

**MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM
MARCH 26, 2010**

A. **Call to Order**

Mr. Winfred Sibille 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 11:38 a.m.

B. **Roll Call**

The roll was called.

PRESENT

Mr. Paul Aucoin
Mr. Andre Coudrain
Mr. Edward Crawford III
Dr. Mildred G. Gallot
Mr. E. Gerald Hebert
Mr. Steven Jackson

Mr. Jimmy D. Long, Sr.
Mr. Russell Mosely
Mr. D. Wayne Parker
Mr. Carl Shetler
Mr. Winfred F. Sibille

ABSENT

Mr. Jeff Jenkins

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

C. **Invocation**

Mr. Wayne Parker gave the invocation.

D. **Approval of Minutes of February 26, 2010 Meeting**

Upon motion of Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Long, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of February 26, 2010.

E. **Report of Academic and Student Affairs Committee**

Mrs. Burkhalter, Vice Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, presented the Committee report.

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

- E.1. Grambling State University's request to award an Honorary Doctor of Letters degree to Muriel A. Howard at the Spring 2010 Commencement Exercises.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Grambling State University's request to award an Honorary Doctor of Letters degree to Muriel A. Howard at the Spring 2010 Commencement Exercises.*

- E.2. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of a Letter of Intent and Proposal to establish a Post Baccalaureate Certificate (PBC) program in Rural Development in the Department of Agricultural Sciences in the College of Applied and Natural Sciences.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of a Letter of Intent and Proposal to establish a Post Baccalaureate Certificate (PBC) program in Rural Development in the Department of Agricultural Sciences in the College of Applied and Natural Sciences.*

- E.3. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of a Letter of Intent and Proposal to establish a Post Baccalaureate Certificate (PBC) program in Dietetics in the School of Human Ecology in the College of Applied and Natural Sciences.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of a Letter of Intent and Proposal to establish a Post Baccalaureate Certificate (PBC) program in Dietetics in the School of Human Ecology in the College of Applied and Natural Sciences.*

- E.4. McNeese State University's request for approval to combine/delete academic majors in French and Spanish to form a B.A. degree program in Foreign Languages.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves McNeese State University's request to combine/delete academic majors in French and Spanish to form a B.A. degree program in Foreign Languages.*

- E.5. McNeese State University's request for approval to increase undergraduate admissions standards for first-time freshmen effective with the Spring 2011 semester.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves McNeese State University's request for approval to increase undergraduate admissions standards for first-time freshmen effective with the Spring 2011 semester.*

- E.6. Nicholls State University's request for approval to award an Honorary Doctor of Science (D.Sc.) degree to Mr. Kerry St. Pé at the Spring 2010 Commencement Exercises.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Nicholls State University's request to award an Honorary Doctor of Science (D.Sc.) degree to Mr. Kerry St. Pé at the Spring 2010 Commencement Exercises.*

F. **Report of Facilities Planning Committee**

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

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

- F.1. Grambling State University's request for approval to name the Performing Arts Center the "Conrad Hutchinson, Jr. Performing Arts Center."

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Grambling State University's request for approval to name the Performing Arts Center the "Conrad Hutchinson, Jr. Performing Arts Center."*

- F.2. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of a proposed land exchange agreement between Louisiana Tech University and the North American Islamic Trust.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of a proposed land exchange agreement between Louisiana Tech University and the North American Islamic Trust.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Louisiana Tech University shall obtain final review of all necessary documents from legal counsel and final approval from Board staff, and shall secure all other appropriate approvals from agencies/parties of processes, documents, and administrative requirements.*

***AND FURTHER,** that the President of Louisiana Tech University is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute said property exchange documents.*

- F.3. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to demolish the Recreation Center (formerly the Men's Gym) located on the main campus.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to demolish the Recreation Center (formerly the Men's Gym) located on the main campus.*

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

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

F.4. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's report on Ragin' Cajuns Softball Facilities Project.

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

G. **Report of Finance Committee**

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

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

G.1. McNeese State University's request for approval of the increase in certain self-assessed fees and the creation of additional self-assessed fees effective Fall 2010.

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 increase certain self-assessed fees and the creation of additional self-assessed fees effective Fall 2010.

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

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

H. **Report of Grievance Committee**

H.1. Nicholls State University – Ms. Cynthia DuBois, Assistant Professor

This item was removed from this month's agenda.

I. **Report of Legislation Committee**

I.1. Update on the 2010 Regular Session of the Legislature

This is a report only and no action by the Board was necessary.

J. **Report of Personnel Committee**

Chair Aucoin presented the Committee report.

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

J.1. Northwestern State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Lisa Abney as Provost and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs effective April 1, 2010.

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 appoint Dr. Lisa Abney as Provost and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs effective April 1, 2010.

K. **System President's Business**

K.1. **Personnel Actions**

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

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

K.2. **System President's Report**

- Dr. Moffett updated the Board regarding the McNeese Presidential Search. He stated that the vacancy has been appropriately advertised and to date five completed applications have been received and posted to the website. The Search Committee will meet again in April, and campus interviews of semi-finalists will be conducted in Lake Charles thereafter.
- Dr. Moffett reported that two campuses, Northwestern and Southeastern, had submitted incentive retirement plans per the recently approved PPM. One additional campus is finalizing its plan as well.
- President Moffett stated that Dr. O'Hara had coordinated a March 12 meeting for the System Deans of the Colleges of Business and had arranged for Dr. Ronald E. Shiffler, Dean of the College of Business Administration at Georgia Southern University, to lead the discussion. The meeting addressed the issue of online delivery of the undergraduate business degree through a consortium.
- Dr. Moffett congratulated Grambling, Louisiana Tech, and Nicholls for achieving national honors for service learning. Tech and Nicholls were named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll and Grambling was recognized on the Honor Roll with Distinction.
- Dr. Moffett reported that on Wednesday, March 24, *Louisiana Public Square*, a program broadcast on Louisiana Public Broadcasting, had presented a panel focusing on higher education. Participants on the panel were Jennifer Pike, Speaker of the House Jim Tucker, Senator Ben Nevers, Sally Clausen, and Tony Clayton.
- President Moffett informed the Board that he, along with Commissioner Clausen and other System Heads, provided testimony at the House Appropriations Committee relative to higher education's existing operating budget, the recommended budget for fiscal 2011, and projected budget implications for 2012.

- Dr. Moffett also stated that the proposed LA GRAD Act may provide campuses with important operating and financial incentives.

Upon motion of Mr. Long, and a unanimous second, the Board voted to support passage of the LA GRAD Act as proposed by Speaker Jim Tucker (HB 1171) and President Chaisson (SB 570) and endorsed by Governor Jindal.

- Dr. Moffett lastly informed Board members that they must complete and file their annual Personal Financial Disclosure “Tier 2.1” forms by May 15. Forms were available in their folders.

L. **Board Chair’s Report**

- Chair Sibille reported that former Board member David Wright had recently passed away. Mr. Wright was a member of the Board from 1999 to 2004 and had served as Chair of the Personnel Committee, Vice Chair of the Grievance Committee, and as a member of Athletic, Academic and Student Affairs, and Legislation Committees. Mr. Sibille reported that Dr. Gallot, on behalf of the Board, had graciously spoken at Mr. Wright’s service.
- Mr. Sibille said Grambling and McNeese will be on spring break beginning March 29, and the other six institutions will be closed the week of April 5.
- Mr. Sibille reminded Board members that the next scheduled meetings will be held April 22-23, 2010 in Baton Rouge.

M. **Other Business/Adjournment**

There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Shetler, the meeting adjourned at 12:14 p.m.