

**MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM
October 22, 2015**

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 100, "The Louisiana Purchase Room," Claiborne Conference Center, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana at 12:10 p.m.

B. **Roll Call**

The roll was called.

PRESENT

Mr. James Carter	Mr. John LeTard
Mr. Edward J. Crawford III	Mr. Jimmy Long
Ms. Pamela Egan	Mr. Shawn Murphy
Dr. Kelly Faircloth	Mr. Winfred Sibille
Mr. E. Gerald Hebert	Mr. Gary Solomon

ABSENT

Ms. Maggie Brakeville	Mr. Mark Romero
Mr. John Condos	Mr. Carl Shetler
Mr. Jimmie "Beau" Martin, Jr.	Mr. Robert Shreve

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. Long provided the invocation.

D. **Approval of Minutes of August 27, 2015 Board Meeting**

Upon motion of Ms. Egan, seconded by Dr. Faircloth, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the August 27, 2015 Board Meeting.

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

Upon motion of Dr. Faircloth, seconded by Mr. Long, the Board unanimously approved the resolutions that follow:

- E.1. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to offer an Existing Academic Program through Distance Learning Technologies: Master of Science in Engineering – Industrial Engineering Concentration.

***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 offer an Existing Academic Program through Distance Learning Technologies: Master of Science in Engineering – Industrial Engineering Concentration.*

- E.2. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to reorganize and consolidate the Department of Agriculture Sciences and the School of Forestry into a single School of Agricultural Sciences and Forestry within 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 to reorganize and consolidate the Department of Agriculture Sciences and the School of Forestry into a single School of Agricultural Sciences and Forestry within the College of Applied and Natural Sciences.*

- E.3. McNeese State University's request for approval to offer an Existing Academic Program through Distance Learning Technologies: Master of 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 an Existing Academic Program through Distance Learning Technologies: Master of Business Administration.*

- E.4. McNeese State University's request for approval to offer an Existing Academic Program through Distance Learning Technologies: Graduate Certificate 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 an Existing Academic Program through Distance Learning Technologies: Graduate Certificate in Business Administration.*

- E.5. McNeese State University's request for approval to change the name of the University's College of Engineering to the College of Engineering and Computer Science.

***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 change the name of the University's College of Engineering to the College of Engineering and Computer Science.*

- E.6. McNeese State University's request for approval to award an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters to Mr. Michael R. Fuljenz at the Fall 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 to Mr. Michael R. Fuljenz at the Fall Commencement Exercises.*

- E.7. Nicholls State University's request for approval to reinstate the Master of Arts in Teaching programs in Special Education (Grades 1-5 and 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 reinstate the Master of Arts in Teaching programs in Special Education (Grades 1-5 and 6-12).*

- E.8. Nicholls State University's request for approval of a Letter of Intent to offer a Two plus Two Baccalaureate Completion in Criminal Justice.

***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 a Letter of Intent to offer a Two plus Two Baccalaureate Completion in Criminal Justice.*

- E.9. Northwestern State University's request for approval of a Letter of Intent for a Bachelor of Science in Applied and Environmental Microbiology.

***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 Science in Applied and Environmental Microbiology.*

F. **Report of Athletic Committee**

Upon motion of Ms. Egan, seconded by Mr. Sibille, the Board unanimously voted to approve the resolutions that follow:

- F.1. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. William Jake Narro, Head Golf Coach, effective October 1, 2015.

***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. William Jake Narro, Head Golf Coach, effective October 1, 2015.*

- F.2. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Richard Fremin, Head Softball Coach, effective October 1, 2015.

***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. Richard Fremin, Head Softball Coach, effective October 1, 2015.*

- F.3. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. James Smoot, Head Women's Volleyball Coach, effective December 1, 2015.

***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. James Smoot, Head Women's Volleyball Coach, effective December 1, 2015.*

- F.4. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Tim Baldwin, Head Men's Golf Coach, effective October 1, 2015.

***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 contract with Mr. Tim Baldwin, Head Men's Golf Coach, effective October 1, 2015.*

G. **Report of Facilities Planning Committee**

Upon motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Carter, the Board unanimously voted to approve the resolutions that follow:

- G.1. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to enter into a Facilities Lease with the Louisiana Tech University Foundation, Inc. for playing fields at the baseball field within the Pat Patterson Park and the softball field within the Lady Techster Softball facility for the primary purpose of installing artificial turf.

