

**MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM
April 20, 2017**

A. **Call to Order**

Mr. Al Perkins, Chair, 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 1:00 p.m.

B. **Roll Call**

The roll was called.

PRESENT

Ms. Lola Dunahoe	Mr. Alejandro "Al" Perkins
Ms. Pamela Egan	Ms. Elizabeth Pierre
Mr. Thomas Kitchen	Mr. Virgil Robinson, Jr.
Mr. Jimmie "Beau" Martin, Jr.	Mr. Mark Romero
Mr. Johnny McFerren	Mr. Antonio Torres
Mr. Shawn Murphy	

ABSENT

Mr. James Carter	Mr. Robert Shreve
Dr. John Condos	Mr. Winfred Sibille
Mr. Edward Crawford III	

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

C. **Invocation**

Mr. Torres provided the invocation.

D. **Swearing In of Mr. Johnny McFerren, Newly Appointed Board Member**

Mr. Perkins welcomed Mr. Johnny McFerren to the Board as the appointee from the 4th Congressional District and informed the audience that he had been administered the Oath of Office at the Special Meeting earlier in the day.

E. **Approval of Minutes of February 23, 2017 Board Meeting**

Upon motion of Ms. Dunahoe, seconded by Mr. Robinson, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the February 23, 2017 Board Meeting.

F. Grambling State University's request for approval to award the title of President Emeritus to Dr. Joseph B. Johnson.

Upon motion of Mr. Robinson, seconded by Ms. Dunahoe, 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 awarding the title of President Emeritus to Dr. Joseph B. Johnson.*

Upon motion of Mr. Torres, seconded by Mr. Robinson, 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.

G. Report of Academic and Student Affairs Committee

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

G.1. Grambling State University's request for approval to award an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters to Mr. Marc H. Morial 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. Marc H. Morial at the Spring Commencement Exercises.*

G.2. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of the Bachelor of Science in Instrumentation and Control Systems Engineering Technology (ICET) program.

***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 Bachelor of Science in Instrumentation and Control Systems Engineering Technology (ICET) program.*

G.3. Northwestern State University's request for approval to award an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters to Mr. Stewart Ewing at the 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 Doctorate of Humane Letters to Mr. Stewart Ewing at the Spring Commencement Exercises.*

- G.4. Northwestern State University's request for approval of a Proposal for a Post Baccalaureate Certificate program in Magnetic Resonance Imaging.

***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 Proposal for a Post Baccalaureate Certificate program in Magnetic Resonance Imaging.*

- G.5. Northwestern State University's request for approval of a Proposal for a Post Baccalaureate Certificate program in Invasive Cardiovascular Technology.

***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 Proposal for a Post Baccalaureate Certificate program in Invasive Cardiovascular Technology.*

- G.6. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of Memoranda of Understanding with the following institutions: (a) Universidad Cristobal Colon, Veracruz, Mexico; (b) Universidad Santo Tomas, Colombia; and (c) Universidad de Cartagena, Colombia.

***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 Memoranda of Understanding with the following institutions: (a) Universidad Cristobal Colon, Veracruz, Mexico; (b) Universidad Santo Tomas, Colombia; and (c) Universidad de Cartagena, Colombia.*

- G.7. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a Proposal for a Master of Science in Informatics degree program.

***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 Master of Science in Informatics degree program.*

- G.8. University of New Orleans' request for approval of a Pathway to Interdisciplinary Studies to enter into an Urban Studies and Planning Pathway Agreement between Delgado Community College and the 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 Pathway to Interdisciplinary Studies to enter into an Urban Studies and Planning Pathway Agreement between Delgado Community College and the University.*

- G.9. University of New Orleans' request for approval of a Pathway to Interdisciplinary Studies to enter into an Urban Studies and Planning Pathway Agreement between Northshore Technical Community College and the 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 Pathway to Interdisciplinary Studies to enter into an Urban Studies and Planning Pathway Agreement between Northshore Technical Community College and the University.

- G.10. University of New Orleans' request for approval to award an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters to Brigadier General Chad P. Franks 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 to Brigadier General Chad P. Franks at the Spring Commencement Exercises.

H. **Report of Athletic Committee**

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

- H.1. Grambling State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Freddie Murray, Head Women's Basketball Coach, effective April 1, 2017.

