole to consider all items of business.

Upon motion of Mr. Shetler, seconded by Mr. Coudrain, the Board unanimously approved a motion to suspend the rules in order to dispense with Committee deliberations and allow the Board as a whole to consider all items of business.

F. **Nicholls State University's request for approval of the Harold J. Callais Endowed Chair in Economic Development.**

Upon motion of Mr. Aucoin, seconded by Mr. Coudrain, 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 hereby approve Nicholls State University's request for approval of the Harold J. Callais Endowed Chair in Economic Development.*

G. **Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Tammy Bourg as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs effective January 8, 2010.**

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

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approve Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Tammy Bourg as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs effective January 8, 2010.*

Dr. John Crain, President of Southeastern Louisiana University, acknowledged Dr. Bourg, who thanked the Board for the appointment.

Also introduced to the Board was recently approved Mr. W. Bart Bellairs, who also thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve Southeastern as its new Director of Athletics.

H. **System President's Business**

H.1. **Personnel Actions**

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

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

## H.2. Other Business

- Budget Actions – Mid-Year Reductions

Dr. Moffett provided an overview of recently announced mid-year reductions. In aggregate after three reductions over the past 13 months, these have resulted in a 17.5% reduction in state funding for the UL System.

Dr. Moffett asked Finance Chair Coudrain to give the Board an update. Mr. Coudrain stated that he had met with Dr. Bruno to discuss mid-year reductions. Mr. Coudrain said that necessary adjustments at the campuses have been made to account for the mid-year cuts. Most reductions are accomplished by not filling vacant positions, eliminating travel and related expenses, limiting the ordering of supplies, etc., none of which is indefinitely sustainable.

Mr. Coudrain asked System Vice President for Business and Finance Nick Bruno to describe the budget process, and Dr. Bruno briefly explained the timeline and procedures.

- Resignation of President Robert Hebert – McNeese State University

Dr. Moffett announced that Dr. Robert Hebert has submitted his letter of resignation as President of McNeese State University after 23 years in that role. Dr. Moffett commended Dr. Hebert for his many exemplary years of service and highlighted several accomplishments during his tenure:

- Created Banners Cultural Services, including McLeod Lecture Series on Louisiana politics
- Initiated selective admissions in 2000
- Created an honors college with private funding
- Increased fundraising from \$1 million to \$55 million
- Responded to Hurricane Rita with exceptional leadership
- Created Louisiana Environmental Research Center funded by federal grants
- Fostered relationships with local industry through the Lake Area Industries-McNeese Engineering Partnership

Dr. Hebert thanked the Board and System administration for the support he has received over the years as he led McNeese State University. He stated he looks forward to the future as he transitions into retirement.

Upon motion of Mr. Shetler, seconded by Mr. Hebert, the Board unanimously voted to accept the resignation of Dr. Robert Hebert as President of McNeese State University, effective June 30, 2010.

Board members provided complimentary words to Dr. Hebert for his years of service to the University and his many accomplishments.

- Presidential Search Committees

Dr. Moffett reported that the Grambling and McNeese Presidential Search Committees will meet jointly in Baton Rouge on January 29 at 10:30 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss procedures and proposed timeline for each search.

On February 9, 2010, the McNeese Presidential Search Committee will meet in Lake Charles to solicit campus and community input regarding the desired characteristics of the next President. Likewise, on February 11, the Grambling Presidential Search Committee will host a similar meeting in Grambling, Louisiana to receive input. Such meetings are in compliance with Board Rules and past practice.

Dr. Moffett indicated that the Grambling Faculty Senate had elected Dr. Matthew Ware to serve as its representative on the Grambling Search Committee. Dr. Ware will be a voting member of the Committee.

- Proposed Revisions of PPM and Board Rule

Dr. Moffett informed Board members that each was given a copy of the following proposed revisions:

- **Policy and Procedure Memorandum** – FS-III.XV.B-1a, Academic Program Reduction and/or Discontinuance
- **Board Rule** – Chapter III, Faculty and Staff, Section XV. Termination

Dr. Moffett stated that Campus Presidents will be given the opportunity to review and offer feedback. The proposed rule revision will require Board action.

- UL-Monroe

President Moffett congratulated University of Louisiana at Monroe for recently receiving SACS reaffirmation.

