

**MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM
FEBRUARY 25, 2011**

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 12:18 p.m.

B. **Swearing in of Newly Appointed Board Members**

Mr. Sibille stated that Messrs. Guidry, Hebert, and Lambert had been administered the Oath of Office earlier in the morning. Ms. Linda Clark, Attorney, administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Jimmie "Beau" Martin, Jr. Mr. Martin said he appreciated Governor Bobby Jindal for appointing him to the Board.

C. **Roll Call**

The roll was called.

PRESENT

Mr. Paul Aucoin	Mr. John LeTard
Mr. Andre Coudrain	Mr. Jimmy Long, Sr.
Mr. Edward Crawford III	Mr. Jimmie "Beau" Martin, Jr.
Mr. Jimmy Faircloth, Jr.	Mr. Russell Mosely
Mr. David Guidry	Mr. D. Wayne Parker
Mr. E. Gerald Hebert	Mr. Brook Sebren
Mr. Louis J. Lambert	Mr. Winfred Sibille

ABSENT

Ms. Renee Lapeyrolerie
Mr. Carl Shetler

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.

E. **Approval of Minutes of January 7, 2011 Meeting**

Upon motion of Mr. Faircloth, seconded by Mr. LeTard, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the January 7, 2011 Board meeting.

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

Mr. Long presented the Committee report.

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

- F.1. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of a Letter of Intent and Proposal to establish a Post Baccalaureate (Graduate) Certificate in Communications Systems.

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 (Graduate) Certificate in Communications Systems.

- F.2. Nicholls State University's request for approval to award an Honorary Doctor of Letters (D.Litt.) to Ms. Tresha Mabile at the Spring 2011 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 for approval to award an Honorary Doctor of Letters (D.Litt.) to Ms. Tresha Mabile at the Spring 2011 Commencement Exercises.

- F.3. Northwestern State University's request for approval of a Letter of Intent for a Bachelor of Applied Science degree program in Allied Health.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Northwestern State University's request for approval of a Letter of Intent for a Bachelor of Applied Science degree program in Allied Health.

- F.4. University of Louisiana System's request for approval of revisions to Board Rule Chapter III. Faculty and Staff, Section XI. Tenure; and Board Rule Chapter III. Faculty and Staff, Section XV. Termination and associated Policy and Procedures Memorandum (PPM) Academic Program Reduction and/or Discontinuance, FS-III.XV.B-1a.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of Louisiana System's request for approval of revisions to Board Rule Chapter III. Faculty and Staff, Section XI. Tenure; and Board Rule Chapter III. Faculty and Staff, Section XV. Termination and associated Policy and Procedures Memorandum (PPM) Academic Program Reduction and/or Discontinuance, FS-III.XV.B-1a.

G. Report of Joint Athletic and Audit Committee

Mr. Aucoin, Chair of the Audit Committee, gave the Committee report.

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

- G.1. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of a contractual agreement between Golf Coach, Mr. Jeff Parks, Louisiana Tech University, and the Louisiana Tech University Foundation.

***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 contractual agreement between Golf Coach, Mr. Jeff Parks, Louisiana Tech University, and the Louisiana Tech University Foundation.*

- G.2. Northwestern State University's request for approval of an extension of a contract with Head Football Coach, Mr. Bradley Dale Peveto.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Northwestern State University's request for approval of an extension to the contractual agreement with Mr. Bradley Dale Peveto.*

- G.3. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to enter into a contractual agreement with Mr. Mark Hudspeth as Head Football Coach.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to enter into a contractual agreement with Mr. Mark Hudspeth as Head Football Coach.*

- G.4. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of an amended contract of Head Football Coach, Mr. Todd Berry.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of an extension to the contractual agreement with Mr. Todd Berry.*

- G.5. University of Louisiana System's report of significant athletic activities for the period of October 9, 2010 to February 11, 2011.

No action was required by the Board as it was a report only.

- G.6. University of Louisiana System's report on internal and external audits submitted for the period October 9, 2010 to February 11, 2011.

