

**MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM
APRIL 30, 2013**

A. **Call to Order**

Mr. Wayne Parker 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 9:50 a.m.

B. **Roll Call**

The roll was called.

PRESENT

Mr. John Condos	Mr. Jimmie "Beau" Martin, Jr.
Mr. William Dearmon	Mr. D. Wayne Parker
Dr. Kelly Faircloth	Mr. Mark Romero
Mr. David Guidry	Mr. Winfred Sibille
Mr. E. Gerald Hebert	Mr. Gary Solomon
Mr. Jimmy Long	

ABSENT

Mr. Andre Coudrain	Mr. Carl Shetler
Mr. Edward Crawford III	Mr. Robert Shreve
Mr. John LeTard	

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

C. **Invocation**

Mr. Long gave the invocation.

D. **Approval of Minutes of February 26, 2013 Executive Committee and Board Meetings**

Upon motion of Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Romero, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the February 26, 2013 Executive Committee and Board Meetings.

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

ACADEMIC

Dr. Kelly Faircloth, Vice Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, presented the Committee's Joint Academic and Finance report.

Upon motion of Dr. Faircloth, seconded by Mr. Condos, the Board unanimously voted to approve the recommendation of the Joint Academic and Student Affairs and Finance Committee to approve the adoption of the following resolutions.

- E.1. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Business Foundations.

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 Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Business Foundations.

- E.2. McNeese State University's request for approval to award an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree to Mr. Joseph T. Miller, Sr. at the Spring Commencement Exercises.

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 award an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree to Mr. Joseph T. Miller, Sr. at the Spring Commencement Exercises.

- E.3. McNeese State University's request for approval to offer a Graduate Certificate Program in Business Administration.

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 offer a Graduate Certificate Program in Business Administration.

- E.4. McNeese State University's request for approval to offer a Graduate Certificate Program in Academically Gifted Education.

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 offer a Graduate Certificate Program in Academically Gifted Education.

- E.5. McNeese State University's request for approval to offer a Graduate Certificate Program in Immersion Education.

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 offer a Graduate Certificate Program in Immersion Education.

- E.6. Nicholls State University's request for approval to terminate the Master of Arts in Teaching degree program (Elementary Education and Special Education Mild/Moderate Grades 1-5).

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 terminate the Master of Arts in Teaching degree program (Elementary Education and Special Education Mild/Moderate Grades 1-5).

- E.7. Nicholls State University's request for approval to terminate the Master of Arts in Teaching degree program (Middle School Education and Special Education Mild/Moderate Grades 4-8).

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 terminate the Master of Arts in Teaching degree program (Middle School Education and Special Education Mild/Moderate Grades 4-8).

- E.8. Nicholls State University's request for approval to terminate the Master of Arts in Teaching degree program (Secondary Education and Special Education Mild/Moderate Grades 6-12).

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 terminate the Master of Arts in Teaching degree program (Secondary Education and Special Education Mild/Moderate Grades 6-12).

- E.9. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of Vision 2017 Strategic Plan.

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 of Vision 2017 Strategic Plan.

- E.10. University of Louisiana System's update of the 2012-13 Board of Regents Enhanced Academic Program Review.

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

FINANCE

- E.11. Northwestern State University's request for approval of a Renewal Agreement for Bookstore Services with Barnes & Noble College Booksellers, LLC.

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 Renewal Agreement for Bookstore Services with Barnes & Noble College Booksellers, LLC.

- E.12. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a revised Affiliation Agreement with University Facilities, Inc.

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 of a revised Affiliation Agreement with University Facilities, Inc.

- E.13. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to change the following approved Endowed Professorships to Endowed First Generation Professorships: a) James E. Cofer, Sr. Endowed First Generation Scholarship; and b) Deborah J. Cofer Endowed First Generation Scholarship.

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 to change the following approved Endowed Professorships to Endowed First Generation Professorships: a) James E. Cofer, Sr. Endowed First Generation Scholarship; and b) Deborah J. Cofer Endowed First Generation Scholarship.