- Record Fall Commencement Numbers

Dr. Moffett congratulated Nicholls State University and Southeastern Louisiana University for record graduation numbers for Fall Commencement. Overall, the System awarded 5,700 degrees in December.

- Louisiana Postsecondary Education Review Commission (LaPERC)

Dr. Moffett informed the Board that the next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for January 11 and 12 at the Capitol in Baton Rouge. He invited Board members to attend if possible. He reminded Board members that final recommendations from the Commission are due to the Board of Regents by mid February.

Mrs. Burkhalter continues to represent the System at the Commission as an advisory member.

I. **Board Chair's Report**

Appointment of McNeese State University Presidential Search Committee

Mr. Sibille stated that he was prepared to appoint the McNeese Presidential Search Committee. He named the following Board members to the Committee: Mr. Paul Aucoin, Mr. E. Gerald Hebert, Mr. Steven Jackson, Ms. Renee Lapeyrolerie, Mr. Jimmy Long, Mr. Russell Mosely, Mr. Carl Shetler, and Mr. Winfred Sibille. He stated that Dr. Moffett will serve as non-voting Chair, and the McNeese faculty will select a representative to serve as a voting member. Mr. Robert Davidson, a businessman, will represent the local community as an advisory member as well as Mr. Tim Rye, McNeese State University SGA President, who will also serve as advisory member on the Committee.

2010 Committee Assignments

Mr. Sibille stated that a list of 2010 Standing Committee appointments was included in Board members' folders. He appointed the following Chairs and Vice Chairs:

<b>Academic and Student Affairs</b>	Renee Lapeyrolerie – Chair Elsie Burkhalter – Vice Chair
<b>Athletic</b>	Carl Shetler – Chair Mildred Gallot – Vice Chair
<b>Audit</b>	Jeff Jenkins – Chair Carl Shetler – Vice Chair
<b>Executive</b>	Winfred Sibille – Chair Wayne Parker – Vice Chair
<b>Facilities Planning</b>	Edward Crawford – Chair Renee Lapeyrolerie – Vice Chair
<b>Finance</b>	Andre Coudrain – Chair Russell Mosely – Vice Chair
<b>Grievance</b>	Elsie Burkhalter – Chair Russell Mosely – Vice Chair
<b>Legislation</b>	Jimmy Long – Chair Andre Coudrain – Vice Chair
<b>Personnel</b>	Paul Aucoin – Chair E. Gerald Hebert – Vice Chair

**Special Committee/Access and Success**

Mildred Gallot – Chair  
Jeff Jenkins – Vice Chair

Mr. Sibille also indicated that Mr. Hebert will continue to act as the Board liaison to the UL System Cost Containment and Efficiencies Committee.

Next Meeting

Mr. Sibille reminded Board members that the next meeting of the Board is scheduled for February 25-26, 2010 in Baton Rouge.

J. **Other Business**

- (1) **Grambling State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Connie Walton as Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs effective January 18, 2010.**

Upon motion of Dr. Gallot, seconded by Mr. Hebert, the Board unanimously approved adoption of the following resolution.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approve Grambling State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Connie Walton as Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs effective January 18, 2010.*

- (2) **Grambling State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Evelyn Wynn as Interim Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences effective January 18, 2010.**

Upon motion of Dr. Gallot, seconded by Mr. Hebert, the Board unanimously approved adoption of the following resolution.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approve Grambling State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Evelyn Wynn as Interim Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences effective January 18, 2010.*

- (3) **Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of the Virginia S. Thompson Endowed Chair in Finance in the College of Business and the Eunice C. Williamson Endowed Chair in Language and Literature in the College of Liberal Arts.**

Upon motion of Mr. Shetler, seconded by Mr. Hebert, the Board unanimously approved adoption of the following resolution.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of the Virginia S. Thompson Endowed Chair in Finance in the College of Business and the Eunice C. Williamson Endowed Chair in Language and Literature in the College of Liberal Arts.*

- (4) **Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to enter into a ten-year (10) year lease agreement for the University's bookstore operations with Texas Book Company.**

Upon motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mr. Shetler, the Board unanimously approved adoption of the following resolution.

***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 enter into a ten-year (10) year lease agreement for the University's bookstore operations with Texas Book Company.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Southeastern Louisiana University shall obtain final review and approval 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. John Crain, President of Southeastern Louisiana University, is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute this agreement.*

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

K. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mr. Aucoin, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.