No action was required by the Board as it was a report only.

H. **Report of Facilities Planning Committee**

Mr. Crawford gave the Committee report.

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

- H.1. Louisiana Tech University's request for permission to rename the old Visual Arts Building *University Hall*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Louisiana Tech University's request for permission to rename the old Visual Arts Building "University Hall."

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 System office with copies of all final executed documents for Board file.

- H.2. Northwestern State University's request for approval to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Office of State Parks, for the purpose of providing to the State Parks 4.25 acres of the designated property to be used for its District 4 Regional Office site.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Northwestern State University's request for approval to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Office of State Parks for the purpose of providing to the State Parks 4.25 acres of the designated property to be used for its District 4 Regional Office site.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of Northwestern State University is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute said Cooperative Endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Northwestern State 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 Northwestern State University will provide the System office with copies of all final executed documents for Board files.

- H.3. Northwestern State University's request for approval of a transfer of facilities to Louisiana Office of State Parks.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve Northwestern State University's request for a transfer of facilities to Louisiana Office of State Parks.

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

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

H.4. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to demolish North Campus Classroom Building.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Southeastern Louisiana University's request to demolish North Campus Classroom Building.*

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

H.5. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to change the name of the Cecil J. Picard Center for Child Development to Cecil J. Picard Center for Child Development and Lifelong Learning.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request to change the name of the Cecil J. Picard Center for Child Development to Cecil J. Picard Center for Child Development and Lifelong Learning.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that University of Louisiana at Lafayette 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 University of Louisiana at Lafayette will provide System office with copies of all final executed documents for Board file.*

H.6. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of Act of Transfer of property from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Property Foundation.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University Louisiana System hereby approves University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of Act of Transfer of property from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Property Foundation.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the President of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette is hereby designated and authorized to sign any and all documents related to the donation.*

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

H.7. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to accept donation of property (804 North McGuire) from the University of Louisiana at Monroe Foundation.

***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 request to accept donation of property (804 North McGuire) from the University of Louisiana at Monroe Foundation.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of University of Louisiana at Monroe is hereby designated and authorized to sign any and all documents related to the donation.

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

- H.8. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to enter into a Ground Lease Agreement and Agreement to Lease with Option to Purchase Agreement with University of Louisiana at Monroe Facilities Corporation (ULMFI), a 501(c)3, not-for-profit corporation, for the purpose of acquiring and installing scoreboards at various athletic sites on the University's main campus.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of Louisiana at Monroe's request to enter into a Ground Lease Agreement and Agreement to Lease with Option to Purchase with University of Louisiana at Monroe Facilities Corporation (ULMFI), a 501(c)3, not-for-profit corporation, for the purpose of acquiring and installing scoreboards at various athletic sites on the University's main campus.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of University of Louisiana at Monroe is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute said lease agreement(s).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that University of Louisiana at Monroe 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.

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

I. Report of Finance Committee

Mr. Coudrain presented the Committee report.

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

- I.1. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of a per credit hour fee for Murphy Oil employees' participation in the joint education agreement.

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 per credit hour fee for Murphy Oil employees' participation in the joint education agreement.

I.2. McNeese State University's request for approval of a proposed student fee referendum.

***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 of a proposed student fee referendum.*

I.3. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of a proposed student fee referendum.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of a proposed student fee referendum.*

I.4. University of Louisiana System's request for approval to establish LEQSF (8g) Endowed Professorships/Scholarships as amended.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the following requests to establish LEQSF (8g) Endowed Professorships/Scholarships as amended.*

a. **Grambling State University**

- 1) Clayton A. Wiley and Viola E. Wiley Endowed Professorship for the Department of Engineering Technology in the College of Arts and Sciences