- E.14. University of New Orleans' request for approval of a Lease Agreement with Follett Higher Education Group, Inc. for the operation of the University Bookstore.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of New Orleans' request for approval of a Lease Agreement with Follett Higher Education Group, Inc. for the operation of the University Bookstore.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the University of New Orleans 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 the President of the University of New Orleans is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute this agreement.

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

- E.15. University of Louisiana System's recommendation to approve Campus Housing and Meal Plan Rates, Auxiliary Rates, Energy Surcharge, and Non-Governmental Charges for Academic Year 2013-14.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the University of Louisiana System's recommendation for Campus Housing and Meal Plan Rates, Auxiliary Rates, Energy Surcharge, and Non-Governmental Charges for Academic Year 2013-14:

- *Grambling State University*
- *Louisiana Tech University*
- *McNeese State University*
- *Nicholls State University*
- *Northwestern State University*
- *Southeastern Louisiana University*
- *University of Louisiana at Lafayette*
- *University of Louisiana at Monroe*
- *University of New Orleans*

- E.16. University of Louisiana System's update of 2014 budget and related issues.

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

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

Mr. Gary Solomon, Vice Chair of the Athletic Committee, presented the Committee's Athletic report.

Upon motion of Mr. Solomon, seconded by Mr. Martin, the Board unanimously voted to approve the recommendation of the Joint Athletic and Audit Committee to approve the adoption of the following resolutions.

ATHLETIC

- F.1. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of a contractual agreement with Mr. Michael White, Men's Head Basketball Coach, effective April 1, 2013.

***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 with Mr. Michael White, Men's Head Basketball Coach, effective April 1, 2013.*

- F.2. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contractual agreement with Mr. James Yarbrough, Men's Head Basketball Coach, effective April 1, 2013.

***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 of a contractual agreement with Mr. James Yarbrough, Men's Head Basketball Coach, effective April 1, 2013.*

- F.3. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a contractual agreement with Mr. James Willis, Assistant Football Coach, effective February 9, 2013.

***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 of a contractual agreement with Mr. James Willis, Assistant Football Coach, effective February 9, 2013.*

- F.4. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of an amendment to a contractual agreement with Mr. Todd Berry, Head Football Coach, effective May 1, 2013.

***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 amendment to a contractual agreement with Mr. Todd Berry, Head Football Coach, effective May 1, 2013.*

- F.5. University of Louisiana System's report of significant athletic activities for the period of February 9 to April 12, 2013.

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

Mr. David Guidry, Chair of the Audit Committee, presented the Committee's Audit report.

AUDIT

- F.6. Nicholls State University's request for approval of its Internal Audit Charter.

***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 of its Internal Audit Charter.*

- F.7. University of Louisiana System's report on internal and external audits submitted for the period of November 17, 2012 to February 8, 2013.

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

G. Report of Facilities Planning Committee

Mr. Winfred Sibille, Chair of the Facilities Planning Committee, presented the Committee's report.

Upon motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Dearmon, the Board unanimously voted to approve the recommendation of the Facilities Planning Committee to approve the adoption of the following resolutions.

- G.1. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to rename Room 209 in George T. Madison Hall the *Dennis E. Minor Technical Writing Lab*.

***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 to rename Room 209 in George T. Madison Hall the *Dennis E. Minor Technical Writing Lab*.*

- G.2. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to proceed with the implementation of the Athletic Facilities Master Plan utilizing Ragin' Cajuns Facilities, (RCI) Inc., a 501(c)3, not-for-profit corporation, including an initial authorization of Tier I of the Athletic Facilities Master Plan.

***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 proceed with the implementation of the Athletic Facilities Master Plan utilizing Ragin' Cajuns Facilities, (RCI) Inc., a 501(c)3, not-for-profit corporation, including an initial authorization of Tier I of the Athletic Facilities Master Plan.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the University will return to the Board when the plans are completed to request approval to enter into a lease and leaseback with the Foundation for the construction of this new facility.*

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

- G.3. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's informational update to proceed to the next phase of the work by Ambling University Development Group to develop a mixed use parking and academic project.

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

H. **Report of Legislation Committee**

Mr. Jimmy Long, Chair of the Legislation Committee, presented the Committee's report.

Upon motion of Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Guidry, the Board unanimously voted to amend its agenda to entertain three resolutions.

