

**MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM**

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON TUITION AND FEES
July 14, 2016**

The Special Committee on Tuition and Fees of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System met on Tuesday, July 14, 2016, at 9:58 a.m., in Room 165, “The Napoleon Bonaparte Room,” of the Claiborne Building Conference Center, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Members Present:

Mr. Jimmy Long, Chair
Mr. Antonio Torres, Vice Chair
Mr. E. Gerald Hebert
Mr. Mark Romero
Mr. Winfred Sibille

Staff Present:

Dr. Edwin Litolff
Dr. Daniel Reneau
Ms. Rachel Kincaid
Dr. Jeannine Kahn
Ms. Cami Geisman
Ms. Erica Calais
Ms. Bobbie Babin

Mr. Long called the meeting to order.

Mr. Winston DeCuir and Mr. Brandon DeCuir were also present at the Committee meeting as well the institution presidents.

C. University of Louisiana System’s request to approve fees pursuant to House Bill 152 of the 2015 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature and to approve GRAD Act Tuition Increases.

On June 23, 2016, it was decided at the Finance Committee to appoint a Special Committee on Tuition and Fees with authority to consider/approve the campus requests. Mr. Martin subsequently appointed Mr. Long, Mr. Torres, Mr. Hebert, Mr. Romero, and Mr. Sibille to serve on this Committee.

Dr. Edwin Litolff, System Vice President for Business and Finance, presented the campus GRAD Act tuition increase requests from two institutions: Southeastern Louisiana University and University of Louisiana at Monroe.

Upon motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Hebert, the Committee unanimously approved the GRAD Act tuition increase requests from Southeastern Louisiana University and University of Louisiana at Monroe.

Dr. Litolff reminded Committee members that the provisions of the GRAD Act cease after 2016.

Mr. Long stated that seven institutions had requested fee increases under House Bill 152. Dr. Litolff introduced the campus requests for approval of fees pursuant to this bill.

Mr. Sibille made a motion, seconded Mr. Hebert, to approve the fees as requested by the seven institutions.

Mr. Romero made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Torres, to ask those institutions that requested fee increases exceeding five percent, i.e., Northwestern State University, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, University of Louisiana at Monroe, and University of New Orleans, to individually present their justifications for the percent.

The following roll call vote was taken:

Yeas: Mr. Hebert, Mr. Romero, Mr. Torres

Nays Mr. Long, Mr. Sibille

Absent: None

The motion passed.

Dr. Jim Henderson, President of Northwestern State University, presented his rationalization for the requested increase.

Upon motion of Mr. Romero, seconded by Mr. Torres, the Committee unanimously voted to approve Northwestern State University's request for tuition and fee increases.

Dr. E. Joseph Savoie, President of University of Louisiana at Lafayette, discussed the reasoning for the campus request.

After discussion, Mr. Hebert made a motion, seconded by Mr. Romero, to amend the campus request from a \$30 per credit hour increase to a \$25 per credit hour increase. The motion to amend the request was unanimously passed.

Dr. William Graves, Vice President for Finance, University of Louisiana at Monroe, presented the justification for the campus request.

Upon motion of Mr. Romero, seconded by Mr. Sibille, the Committee unanimously voted to approve University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for fee increases.

Dr. John Nicklow, President of University of New Orleans, commented on the rationale for the fee increases.

Upon motion of Mr. Torres, seconded by Mr. Sibille, the Committee unanimously voted to approve University of New Orleans' request for increase in fees.

D. Other Business

Dr. Edwin Litolff indicated that Northwestern State University also requested a rate of \$185 per credit hour for active duty members of the U.S. Military, including the Reserves, Military Dependents, Veterans, and Military Retirees.

Upon motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Hebert, the Committee unanimously approved the rate.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Romero, the Committee adjourned at 11:20 a.m.