b. **Louisiana Tech University**

- 1) Ken Hollis Professorship in the College of Liberal Arts

c. **McNeese State University**

- 1) Citgo Petroleum Professorship in Engineering #6

d. **Nicholls State University**

- 1) Mary M. Danos Endowed Professorship in Nursing
- 2) Danos Family First Generation Endowed Undergraduate Scholarship
- 3) Randolph and Cecilia Cheramie First Generation Endowed Undergraduate Scholarship in Culinary Arts
- 4) Boysie and Joy Bollinger First Generation Endowed Undergraduate Scholarship in Culinary Arts

e. **Northwestern State University**

- 1) Dr. William Timon Endowed Professorship in Mathematics
- 2) Richard I. Davis First Generation Endowed Scholarship #2

f. **Southeastern Louisiana University**

- 1) Marcia and Cameron Barr First Generation Endowed Scholarship

g. **University of Louisiana at Lafayette**

- 1) *James H. Harper South Louisiana Mid-Winter Fair Association/BORSF Professorship*
- 2) *Mr. and Mrs. E.P. "Pat" Nally/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Business Administration 2010*
- 3) *Morgan Keegan/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Business Administration*
- 4) *Philip and Jean Piccione/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Statistics IX*
- 5) *Philip and Jean Piccione/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Statistics X*
- 6) *Beatrice Joseph Boustany First Generation/BORSF Endowed Scholarship*
- 7) *Paul A. Callais Memorial/BORSF Endowed First Generation Scholarship in Economics/Finance II*
- 8) *Edward Jacobs "Jake" Smith Memorial/BORSF Endowed First Generation Scholarship*

h. **University of Louisiana at Monroe**

- 1) *Alumni Professorship in Accounting*
- 2) *Pfizer Inc.-B.J. and Mary Robison Professorship in Gerontology*
- 3) *Deborah J. Cofer Distinguished Professorship in Undergraduate Education*
- 4) *James E. Cofer, Sr. Distinguished Professorship in Undergraduate Education*

Mr. Aucoin applauded the campus presidents for securing these professorships and scholarships and thanked the donors for supporting the campuses and students.

- I.5. University of Louisiana System's request for approval of the 2011-12 Undergraduate and Graduate Mandatory Attendance Fees and Non-Resident Fees and Schedule as required by LA GRAD Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the 2011-12 Undergraduate and Graduate Mandatory Attendance Fees and Non-Resident Fees and Schedule as required by LA GRAD Act.

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

- I.6. University of Louisiana System's discussion of Fiscal Year 2010-11 second quarter financial reports and ongoing assurances.

No action was required as this was a report only.

- I.7. University of Louisiana System's semi-annual report on alternatively financed projects.

No action was required as this was a report only.

- I.8. University of Louisiana System's update on cost containment activities.

No action was required as this was a report only.

J. **Report of Personnel Committee**

Mr. Hebert presented the Committee report.

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

- J.1. McNeese State University's request for approval of the reorganization of administrative offices for the academic year 2011-12.

***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 reorganize its administrative offices for the academic year 2011-12.*

- J.2. Nicholls State University's request for approval to appoint Mr. Larry Howell as Interim Executive Vice President effective January 19, 2011.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Nicholls State University's request to appoint Mr. Larry Howell as Interim Executive Vice President effective January 19, 2011.*

- J.3. Nicholls State University's request for approval to appoint Mr. Michael Naquin as Interim Associate Vice President effective January 19, 2011.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Nicholls State University's request to appoint Mr. Michael Naquin as Interim Associate Vice President effective January 19, 2011.*

- J.4. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Ann Carruth as Interim Dean of Nursing and Health Sciences effective January 14, 2011.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Southeastern Louisiana University's request to appoint Dr. Ann Carruth as Interim Dean of Nursing and Health Sciences effective January 14, 2011.*

- J.5. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to appoint Mr. Scott Farmer as Interim Athletic Director effective January 17, 2011.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request to appoint Mr. Scott Farmer as Interim Athletic Director effective January 17, 2011.*

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. Sebren, seconded by Mr. Long, the Board voted unanimously to approve the System personnel actions as amended.

K.2. System President's Report

Hardship Waiver PPM

President Moffett informed Board members that a copy of a Policy and Procedures Memorandum requiring campuses to develop hardship waiver policies for tuition and mandatory fees was included in their folders for information. Board action was not necessary.

