

**MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM
March 16, 2016**

A. **Call to Order**

Mr. Jimmie “Beau” Martin, Jr. 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 3:52 p.m.

Note: Due to the fact that the originally scheduled February 23, 2016 Regular Meeting of the Board was unable to be held, all items listed on that agenda were considered at this meeting.

B. **Roll Call**

The roll was called.

PRESENT

Ms. Maggie Brakeville	Mr. Jimmy Long
Mr. James Carter	Mr. Jimmie “Beau” Martin, Jr.
Mr. Edward J. Crawford III	Mr. Shawn Murphy
Ms. Pamela Egan	Mr. Mark Romero
Dr. Kelly Faircloth	Mr. Robert Shreve
Mr. E. Gerald Hebert	Mr. Winfred Sibille
Mr. John LeTard	

ABSENT

Mr. John Condos
Mr. Carl Shetler
Mr. Gary Solomon

Also present for the meeting were the following: Interim System President Dan Reneau, 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 gave the invocation.

D. **Approval of December 10, 2015 Board and Committee Meeting Minutes and January 8, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes**

Upon motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. LeTard, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the December 10, 2015 Committee and Board Meetings and January 8, 2016 Board Meeting.

Upon motion of Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Murphy, the Board unanimously voted to suspend the rules in order to dispense with Committee deliberations and allow the Board as a whole to consider all items of business.

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

Mr. Martin introduced Dr. Jeannine Kahn, newly selected System Vice President for Academic Affairs. Dr. Kahn briefly presented all the items included on the Academic and Student Affairs Committee agenda.

Upon motion of Ms. Brakeville, seconded by Mr. Crawford, the Board unanimously approved the resolutions that follow:

- E.1. Grambling State University's request for approval to award an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters to Ms. Denise Young-Smith at the Spring Commencement Exercises.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Grambling State University's request for approval to award an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters to Ms. Denise Young-Smith at the Spring Commencement Exercises.*

- E.2. Grambling State University's request for approval to award an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters to Mr. Thomas Moorehead at the Spring Commencement Exercises.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Grambling State University's request for approval to award an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters to Mr. Thomas Moorehead at the Spring Commencement Exercises.*

- E.3. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to split the B.S. in Kinesiology and Health Promotion into two degree programs: B.S. in Health Promotion and B.S. in Health 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 split the B.S. in Kinesiology and Health Promotion into two degree programs: B.S. in Health Promotion and B.S. in Health Sciences.*

- E.4. McNeese State University's request for approval to award an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters to Ms. Willie Landry Mount 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 Doctorate of Humane Letters to Ms. Willie Landry Mount at the Spring Commencement Exercises.*

- E.5. McNeese State University's request for approval to terminate two Post Baccalaureate Certificate (PBC) programs effective May 2016: PBC in Accounting for Financial Analysis and PBC in Human Resources Management.

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 terminate two Post Baccalaureate Certificate (PBC) programs effective May 2016: PBC in Accounting for Financial Analysis and PBC in Human Resources Management.

- E.6. McNeese State University's request for approval of a Proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Applied Behavior Analysis.

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 Proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Applied Behavior Analysis.

- E.7. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of a Letter of Intent for a Bachelor of Arts degree program in Dance.

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 Letter of Intent for a Bachelor of Arts degree program in Dance.

- E.8. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of a Letter of Intent for a Bachelor of Science degree program in Chemistry.

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 Letter of Intent for a Bachelor of Science degree program in Chemistry.

- E.9. University of New Orleans' request for approval to award an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters honoris causa to Mr. Li Jinyuan at the Spring Commencement Exercises.

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 to award an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters honoris causa to Mr. Li Jinyuan at the Spring Commencement Exercises.

- E.10. University of New Orleans' request for approval to award an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters honoris causa to Mr. Jon Landau at the Spring Commencement Exercises.

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 to award an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters honoris causa to Mr. Jon Landau at the Spring Commencement Exercises.

- E.11. University of New Orleans' request for approval to merge the College of Education and Human Development and the College of Liberal Arts.

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 to merge the College of Education and Human Development and the College of Liberal Arts.