***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 enter into a Facilities Lease with the Louisiana Tech University Foundation, Inc. for playing fields at the baseball field within the Pat Patterson Park and the softball field within the Lady Techster Softball facility for the primary purpose of installing artificial turf.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Louisiana Tech 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.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the President of Louisiana Tech University or his designee is authorized to execute the lease and all documents necessary to accept the improvements completed by the Louisiana Tech University on behalf of the System.*

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

- G.2. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of the form and authorization to execute Ground and Buildings Lease Agreement, an Agreement to Lease with Option to Purchase, a First Supplemental Ground and Buildings Lease Agreement, and a First Supplemental Agreement to Lease with Option to Purchase, each between the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System, acting on behalf of the University, and Innovative Student Facilities, Inc., to refund the Series 2007 Bonds described herein and to finance the housing and parking improvements.

***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 the form and authorization to execute Ground and Buildings Lease Agreement, an Agreement to Lease with Option to Purchase, a First Supplemental Ground and Buildings Lease Agreement, and a First Supplemental Agreement to Lease with Option to Purchase, each between the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System, acting on behalf of the University, and Innovative Student Facilities, Inc., to refund the Series 2007 Bonds described herein and to finance the housing and parking improvements.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Louisiana Tech University shall obtain final review from UL System staff and legal counsel to the Board, 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 Louisiana Tech University or his designee is hereby authorized and directed to execute the leases described herein and any and all documents necessary in connection with the issuance of the bonds described herein.*

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

- G.3. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to accept a bequest from Mr. James H. Blanchard, Jr. of approximately 540 acres of surface and approximately 550 acres of minerals in Sections 27, 28, 33, and 34 Township 18 South, Range 20 West, Columbia County, Arkansas, near Brister, Arkansas.

***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 accept a bequest from Mr. James H. Blanchard, Jr. of approximately 540 acres of surface and approximately 550 acres of minerals in Sections 27, 28, 33, and 34 Township 18 South, Range 20 West, Columbia County, Arkansas, near Brister, Arkansas.*

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of Louisiana Tech University or his designee is authorized to execute all documents necessary to accept the bequest and record all necessary documents of said property on behalf of Louisiana Tech University and the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System.

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

- G.4. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to demolish the Community Counseling Center as part of the Facility Master Plan for the University.

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 Community Counseling Center as part of the Facility Master Plan for the University.

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

- G.5. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to demolish the North Oak Park Restroom/Storage Building.

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 North Oak Park Restroom/Storage Building.

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

- G.6. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to enter a Facilities Lease with the Lion Athletics Association, Inc. for the site of the scoreboard area at Alumni Field, the site of the scoreboard area at the University Center, and the sites of Fields 2, 3, and 4 at the North Oak Park Complex for the primary purpose of making facility improvements.

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 enter a Facilities Lease with the Lion Athletics Association, Inc. for the site of the scoreboard area at Alumni Field, the site of the scoreboard area at the University Center, and the sites of Fields 2, 3, and 4 at the North Oak Park Complex for the primary purpose of making facility improvements.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of Southeastern Louisiana University or his designee is authorized to execute the lease and all documents necessary to accept the improvements completed by Southeastern Louisiana University on behalf of the System.

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

- G.7. Southeastern Louisiana University is proposing the design, construction, demolition, and replacement of a portion of the University's Student Housing Program and expansion of certain ancillary building(s).

This was a report only and Board action was not required.

- G.8. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to enter into a Grounds Lease Agreement with ULM Facilities Inc. to construct a new Student Event Center on the campus of the University.

***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 Grounds Lease Agreement with ULM Facilities Inc. to construct a new Student Event Center on the campus of 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 or his designee 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 Finance Committee

Upon motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Dr. Faircloth, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following resolutions:

- H.1. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for authorization to negotiate and enter into Cooperative Endeavor Agreements with potential sanctuaries to transition the chimpanzees owned by the University.

***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 authorization to negotiate and enter into Cooperative Endeavor Agreements with potential sanctuaries to transition the chimpanzees owned by the University.*

- H.2. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for acceptance of Fiscal Year 2014-15 Financial and Compliance and Federal Award Programs Representation Letters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby accepts Fiscal Year 2014-15 Financial and Compliance and Federal Award Programs Representation Letters for University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

- H.3. University of Louisiana System's discussion of Fiscal Year 2014-15 fourth quarter financial reports and ongoing assurances.