H.1. Update on the 2013 Regular Session of the Legislature

Ms. Jodi Mauroner, Associate Vice President for Education Policy & Initiatives, presented an update of bills that she is monitoring on behalf of the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Sibille, the Board unanimously voted by roll call vote to approve adoption of the following resolution:

SB16

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors for University of Louisiana System recognizes the multifaceted role of faculty at the nine institutions within the University of Louisiana System; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes the importance of remaining competitive with other states in attracting new faculty members; and

WHEREAS, the state employer contribution rate for the State of Louisiana is currently at 5.7% for members of the Optional Retirement Plan; and

WHEREAS, that rate is comparatively less than the employer contribution rates of other surrounding states which also contribute to Social Security; and

WHEREAS, with the implementation of ACT No. 483 of the 2012 Regular Session the employer contribution rate will be reduced to 1.8% effective July 1, 2013; and

WHEREAS, this places Louisiana public postsecondary institutions at a significant disadvantage in faculty recruitment; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 16 of the 2013 Regular Session of the Legislature would maintain the current contribution rate of 5.7%; and

WHEREAS, this would not incur additional costs for the institutions but would provide institutions flexibility in their efforts to attract quality faculty.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System urges and requests the Legislature of the State of Louisiana to consider these facts as they debate **Senate Bill 16** during the 2013 Regular Session of the Legislature.

Upon motion of Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Condos, the Board unanimously voted by roll call vote to approve adoption of the following resolution:

SB204

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 204 of the 2013 Regular Session of the Legislature provides authority to the Louisiana Community and Technical College System to issue bonds for \$251 million in new capital construction; and

WHEREAS, the authorization includes an additional 15% plus the cost of issuance, capitalized interest, credit enhancements and related costs; and

WHEREAS, these costs are considered to be outside of net state tax supported debt and not part of the state capital outlay bonding capacity; and

WHEREAS, these bonds will require an estimated \$20 million in annual state general fund direct appropriations to service the debt; and

WHEREAS, universities have lost over half of their state appropriations over the past four years; and

WHEREAS, this \$20 million state general fund would otherwise be available to fund the operating expenses of the state, including the formula for public postsecondary institutions; and

WHEREAS, the projects outlined in Senate Bill 204 were not submitted to the Board of Regents as part of the capital outlay review process as required by Article VIII §5 of the Louisiana Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents' process is particularly crucial during these times of scarce resources in order to prioritize the workforce needs of the entire state, including demand for university graduates such as engineers, computer scientists and nurse practitioners; and

WHEREAS, there is currently a backlog of \$1.76 billion in deferred maintenance projects for all higher education institutions awaiting available funding; and

***WHEREAS**, passage of Senate Bill 204 could likely equate to an annual budget reduction for all colleges and universities in order to fund selected new construction projects which have not been objectively evaluated in the context of the highest and best use of state dollars.*

***THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System urges and requests the Legislature of the State of Louisiana to consider these facts as they debate **Senate Bill 204** during the 2013 Regular Session of the Legislature.*

Upon motion of Mr. Long, seconded by Dr. Faircloth, the Board unanimously voted by roll call vote to approve adoption of the following resolution:

HB194

***WHEREAS**, higher education is critical to the state's economic growth, workforce development, and to the social and financial well-being of its citizens; and*

***WHEREAS**, the FY 2013-14 Executive Budget will reduce higher education's general fund dollars from \$1.42 billion in 2008 (excluding TOPS) to \$229.3 million for FY 2013-14 or a total reduction of \$1.24 billion (-84.5%); and*

***WHEREAS**, a significant portion of state revenue sources budgeted to higher education may or may not be available for FY 2013-14; and*

***WHEREAS**, if these funds do not materialize, the budget for higher education would be reduced accordingly, up to a 19% reduction; and*

***WHEREAS**, Louisiana students have historically enjoyed low tuition compared to their counterparts in other states in the region; and*

***WHEREAS**, Louisiana is one of only three states whose legislature has some control over tuition and the only state that requires legislative approval by two-thirds vote for tuition increases; and*

***WHEREAS**, House Bill 194 of the 2013 Regular Session of the Legislature would authorize management boards to set tuition at their institutions pursuant to the Board of Regents' Tuition and Fee Policy; and*

***WHEREAS**, management boards are in the best position to assess the need for increased tuition at any of their member institutions; and*

***WHEREAS**, House Bill 194 allows management boards to make decisions that are fair and market-sensitive; and*

WHEREAS, the authority to increase tuition is permissive and may be applied selectively; and

WHEREAS, this bill will provide some relief for the deficit in funding for Louisiana's public institutions of higher education.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System urges and requests the Legislature to consider these facts as they debate House Bill 194.