Reporting Guidelines

Dr. Moffett reported that an ad hoc committee chaired by Nicholls Human Resources Director John Ford had been working to develop guidelines for reporting uniform personnel data to Board of Regents. He stated that, in the near future, the guidelines will be available on the UL System's website.

Campus Recognition

Dr. Moffett congratulated Grambling State University and University of Louisiana at Lafayette for having received SACS reaffirmation of accreditation in December. Also, Louisiana Tech University and McNeese State University had received business accreditation from AACSB.

He further reported that Louisiana Tech University has been elevated and classified by the Carnegie Foundation as a Research University – High Research Activity (RU/H), one of an exclusive group of approximately 100 U.S. research universities to earn the classification.

Dr. Moffett indicated that Chair Sibille will be the commencement speaker at the upcoming commencement exercises at Louisiana Tech.

Board of Regents – Leadership Agenda

Dr. Moffett directed Board members to their folders which included a list of 12 priorities the Board of Regents has adopted as its "leadership agenda." He said he looks forward to working with Dr. Jim Purcell, recently hired Commissioner of Higher Education, as these goals are pursued.

Governor Jindal's Higher Education Agenda/Resolution

President Moffett reported that on February 21 he and Messrs. Sibille and Hebert had attended the Governor's Press Conference held on the UL Lafayette campus. At that press conference, Governor Jindal announced legislation aimed at reviewing and possibly reversing some statutorily dedicated funds that hinder equal distribution of funding throughout the state.

Mr. Mosely presented a motion in support of state budget flexibilities, unanimously seconded by all Board members and signed by Chair Winfred Sibille. The document included the following resolution:

***THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby urge and request the Legislature of the State of Louisiana to support such efforts that provide expanded options when dealing with budgetary shortfalls that would result in a more equitable allocation of available state resources.*

LA GRAD Act

Dr. Moffett reminded the Board that campus plans in compliance with the LA GRAD Act had been approved in the Fall of 2010. The Performance Assessment ad hoc committee will review the annual reports prior to the April Board meeting, when they will be considered for approval by the Board.

Publications – Access, Value, Results

Dr. Moffett thanked Jackie Tisdell and campus communications directors for their work on a series of three publications aimed at publicizing the UL System. He stated that the first focused on access (a copy included in Board folders), and the spotlight was on non-traditional students. The second publication would showcase the value of an education from the UL System. The last publication would outline results of education from UL System institutions.

L. **Board Chair's Business**

L.1. **Board Chair's Report**

Committee Assignments

Mr. Sibille reported that the updated list of Standing Committees was included in their folders. He welcomed the new members.

Further, he noted that two ad hoc committees were added to the list – Cost Containment and Efficiencies (headed by Mr. Hebert) and Performance Assessment (headed by Ms. Lapeyrolerie).

Trusteeship Conference – January 31

Mr. Sibille commended members who participated in the Postsecondary Trusteeship Conference hosted by the Board of Regents. He agreed that there was a healthy dialogue among the state's higher education boards and looked forward to continuing collaboration as all work together.

Special Meetings

Mr. Sibille encouraged Board members to attend two meetings that will be held in North Louisiana. Grambling will host the 6th Annual UL System Service Learning Conference on March 17 and on March 18 Northwestern will host the first UL System Undergraduate Research Day.

M. **Other Business**

Mr. Coudrain requested that the Board's best wishes to Mr. Shetler be included in the minutes. He said that Mr. Shetler was doing well subsequent to his medical treatment in Houston and the Board wishes him a speedy recovery.

Mr. Aucoin also acknowledged System staff, Nicholls administration, and Linda Law Clark, System attorney, for recently prevailing in a lawsuit against Nicholls State University.

Mr. Sibille announced that the next Board meeting will be held in Baton Rouge on Thursday, April 28 and Friday, April 29, 2011.

N. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Guidry, seconded by Mr. Lambert, the meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.