

**MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM
MARCH 28, 2014**

A. **Call to Order**

Mr. E. Gerald Hebert called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System in Room 136A-B, the “Thomas Jefferson Room,” Claiborne Conference Center, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana at 10:23 a.m.

B. **Roll Call**

The roll was called.

PRESENT

Mr. Andre Coudrain
Edward J. Crawford III
Dr. Kelly Faircloth
Mr. E. Gerald Hebert
Mr. Davante Lewis

Mr. Jimmy Long, Sr.
Mr. Jimmie “Beau” Martin, Jr.
Mr. D. Wayne Parker
Mr. Mark Romero
Mr. Winfred Sibille

ABSENT

Mr. John Condos
Mr. David Guidry
Mr. John LeTard

Mr. Carl Shetler
Mr. Robert Shreve
Mr. Gary Solomon

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

C. **Invocation**

Mr. Parker gave the invocation.

D. **Approval of February 27, 2014 Minutes**

Upon motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mr. Romero, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the February 27, 2014 Board Meeting.

E. **Special Presentations**

Grambling State University: Addressing Workforce Needs of the State of Louisiana

President Frank Pogue and Provost Connie Walton narrated a brief presentation on Grambling State University highlighting the university’s STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) programs. Dr. Pogue reported that, as an HBCU, Grambling supplies many minority graduates in the STEM fields and is among the top 50 universities whose African-American graduates continue their education to achieve a terminal degree in one of these fields.

Project Lead the Way – Engaging K-12 Students in STEM Education

Dr. Phil Brown, Associate Professor of Engineering Technology at Northwestern State University, gave a brief introduction of *Project Lead the Way*, “a non-profit organization that develops hands-on, project-based science, technology, engineering and math curricula for use by elementary middle, and high schools.” Dr. Brown is the Affiliate Director of Project Lead the Way on Northwestern’s campus. Four middle/high schools were also present to showcase student projects for the Board members. Dr. Brown also introduced Ms. Beatrice Arvie, who described the program at Scotlandville Magnet School in Baton Rouge.

F. Report of Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Upon motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mr. Lewis, the Board unanimously voted to approve Agenda Items F.1. through F.9. and adopted the following resolutions:

- F.1. Louisiana Tech University’s request for approval to realign the School of Art and the School of Architecture into the School of Design.

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 realign the School of Art and the School of Architecture into the School of Design.

- F.2. Louisiana Tech University’s request for approval to change the title of the Bachelor of Science degree program in Merchandising & Consumer Studies to the Bachelor of Science degree program in Fashion Merchandising & Retail Studies.

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 change the title of the Bachelor of Science degree program in Merchandising & Consumer Studies to the Bachelor of Science degree program in Fashion Merchandising & Retail Studies.

- F.3. Louisiana Tech University’s request to terminate the Master of Arts in Teaching-Multiple Levels Gr K-12.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Louisiana Tech University’s request to terminate the Master of Arts in Teaching-Multiple Levels Gr K-12.

- F.4. Louisiana Tech University’s request for approval to terminate the Bachelor of Science Education Multiple Levels Gr K-12; and reinstate the Bachelor of Science Health & Physical Education Gr K-12.

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 terminate the Bachelor of Science Education Multiple Levels Gr K-12; and reinstate the Bachelor of Science Health & Physical Education Gr K-12.

- F.5. Nicholls State University's request for approval to award an honorary Doctor of Letters (D.Litt.) degree to Lawrence "Sonny" Albarado, Jr. at Spring 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.) degree to Lawrence "Sonny" Albarado, Jr. at Spring Commencement Exercises.*

- F.6. Northwestern State University's request for approval to award an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree to Bert B. Tussing at Spring Commencement Exercises.

***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 award an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree to Bert B. Tussing at Spring Commencement Exercises.*

- F.7. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a Proposal for a Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Accounting.

***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 Proposal for a Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Accounting.*

- F.8. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a Proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Business Administration.

***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 Proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Business Administration.*

- F.9. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a Proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Professional Writing.

