AGENDA
FINANCE COMMITTEE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM
*11:15 a.m., Friday, September 9, 2016**
Room 100, “Louisiana Purchase Room”
Claiborne Conference Center
1201 North Third Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

MEMBERS:
Mr. Mark Romero, Vice Chair
Mr. James Carter
Dr. John Condos
Mr. Edward Crawford III
Mr. E. Gerald Hebert
Mr. Carl Shetler
Mr. Winfred Sibille

A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call

C. Consent Agenda:

   Board Agenda Item I.2.

Nicholls State University’s request for approval to change the Arlen B. Cenac, Jr. Endowed Chair in Accounting and Information Systems to the Arlen B. Cenac, Jr. Endowed Chair in the College of Business Administration.

   Board Agenda Item I.4.

University of Louisiana System’s request for acceptance of Fiscal Year 2015-16 Financial and Compliance and Federal Award Programs Representation Letters for (a) Grambling State University, (b) McNeese State University, (c) Northwestern State University, (d) Southeastern Louisiana University, (e) University of Louisiana at Lafayette, (f) University of Louisiana at Monroe, (g) University of New Orleans, and (h) University of Louisiana System.

** Executive Session, pursuant to R.S. 42:17, may be required.
D. Discussion/Action Items:

Board Agenda Item I.1.

Grambling State University’s request for approval to use Revenue Bonds to acquire Tiger Village I, Tiger Village II, and Steeple’s Glen Residence Hall.

Board Agenda Item I.3.

University of Louisiana at Lafayette’s request for approval of a Supplemental Ground Lease and Supplemental Facilities Lease that will secure the refunding of the outstanding Lafayette Public Trust Financing Authority Revenue Bonds (Ragin’ Cajun Facilities, Inc. Project) Series 2009.

Board Agenda Item I.5.

University of Louisiana System’s request for approval of Fiscal Year 2016-17 Operating Budgets, including organizational charts, undergraduate/graduate mandatory attendance fees, scholarships, and System Shared Costs.

E. Other Business

F. Adjournment
Item I.1. **Grambling State University**’s request for approval to use Revenue Bonds to acquire Tiger Village I, Tiger Village II, and Steeple’s Glen Residence Hall.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Grambling State University is seeking preliminary approval of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System for a resolution providing for the issuance of Revenue Bonds, not exceeding $100,000,000, for the benefit of Grambling, approving the form of one or more Supplemental Trust Indentures; approving the form and authorizing the execution and delivery of one or more Capital Project Loan Agreements; authorizing the execution of other documents in connection therewith; authorizing the officer and trustees of the System to do all things necessary to effectuate this resolution; and providing for other matters in connection with the foregoing.

Grambling desires to (i) acquire Tiger Village I, Tiger Village II (aka Freshman Village) and Steeple’s Glen Residence Hall facilities located at the University (the “Housing Facilities”) financed with proceeds of the Louisiana Public Facilities Authority Tax-Exempt Revenue Bonds (Black & Gold Facilities Project) Series 2006A and Louisiana Public Facilities Authority Taxable Revenue Bonds (Black & Gold Facilities Project) Series 2006B (the “Series 2006 Bonds”); and Louisiana Public Facilities Authority Tax-Exempt Revenue Bonds (Black & Gold Facilities Project) Series 2007A, and Louisiana Public Authority Taxable Revenue Bonds (Black & Gold Facilities Project) Series 2007B (The “Series 2007 Bonds” and collectively, the “2006 and 2007 Bonds”) at a price equal to principal of and interest on said 2006 and 2007 Bonds and cause the Series 2006 Bonds and Series 2007 Bonds to be returned on December 1, 2016 and July 1, 2017, respectively, or other such dates as may be determined by the University and (ii) refund the $7,500,000 of Revenue Bonds issued in 2013 to finance the cost of demolishing certain existing buildings and renovating, constructing, expanding and equipping the Intramural Center of the University, including a swimming pool (the “Natatorium Project”) through the issuance of not exceeding $100,000,000 of Revenue Bonds.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the following resolution be adopted:

**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 for a resolution providing for issuance of Revenue Bonds, not exceeding $100,000,000 to be used to acquire Tiger Village I, Tiger Village II, and Steeple’s Glen Residence Hall.
Item I.2. Nicholls State University’s request for approval to change the Arlen B. Cenac, Jr. Endowed Chair in Accounting and Information Systems to the Arlen B. Cenac, Jr. Endowed Chair in the College of Business Administration.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 1989, the Louisiana Legislature created the Louisiana Education Quality Support Fund (LEQSF), referred to as “8g,” which provides for multiple $40,000 and $400,000 grants to be awarded upon receipt of $60,000 or $600,000 in private donations for the establishment of an endowed professorship or endowed chair, respectively. The law further requires that the appropriate management board authorize the establishment of such endowed professorships and endowed chairs prior to submission to the Board of Regents for matching funds.