- E.12. University of New Orleans' request for approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with Putian University.

***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 Memorandum of Understanding with Putian University.*

F. **Report of Athletic Committee**

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

- F.1. McNeese State University's request for approval of a contract with Lance D. Guidry, Head Men's Football Coach, effective December 16, 2015.

***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 Lance D. Guidry, Head Men's Football Coach, effective December 16, 2015.*

- F.2. McNeese State University's request for approval to update the McNeese State University policy permitted under the NCAA Bylaw 11.3.2.3 relating to supplemental pay for coaches.

***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 update the McNeese State University policy permitted under the NCAA Bylaw 11.3.2.3 relating to supplemental pay for coaches.*

- F.3. Northwestern State University's request for approval of a contract with Jay Thomas, Head Men's Football Coach, effective March 1, 2016.

***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 contract with Jay Thomas, Head Men's Football Coach, effective March 1, 2016.*

- F.4. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of a contract with Matt Viator, Head Men's Football Coach, effective February 1, 2016.

***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 Matt Viator, Head Men's Football Coach, effective February 1, 2016.*

- F.5. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of a contract with Mike Collins, Defensive Coordinator/Assistant Head Football Coach, effective January 4, 2016.

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 Mike Collins, Defensive Coordinator/Assistant Head Football Coach, effective January 4, 2016.

- F.6. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of a contract with Matt Kubik, Offensive Coordinator/Assistant Head Football Coach, effective January 4, 2016.

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 Matt Kubik, Offensive Coordinator/Assistant Head Football Coach, effective January 4, 2016.

- F.7. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to amend the August 21, 2013 Management Agreement with the ULM Athletic Foundation effective October 6, 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 to amend the August 21, 2013 Management with the ULM Athletic Foundation effective October 6, 2015.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the University of Louisiana at Monroe and his or her designee is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute this amended agreement.

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

G. **Report of Facilities Planning Committee**

Upon motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Ms. Brakeville, the Board unanimously voted to approve the resolutions that follow (G.1.-G.9.):

- G.1. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to demolish the Equine Center Office and Barn and the Equine Utility Building located on the Louisiana Tech University South Campus.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Louisiana Tech University's request to demolish the Equine Center Office and Barn and the Equine Utility Building located on the Louisiana Tech University South Campus.

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

- G.2. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to demolish the facility located at the intersection of Homer Street and West Texas Avenue located on the campus of the University.

***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 demolish the facility located at the intersection of Homer Street and West Texas Avenue located on the campus of the University.*

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

- G.3. McNeese State University's request for approval to rename its baseball stadium Joe Miller Ballpark.

***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 rename its baseball stadium Joe Miller Ballpark.*

- G.4. Nicholls State University's request for approval to demolish the Bayou Side Wharf Structure.

***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 demolish the Bayou Side Wharf Structure.*

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

- G.5. Northwestern State University's request for approval to sell five acres of property located in Grant Parish, acquired through the Succession of Ms. Alice Estelle Dear.

***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 sell five acres of property located in Grant Parish, acquired through the Succession of Ms. Alice Estelle Dear.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Northwestern 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 Northwestern State University and his or her designee are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Act of Sale, and any and all documents necessary in connection with this matter.*

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

- G.6. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of the Lease and Leaseback documents to develop and implement Tier II of the University's Athletic Master Plan including additions and renovations to M.L. Tigie Moore Baseball Stadium utilizing Ragin' Cajun Facilities, Inc. (RCFI), a 501(c)3, not-for-profit corporation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on March 26, 2015, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System approved the University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request to continue with the process of implementation of Tier II of the Athletic Master Plan by selecting firms to develop and implement additions and renovations to M.L. Tigie Moore Baseball Stadium utilizing Ragin' Cajun Facilities, Inc. (RCFI), a 501(c)3, not-for-profit corporation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appropriate documentation related to the lease and leaseback documents are being submitted for final approval in accordance with the University of Louisiana System's policy.

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

- G.7. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to demolish a storage building located at 4001 Bon Aire Drive on the campus of 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 to demolish a storage building located at 4001 Bon Aire Drive on the campus of the University.