***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 Proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Professional Writing.*

G. Report of Joint Facilities Planning and Finance Committee

Upon motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Coudrain, the Board unanimously voted to approve Agenda Items G.1. through G.5. and adopted the following resolutions:

- G.1. McNeese State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Ronald P. Savoie, Head Women's Soccer Coach, effective March 1, 2014.

***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 contract with Mr. Ronald P. Savoie, Head Women's Soccer Coach, effective March 1, 2014.*

- G.2. McNeese State University's request for approval to place referenda on student self-assessed fees regarding (a) band, (b) spirit, (c) athletics, (d) theatre, (e) safety, (f) rodeo, and (g) student engagement on a student ballot.

***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 place referenda on student self-assessed fees regarding (a) band, (b) spirit, (c) athletics, (d) theatre, (e) safety, (f) rodeo, and (g) student engagement on a student ballot.*

- G.3. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Jim Smoot, Head Women's Volleyball Coach, effective February 1, 2014.

***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 contract with Mr. Jim Smoot, Head Women's Volleyball Coach, effective February 1, 2014.*

- G.4. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to construct a new International Student Facility utilizing a 501(c)3, not-for-profit corporation, and acceptance of improvements.

***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 construct a new International Student Facility utilizing a 501(c)3, not-for-profit corporation, and acceptance of improvements.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the President of University of Louisiana at Monroe is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents associated with said lease by the University of Louisiana System on behalf of and for the use of University of Louisiana at Monroe.*

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

- G.5. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to enter into a Grounds Lease Agreement with ULM Facilities Inc., a 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation, to replace the artificial turf at Malone Stadium Football Field and accept donation of improvements to the University.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to enter into a Grounds Lease Agreement with ULM Facilities Inc., a 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation, to replace the artificial turf at Malone Stadium Football Field and accept donation of improvements to the University.*

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 prior to execution of documents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of University of Louisiana at Monroe is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents associated with said lease by the University of Louisiana System on behalf of and for the use of University of Louisiana at Monroe.

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

H. **Report of Legislation Committee**

H.1. **Update of the 2014 Regular Session of the Legislature**

No action was required since this was a report only.

I. **Report of Strategy and Performance Committee**

Mr. Romero briefly informed the Board that the Committee had convened for an update on the Strategic Framework for the System, SAS Performance Dashboard, Peer Analyses, the MyEdu initiative, and the WISE Fund implementation strategy.

No action was required since this was a report only.

J. **System President's Business**

J.1. **Personnel Actions**

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

Upon motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the System personnel actions.

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

Reminder

Dr. Woodley reminded Board members that they are each required to complete a Personal Financial Disclosure Statement and return it to the Board of Ethics by May 15 of each year. These forms are distributed by the Board of Ethics.

Meetings

Dr. Woodley informed the Board of a few meetings she had recently attended. She also reminded them of the April 10 UL System Day at the Capitol and the April 11-12 Academic Summit. Further Dr. Woodley said she was excited to participate in two Presidential Investitures (Dr. Bruce Murphy-Nicholls and Dr. Les Guice-Louisiana Tech) in the near future.

COSBP Washington, D.C. Trip

President Woodley reported that Ms. Erica Calais and eight ULS SGA presidents had participated in the Council of Student Body Presidents (COSBP) trip to Washington, D.C. coordinated by Mr. Harold Boutte at the Board of Regents. The students had the opportunity to visit the White House, Library of Congress, and Supreme Court as well as visiting with the Louisiana Delegation.

K. Board Chair's Business

K.2. Proposed Cancellation of Board Rule Chapter II. Students, Section XVIII. Human Immunodeficiency Virus.

Upon motion of Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Lewis, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the cancellation of Board Rule Chapter II. Students, Section XVIII. Human Immunodeficiency Virus.

K.3. Proposed Cancellation of Board Rule Chapter III. Faculty and Staff, Section XVIII. Human Immunodeficiency Virus.

Upon motion of Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Lewis, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the cancellation of Board Rule Chapter III. Faculty and Staff, Section XVIII. Human Immunodeficiency Virus.

L. Other Business

Mr. Hebert reminded Board members that the next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Thursday-Friday, April 24-25, with Committees being held on Thursday and the Board meeting on Friday morning. He also reported that there will be a reception on Thursday evening.

M. Adjournment

There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mr. Parker, the meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m.