Nicholls State University requests approval to change the Arlen B. Cenac, Jr. Endowed Chair in Accounting and Information Systems to the Arlen B. Cenac, Jr. Endowed Chair in the College of Business Administration. Appropriate donors or their representatives are in agreement with the change.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the following resolution be adopted:

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 change the Arlen B. Cenac, Jr. Endowed Chair in Accounting and Information Systems to the Arlen B. Cenac, Jr. Endowed Chair in the College of Business Administration.
Item I.3. University of Louisiana at Lafayette’s request for approval of a Supplemental Ground Lease and Supplemental Facilities Lease that will secure the refunding of the outstanding Lafayette Public Trust Financing Authority Revenue Bonds (Ragin’ Cajun Facilities, Inc. Project) Series 2009.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2009, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette issued $12,500,000 of tax-exempt revenue bonds by the Lafayette Public Trust Financing Authority through the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System to finance the demolition of certain facilities and the development, design, and construction and equipping of a student apartment complex, including parking and other infrastructure. There is currently $11,375,000 in outstanding bonds.

The University is seeking approval to issue Refunding Bonds not to exceed $14,000,000 with an estimated net present value savings of $805,677 and annual savings estimated at $25,000 and have an approximate interest rate of 3.66%. The bonds will have a final maturity of October 1, 2038.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the following resolution be adopted:

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 a resolution authorizing and providing for the incurring of debt and issuance of $11,375,000 in aggregate principal amount of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System Revenue Refunding Bonds Series 2016 for the benefit of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, supported by the student rental payments and auxiliary revenues; approving and confirming the sale of the Series 2009 Bonds and the application of the proceeds thereof; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.
Item I.4. University of Louisiana System’s request for acceptance of Fiscal Year 2015-16 Financial and Compliance and Federal Award Programs Representation Letters for (a) Grambling State University, (b) McNeese State University, (c) Northwestern State University, (d) Southeastern Louisiana University, (e) University of Louisiana at Lafayette, (f) University of Louisiana at Monroe, (g) University of New Orleans, and (h) University of Louisiana System.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In connection with its financial and compliance audits of colleges and universities, the Legislative Auditor’s Office requires the President and Chief Fiscal Officer to review certain representations and certify that those representations are true and correct. The officers answer and sign a financial and compliance and federal award programs questionnaire at the beginning of the audit and then sign an update upon conclusion of the audit certifying that: (1) there were no material changes to the original certification; or (2) any such changes have been disclosed to the Legislative Auditor. Office of Legislative Auditor policy further requires that the appropriate management board accept the university’s questionnaire in a public meeting. The documentation is available in the System Office.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the following resolution be adopted:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby accepts Fiscal Year 2015-16 Financial and Compliance and Federal Award Programs Representation Letters for (a) Grambling State University, (b) McNeese State University, (c) Northwestern State University, (d) Southeastern Louisiana University, (e) University of Louisiana at Lafayette, (f) University of Louisiana at Monroe, (g) University of New Orleans, and (h) University of Louisiana System.
Item I.5. University of Louisiana System’s request for approval of Fiscal Year 2016-17 Operating Budgets, including organizational charts, undergraduate/graduate mandatory attendance fees, scholarships, and System Shared Costs.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2016-17 Operating Budgets were prepared in accordance with instructions received from the System Office, the Division of Administration Office of Planning and Budget, and the Louisiana Board of Regents.

System staff has prepared a comparative Operating Budget Summary for the System including Revenues by Source, Expenditures by Function and Object, and other summary data on Mandatory Attendance Fees, Organizational Charts, Employees, Scholarships, Athletic Budgets, and System Shared Costs.

Informational items are included in each institution’s full operating budget document that will be available at the Board meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the following resolution be adopted:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Fiscal Year 2016-17 Operating Budgets, including organizational charts, undergraduate/graduate mandatory attendance fees, scholarships, and System Shared Costs.