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

- G.8. Nicholls State University's request for approval to rename the Production Kitchen in Bistro Ruth in the Lanny D. Ledet Culinary Arts Building to The Lorio Foundation Kitchen at Bistro Ruth.

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 rename the Production Kitchen in Bistro Ruth in the Lanny D. Ledet Culinary Arts Building to The Lorio Foundation Kitchen at Bistro Ruth.

- G.9. Nicholls State University's request for approval to rename the Mary M. Danos Theater in Talbot Hall to the Mary and Al Danos Theater.

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 rename the Mary M. Danos Theater in Talbot Hall to the Mary and Al Danos Theater.

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

- G.10. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to develop and release a Request for Proposals (RFP) pursuant to an Act of Exchange for Southeastern's Baton Rouge Nursing Center located at 4849 Essen Lane.

***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 develop and release a Request for Proposals (RFP) pursuant to an Act of Exchange for Southeastern's Baton Rouge Nursing Center located at 4849 Essen Lane.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Southeastern Louisiana 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 Southeastern Louisiana University and his or her designee are hereby authorized and directed to execute the RFP and any and all documents necessary in connection with this matter.*

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

Upon motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Ms. Egan, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following resolution:

- G.11. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of the Ground Lease for the UL-Lafayette – CGI IT Center of Excellence to Ragin' Cajun Facilities, Inc.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of the Ground Lease for the UL-Lafayette – CGI IT Center of Excellence to Ragin' Cajun Facilities, Inc.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that University of Louisiana at Lafayette 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 Lafayette or his or her designee is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute this agreement.*

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

H. **Report of Finance Committee**

Upon motion of Ms. Brakeville, seconded by Mr. Crawford, the Board unanimously voted to amend its agenda to include an additional request from Louisiana Tech University to be included in Item H.3.

Upon motion of Mr. Hebert, seconded by Dr. Faircloth, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following resolutions as amended (H.1.-H.4.):

H.1. Nicholls State University's request for approval of a revised Organization Chart for 2015-16.

***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 revised Organization Chart for 2015-16.*

H.2. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to rename the Laborde & Neuner/LEQSF Regents Professorship to NeunerPate/LEQSF Regents Professorship.

***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 rename the Laborde & Neuner/LEQSF Regents Professorship to NeunerPate/LEQSF Regents Professorship.*

H.3. University of Louisiana System's request for approval to establish LEQSF (8g) Endowed Professorships/First Generation Scholarships/Superior Graduate Scholarships as follows (as amended):

a. **Louisiana Tech University**

- 1) Rick and Debbie Loudon First Generation Student Endowed Scholarship

b. **McNeese State University**

- 1) William T. & Ethel Lewis Burton Foundation Professorship in Education #1
- 2) William T. & Ethel Lewis Burton Foundation Professorship in Education #2
- 3) William T. & Ethel Lewis Burton Foundation Professorship in Education #3
- 4) William T. & Ethel Lewis Burton Foundation Professorship in Education #4
- 5) Dr. Francis Bulber Professorship in Music
- 6) Oliver G. Richard, III Innovative Engineering Professorship
- 7) Cy Pres Award from the Chem Waste Class Action Settlement Fund First Generation Scholarship #1
- 8) Cy Pres Award from the Chem Waste Class Action Settlement Fund First Generation Scholarship #2
- 9) William T. & Ethel Lewis Burton Foundation First Generation Scholarship

c. **Nicholls State University**

- 1) The Gloria B. Callais Endowed Professorship in Music
- 2) The John Brady Endowed Professorship in Mass Communication
- 3) The Alfred N. Delahaye Endowed Professorship in Journalism
- 4) The Michael C. and Christine P. Bourgeois #2 Endowed First Generation Undergraduate Scholarship

- d. **Northwestern State University**
 - 1) The Deborah D. Olds Endowed Professorship in Nursing (Willis-Knighton Health Care System #9)
 - 2) The Joyce Marie Hooper Endowed Professorship in Radiologic Science (Willis-Knighton Health Care System #10)
 - 3) Irene Woodruff Holly Health Sciences Endowed First Generation Scholarship
 - 4) Marie Cobb Bellue Teacher Education Endowed First Generation Scholarship