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

- H.4. University of Louisiana System's financial status of alternatively financed projects for the year ended June 30, 2015.

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

I. **Report of Personnel Committee**

On motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. LeTard, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following resolutions:

- I.1. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to appoint Mr. Brooks A. Hull as Vice President for University Advancement effective November 16, 2015.

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 appoint Mr. Brooks A. Hull as Vice President for University Advancement effective November 16, 2015.

- I.2. Nicholls State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Marilyn Macik-Frey as Interim Dean of the College of Business Administration effective August 4, 2015.

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 appoint Dr. Marilyn Macik-Frey as Interim Dean of the College of Business Administration effective August 4, 2015.

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

Mr. Crawford, Vice Chair of the Committee, gave the report, and no action was required by the Board.

K. **System President's Business**

- K.1. Personnel Actions

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

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

K.2. System President's Report

Task Force Appointment

Dr. Woodley explained that Senate Resolution 11 from the 2015 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature created a task force to study the postsecondary education disciplinary process for campus rape and sexual assault. She recommended Ms. Wesley Johnson as the System's representative to the task force.

Upon motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Ms. Egan, the Board unanimously voted to appoint Ms. Wesley Johnson to represent the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System on the task force to study postsecondary education disciplinary process for campus rape and sexual assault.

American College Application Campaign

Dr. Woodley reported that the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) has instituted October as Louisiana College Application Month. System institutions are working with LOSFA to send representatives to high schools to aid students as they work to complete applications for college.

Student Advisory Council

Dr. Woodley said that the System Student Government Association presidents had promoted the observation of Collection Weeks during the weeks of September 21 and 28. The campuses all hosted service projects and sponsored drives to benefit local nonprofit organizations.

October 27 Forum Update

President Woodley said that the Board of Regents October 27 Gubernatorial Forum had been postponed until a later date.

Update of University of New Orleans Presidential Search

Dr. Woodley reminded members that the University of New Orleans Presidential Search Committee was scheduled to meet at 1:00 p.m. She reported that the *Committee Charge*, the *Draft Advertisement*, and the *Tentative Timeline* would be considered at the meeting. She also indicated that Witt/Kieffer, search consultants, had been secured to recruit candidates, screen applications, and submit recommendations to the Search Committee. It is anticipated that the selection of a President will occur early in 2016.

L. **Board Chair's Business**

L.2. Recommendation to appoint Dr. Micheal R. Moffett as Interim President of University of New Orleans

Board Chair E. Gerald Hebert asked Dr. Woodley to introduce the item regarding the appointment of an Interim President at University of New Orleans. He stated that Dr. Micheal R. "Randy" Moffett, former System President, was being considered for the position.

Dr. Woodley said that, until a permanent President is selected to serve UNO, it will be necessary to provide interim leadership for the campus. Along that line, upon motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Crawford, the Board voted to appoint Dr. Micheal R. "Randy" Moffett to serve as Interim President of University of New Orleans.

The following roll call vote was recorded:

YEAS: Mr. Carter, Mr. Crawford, Ms. Egan, Dr. Faircloth, Mr. Hebert, Mr. LeTard, Mr. Long, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Sibille, Mr. Solomon

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Ms. Brakeville, Mr. Condos, Mr. Martin, Mr. Romero, Mr. Shetler, Mr. Shreve

Dr. Moffett was present and thanked the Board for the appointment and for the opportunity to assist the campus in the transitional period.

L.3. Appointment of Nominating Committee for 2016 Board Officers

Mr. Hebert stated that he was appointing the following Board Members to serve on the Nominating Committee to recommend Officers for 2016:

Mr. E. Gerald Hebert
Mr. Jimmy Long
Mr. Mark Romero
Mr. Carl Shetler
Mr. Winfred Sibille

Mr. Hebert indicated that the Nominating Committee will present its recommendation at the December Board meeting.

Mr. Hebert informed the Board that in their folders were copies of the athletic summary of athletic activities since the August Board meeting as well as the summary of internal audits. Both of these reports were compiled by Mr. Bruce Janet.

M. **Other Business**

Chair Hebert reminded Board members that the next meeting of the Board is scheduled for December 10 in Baton Rouge.

N. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Carter, the meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.