

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM
December 9, 2011**

A. **Call to Order**

Mr. Winfred Sibille, Chair, called to order the special 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 9:12 a.m.

B. **Roll Call**

The roll was called.

PRESENT

Mr. Winfred Sibille, Chair	Mr. Louis J. Lambert
Mr. D. Wayne Parker, Vice Chair	Ms. Renee Lapeyrolerie
Mr. Paul Aucoin	Mr. John LeTard
Mr. Andre G. Coudrain	Mr. John Lombardo
Mr. Edward Crawford III	Mr. Jimmy Long
Mr. Jimmy Faircloth, Jr.	Mr. Jimmy Martin, Jr.
Mr. David Guidry	Mr. Carl Shetler
Mr. E. Gerald Hebert	

ABSENT

Mr. Russell Mosely

Also present for the meeting were the following: System President Randy Moffett, System staff, legal counsel, interested citizens, and representatives of the news media.

C. **Report of University of New Orleans Presidential Search Committee**

Dr. Moffett commended Search Committee members for their willingness to serve during the search process and also thanked those non-Board members who devoted their time to assist in the search. These members included: Dr. Neal Maroney, UNO faculty representative; Mr. John Mineo, UNO SGA President; Mr. Brian Glorioso, UNO International Alumni Association; and Ms. Susan Hess and Mr. Gary Solomon, community representatives. Dr. Maroney, Mr. Glorioso, and Ms. Hess were present in the audience. Dr. Moffett also thanked Dr. Joe King, Interim Chancellor, and his staff for helping to organize the meetings that took place on UNO's campus.

Dr. Moffett stated that the Committee had met on the UNO campus from November 29-December 2, 2011. On November 29-30 and December 1, the four semifinalists were interviewed, and each had been given opportunities to participate in meetings with deans, department heads, faculty, student leaders, staff, and community members.

Dr. Moffett reported that the Search Committee had convened on Friday, December 2, 2011, to deliberate and selected two finalists for the Board's consideration: Dr. Peter Fos, Professor and

Director of Health Policy and Systems Management at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-New Orleans, and Dr. Michael Wartell, Chancellor at Indiana University-Purdue University-Fort Wayne.

D. **Overview of Interview Procedures/Public Comments**

Mr. Sibille described the procedure for the interviews. He stated that each candidate would be given the opportunity to provide an opening statement, followed by questioning by Board members. Subsequent to each public interview, the Board would individually meet with the finalist in executive session. After the final interview and executive session, the Board planned to remain in executive session to deliberate. When the Board returned to open session, discussion and voting would follow.

Dr. Moffett asked for public comment from the audience prior to the interview process.

Two individuals voiced comment to the Board: Dr. Neal Maroney and Dr. Andrew Goss, both members of the UNO Faculty Senate. Dr. Goss also shared the results of a faculty/staff survey conducted on the presidential finalists.

Dr. Moffett thanked them for their input and interest in the selection of the next President of the University of New Orleans.

E. **Candidate Interviews**

Dr. Peter Fos

Mr. Sibille introduced Dr. Peter Fos as the first finalist to be interviewed. Dr. Fos currently holds the position of Professor and Director of the Health Policy and Systems Management at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center – New Orleans, School of Public Health. Previously, Dr. Fos served as Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs at University of Texas-Tyler. Dr. Fos received a D.D.S. from Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center School of Dentistry, a Ph.D. in Health Care Decision Analysis from Tulane University Graduate School, a Master of Public Health in Health Systems Management from Tulane University Health Sciences Center School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, and a B.S. in Biological Sciences from the University of New Orleans.

Dr. Fos made an opening statement and thanked the Board for being selected as a finalist. He said he appreciated the spirit that was evident on the campus when he visited. Joining him at the table was his wife, Lori. Board members had an opportunity to question Dr. Fos.

Mr. Sibille stated that the Board would meet in Executive Session pursuant to R.S. 42:6.1 to discuss personnel matters with Dr. Fos.

Upon motion of Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Crawford, the Board voted to convene in Executive Session. The following roll call vote was recorded:

Yeas: Mr. Aucoin, Mr. Coudrain, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Faircloth, Mr. Guidry,
Mr. Hebert, Mr. Lambert, Ms. Lapeyrolerie, Mr. LeTard, Mr. Lombardo,
Mr. Long, Mr. Martin, Mr. Parker, Mr. Shetler, Mr. Sibille

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Mosely

At 10:00 a.m., the Board met in Executive Session with Dr. Fos.

At 10:49 a.m., the Board reconvened in Open Session. While in Executive Session, no motions were made nor votes taken.

Dr. Michael Wartell

Mr. Sibille introduced Dr. Michael Wartell as the second finalist. Dr. Wartell has been Chancellor at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne since 1994, having previously served as vice chancellor for academic affairs and professor of chemistry. Dr. Wartell received his undergraduate degree in chemistry from the University of New Mexico and Master of Science and Ph.D. in physical chemistry from Yale University.

Dr. Wartell made an opening statement and said it was an honor to be selected as a finalist. Joining him at the table was his wife, Ruth. Board members had an opportunity to question Dr. Wartell.

Mr. Sibille stated that the Board would meet in Executive Session pursuant to R.S. 42:6.1 to discuss personnel matters with Dr. Wartell.

Upon motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Long, the Board voted to convene in Executive Session. The following roll call vote was recorded:

Yeas: Mr. Aucoin, Mr. Coudrain, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Faircloth, Mr. Guidry,
Mr. Hebert, Mr. Lambert, Ms. Lapeyrolerie, Mr. LeTard, Mr. Lombardo,
Mr. Long, Mr. Martin, Mr. Parker, Mr. Shetler, Mr. Sibille

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Mosely

At 11:27 a.m., the Board met in Executive Session with Dr. Wartell.

At 12:59 p.m., the Board reconvened in Open Session. While in Executive Session, no motions were made nor votes taken.

F. **Selection and Introduction of President of the University of New Orleans**

Mr. Sibille asked for comments and observations from Board members. Mr. Coudrain made the following motion, seconded by Mr. Faircloth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby appoints Dr. Peter Fos as President of the University of New Orleans, with salary and related benefits to be determined by System President Randy Moffett, in consultation with the Board Chair and Vice Chair, and executed by a letter of appointment and in accordance with Board Rules.

The following roll call vote was recorded:

Yeas:	Mr. Aucoin, Mr. Coudrain, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Faircloth, Mr. Guidry, Mr. Hebert, Mr. LeTard, Mr. Lombardo, Mr. Long, Mr. Martin, Mr. Parker, Mr. Shetler, Mr. Sibille
Nays:	None
Absent:	Mr. Lambert, Ms. Lapeyrolerie, Mr. Mosely

Dr. Fos thanked the Board for approving his appointment and he said that he was proud and excited to be named President of the University of New Orleans.

Mr. Sibille and Dr. Moffett congratulated Dr. Fos for the appointment.

H. **Other Business**

Mr. Sibille reminded Board members that the next scheduled meeting will be held on Friday, January 6, 2012.

I. **Adjournment**

Upon motion of Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Shetler, the meeting adjourned at 1:17 p.m.