- e. **Southeastern Louisiana University**
 - 1) J.W. McClimans Professorship in Computer Science or Engineering Technology
 - 2) J.W. McClimans Professorship in Mathematics
 - 3) Audrey & Nicholas Tournillon Superior Graduate Scholarship
 - 4) Archie Vallie White First Generation Endowed Scholarship
 - 5) Holly & Smith Architects First Generation Endowed Scholarship

- f. **University of Louisiana at Lafayette**
 - 1) T. Michael Maher/BORSF Professorship in Communication
 - 2) Thelma & Jamie Guilbeau/BORSF Professorship in History Instruction I
 - 3) Thelma & Jamie Guilbeau/BORSF Professorship in History Instruction II
 - 4) Thelma & Jamie Guilbeau/BORSF Professorship in History Instruction III
 - 5) Dr. Tommy Comeaux/BORSF Memorial Professorship in Traditional Music XI
 - 6) James D. Moncus Board of Regents Support Fund Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarship in Nursing
 - 7) James D. Moncus Board of Regents Support Fund Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarship in Advanced Computer Studies
 - 8) Edward C. Mathes Board of Regents Support Fund Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarship in Architecture
 - 9) Lucille F. & L. Louis Babineaux Sr. Endowed First Generation Scholarship in Business

- g. **University of Louisiana at Monroe**
 - 1) Clark G. Boyce Endowed Super Professorship in Construction
 - 2) David & Sharon Turrentine Endowed Professorship
 - 3) Progressive Bank Endowed Professorship in Financial and Information Technology Services
 - 4) Ouachita Parish Women's Republican Club First Generation Endowed Undergraduate Scholarship
 - 5) The Miller Lite First Amendment Open First Generation Endowed Undergraduate Scholarship
 - 6) The Harold Turner Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarship

h. **University of New Orleans**

- 1) Gordon “Nick” Muller Professorship in Public History
- 2) Eurofins Professorship in Analytical Chemistry
- 3) Canizaro-Livingston Professorship in Cybersecurity I
- 4) Canizaro-Livingston Professorship in Cybersecurity II
- 5) Canizaro-Livingston Professorship in Software and Systems Development
- 6) University of New Orleans International Alumni Association First Generation Scholarship

H.4. University of Louisiana System’s request for approval of payments made by nonprofit organizations to employees of the University of Louisiana System during Fiscal Year 2015 in accordance with provision of Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 17:3390(F).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the University of Louisiana System’s request for approval of payments made by nonprofit organizations to employees of the University of Louisiana System during Fiscal Year 2015 in accordance with provisions of Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 17:3390(F).

Upon motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Mr. Hebert, the Board unanimously voted to **defer** Item H.5.:

H.5. Grambling State University’s request for approval of a Consortium Agreement with the University of Phoenix.

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

H.6. Grambling State University’s request for approval to place a monetary referendum on a Student Election Ballot.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Grambling State University’s request for approval to place a monetary referendum on a Student Election Ballot.

Upon motion of Ms. Brakeville, seconded by Mr. Crawford, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following resolution:

H.7. Grambling State University’s request for approval to restructure outstanding bonds issued through the Black & Gold Facilities Corporation and the Louisiana Public Facilities Authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Grambling State University’s request for approval to restructure outstanding bonds issued through the Black & Gold Facilities Corporation and the Louisiana Public Facilities Authority.

Upon motion of Ms. Brakeville, seconded by Mr. Murphy, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following resolution:

- H.8. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to enter into Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with ELS Educational Services, Inc.

***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 Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with ELS Educational Services, Inc.*

Upon motion of Ms. Brakeville, seconded by Mr. Crawford, the Board unanimously voted to **remove** Item H.9. from the agenda.

- H.9. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for the provision of training services.

- H.10. University of Louisiana System's discussion of Fiscal Year 2015-16 second quarter financial reports and ongoing assurances.

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

- H.11. University of Louisiana System's financial status of alternatively financed projects for the six months ended December 31, 2015.