I. **System President's Business**

I.1. **Personnel Actions and Summer School Appointments**

Dr. Sandra Woodley, System President, reported that System staff reviewed the personnel actions and summer school appointments, and staff recommends approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Hebert, the Board voted unanimously to approve the System personnel actions and summer school appointments.

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

Financial Disclosure Reports

Dr. Woodley reminded Board members that the deadline for submission of Annual Personal Financial Disclosure Statements to the Board of Ethics is May 15.

2nd Annual UL System Academic Summit

Dr. Woodley reported that the System held its 2nd Annual Academic Summit on April 12-13 at University of Louisiana at Monroe with over 200 faculty, staff, and students participating. She recognized ULM President Nick Bruno for hosting the summit and thanked Mr. Parker and Mr. Shreve for attending. UL-Lafayette will hold the event in 2014.

Washington, D.C. Trip

Dr. Woodley reported to the Board that she had traveled to Washington, D.C. with the Council of Student Body Presidents in March. She said that the students met with congressional leadership.

Association of Governing Boards Conference

President Woodley thanked Board Chair Parker for encouraging her to participate in this year's AGB Conference. She said she took the opportunity to network with presidents and board professionals from across the country, who also face common budget challenges.

May 13 Meeting

Dr. Woodley asked that Board members and Presidents mark their calendars for a May 13 meeting in the Claiborne Building that is planned. She indicated that the afternoon session will involve a discussion among Board members, Presidents, and business leaders.

Nicholls State University Presidential Search

President Woodley announced that Dr. Stephen Hulbert plans to retire as Nicholls President effective August 1.

She listed the following Board members who had been appointed by Chair Parker to serve on the Search Committee: Andre Coudrain, William Dearmon (until the next student member begins his term in June), David Guidry, E. Gerald Hebert, Jimmie "Beau" Martin, Wayne Parker, Robert Shreve, Gary Solomon, and Winfred Sibille.

Dr. Stephen Michot will serve as the Nicholls faculty representative. Advisory members include Donald. T. "Boysie" Bollinger, Matthew Jewell, Deborah "Raz" Raziano, and F. Travis Lavigne, Jr.

The initial meeting of the Committee will be May 3 at 10:30 a.m. with a public forum at 1:00 p.m. These meetings will be held in Peltier Auditorium at Nicholls in Thibodaux.

J. Board Chair's Business

J.1. Board Chair's Report

Mr. Parker thanked President Philip Williams and McNeese staff for hosting a wonderful reception on Monday night that showcased McNeese's history and upcoming 75th anniversary.

J.2. University of Louisiana System's request to certify campus LA GRAD Act reports for 2012-13.

Mr. Parker asked for a motion to certify the campus GRAD Act reports for 2012-13. The reports were reviewed and approved earlier by the Executive Committee.

Upon motion of Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Dearmon, the Board unanimously voted to certify the LA GRAD Act reports for 2012-13.

J.3. Other Business

Mr. Will Dearmon, Student Board Member, gave a brief presentation on an initiative titled *Leadership – Louisiana Tech*. The program's objective is to bridge the gap between college involvement and postgraduate community involvement and to provide direction to graduating seniors who show potential of becoming future leaders in their communities. Chair Parker commended him for his leadership in this initiative.

As this was Mr. Dearmon's final Board meeting, Mr. Parker and Dr. Woodley presented him with a memento and token of appreciation for his year of service. Mr. Dearmon said that his tenure had provided him tremendous opportunities and it had been an honor to serve along with the other members.

K. Other Business/Adjournment

There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Dearmon, the meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.