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

I. **Report of Legislation Committee**

- I.1. Overview of the 2016 First Extraordinary Session of the Louisiana Legislature

Ms. Rachel Kincaid, System Vice President for External Affairs, presented a short report of the First Extraordinary Session. She stated that it had convened on February 14, 2016 and ended on March 9, 2016. Governor John Bel Edwards had called the Session to address the State's current shortfall until fiscal year end.

- I.2. Overview of the 2016 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature

Ms. Kincaid stated that the Regular Session had begun on March 14, 2016 and would conclude on June 6. This year's Session will address bills of a general nature as it is not a fiscal session. A minimum of 1,400 bills have been filed regarding, among a variety of issues, Risk Management, TOPS, Boards and Commissions, College Tuition and Fees, and Teachers' Retirement System. Each legislator also has the option to file up to a limit of five bills prior to April 5. She said she will continue to monitor the Session as it progresses and update the Board and campuses.

J. **System President's Business**

J.1. **Personnel Actions**

Dr. Reneau reported that System staff reviewed the personnel actions and recommends approval. He also pointed out that there was one additional personnel action included in Board member folders for their consideration.

Upon motion of Mr. Romero, seconded by Ms. Brakeville, the Board voted unanimously to approve the System personnel actions.

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

System Office

Dr. Reneau formally introduced Dr. Jeannine Kahn, who has taken the position as Vice President for Academic Affairs in the System Office. He indicated that Dr. Kahn had previously worked for the Board of Regents as well as Louisiana State University.

Dr. Reneau also welcomed Ms. Kecia Neal, who began working in February in the System Office as Accountant.

Recognition

Dr. Reneau thanked Board members, campus administrations, and System staff for their due diligence during the Special Legislative Session. He reported that many had contacted legislators on behalf of higher education.

Campus Flooding

Dr. Edwin Litolff, System Vice President for Business and Finance, gave an update on recent flooding that had occurred on several of the UL System campuses as the result of excessive rain. He reported that Grambling, Louisiana Tech, Northwestern, Southeastern, and UL-Monroe had sustained varying degrees of damage from flooding.

Events

Dr. Reneau reported that several members of the Board and System staff had participated in the annual Trusteeship Conference hosted by Board of Regents on February 22.

He also said that several representatives of the UL System campuses had recently attended a research summit held in New Orleans. Louisiana Tech University President Les Guice made a presentation regarding attracting private investors to support research initiatives that was well received.

Dr. Reneau also reminded Board members of the dates for ULS Day at the Capitol (April 11) and the Academic Summit to be held on the Nicholls campus (April 14-15).

K. **Board Chair's Business**

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

System President Search Update

Mr. Martin said that the System Office has contracted with R.H. Perry and Associates in the Board's search for a new System President. He stated that the preferred application deadline is April 15. Mr. Martin gave a tentative date of April 28 for the search firm to present its recommendations to the Board, and a possible Special Meeting in May for interviews.

Annual Requirements

Mr. Martin reminded Board members that Ethics Training is an annual responsibility and, to that end, the System Office has arranged for a formal training session to be conducted in conjunction with the April 28 Board meeting for Board members and staff.

He also stated that the personal financial disclosure forms are due to Board of Ethics by May 15.

K.2. **Other Business**

Chair Martin directed the Board to review the 2016 Standing Committee assignments included in their folders. He appointed the following members to Committee leadership:

Committee	Chair	Vice Chair
Academic and Student Affairs	Edward Crawford III	Pamela Egan
Athletic	James Carter	John Condos
Executive	Jimmie "Beau" Martin, Jr.	Edward Crawford III
Facilities Planning	Winfred Sibille	Shawn Murphy
Finance	Gary Solomon	Mark Romero
Grievance	John Condos	John LeTard
Legislation	Kelly Faircloth	Shawn Murphy
Personnel	Carl Shetler	Robert Shreve
Strategy and Performance	Edward Crawford III	Gary Solomon

Mr. Martin also reminded Board members that a copy of a revised Policy and Procedures Memorandum on Personnel Actions was included in their folders.

L. **Other Business**

Mr. Martin said that the next meeting of the Board is scheduled for April 28 in Baton Rouge.

M. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Crawford, seconded by Ms. Egan, the meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.