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 of a contract with Mr. Freddie Murray, Head Women's Basketball Coach, effective April 1, 2017.

- H.2. Northwestern State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Brad Laird, Associate Head Men's Football Coach, effective February 27, 2017.

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 Mr. Brad Laird, Associate Head Men's Football Coach, effective February 27, 2017.

- H.3. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Ms. Ayla Guzzardo, Head Women's Basketball Coach, effective May 3, 2017.

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 Ms. Ayla Guzzardo, Head Women's Basketball Coach, effective May 3, 2017.

- H.4. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a contract with Dr. Bryan Maggard, Athletic Director, effective March 1, 2017.

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 contract with Dr. Bryan Maggard, Athletic Director, effective March 1, 2017.

- H.5. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of a contractual amendment with Mr. Mike Collins, Defensive Coordinator/Assistant Head Football Coach, effective March 1, 2017.

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 contractual amendment with Mr. Mike Collins, Defensive Coordinator/Assistant Head Football Coach, effective March 1, 2017.

- H.6. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of a contractual amendment with Mr. Matt Kubik, Offensive Coordinator/Assistant Head Football Coach, effective March 1, 2017.

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 contractual amendment with Mr. Matt Kubik, Offensive Coordinator/Assistant Head Football Coach, effective March 1, 2017.

- H.7. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of a revised Athletic Home Game Complimentary Ticket Policy.

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 revised Athletic Home Game Complimentary Ticket Policy.

I. Report of Facilities Planning Committee

- I.1. Grambling State University's report of results of the consultant's report regarding a new library.

President Rick Gallot updated the Board on the progress of the new library project. No Board action was required.

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

- I.2. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to demolish a greenhouse located on the University's 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 a greenhouse located on the University's South Campus.

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

- I.3. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to demolish Hutcheson Hall located on the University 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 Hutcheson Hall located on the University Campus.*

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

- I.4. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to demolish McFarland-Jenkins Hall located on the University 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 McFarland-Jenkins Hall located on the University Campus.*

- I.5. Louisiana Tech University's request to exchange property with the Louisiana Tech University Foundation along with all improvements.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Louisiana Tech University's request to exchange property with the Louisiana Tech University Foundation along with all improvements.*

***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 and his or her designee is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute said property exchange.*

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

- I.6. McNeese State University's request for approval to rename the Cameron Communications Track and Field to the "Lena and Bill Henning Track and Field."

***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 the Cameron Communications Track and Field to the "Lena and Bill Henning Track and Field."*

- I.7. McNeese State University's request for approval to name the Student Central Room in Chozen Hall the "Donald H. McNeil Student Central Room."

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 name the Student Central Room in Chozen Hall the "Donald H. McNeil Student Central Room."

- I.8. Nicholls State University's request for approval to enter into a Ground Lease/Lease Back Agreement with the Nicholls State University Foundation to replace the artificial turf football field at John L. Guidry Stadium.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Nicholls State University's request to enter into a Ground Lease/Lease Back Agreement with the Nicholls State University Foundation replace the artificial turf football field at John L. Guidry Stadium.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Nicholls State 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 Nicholls State University and his or her designee is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute the Ground Lease/Lease Back Agreement.

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

- I.9. Northwestern State University's request to enter into and execute a Ground Lease Agreement with Christus Health Northern Louisiana, or its parent, subsidiary, affiliate or other related company, for a Parking Lot.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Northwestern State University's request to enter into and execute a Ground Lease Agreement with Christus Health Northern Louisiana, or its parent, subsidiary, affiliate or other related company, for a Parking Lot.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Northwestern State University shall obtain final review from UL System staff, legal counsel and shall secure all other appropriate4 approvals from agencies/parties of processes, documents, and administrative requirements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of Northwestern State University and his or her designee, are hereby authorized and directed to execute all documents described herein and any and all documents necessary in connection with the lease agreement described herein.

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

- I.10. Northwestern State University's request for approval to enter into a Facilities Lease with the Demons Unlimited Foundation, Inc., pursuant to authority vested by La. R.S. 17:3361 for the site of the scoreboard area at Turpin Stadium 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 Northwestern State University's request to enter into a Facilities Lease with the Demons Unlimited Foundation for the site of the scoreboard area at Turpin Stadium for the primary purpose of making facility improvements.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Northwestern State 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 Northwestern State University and his or her designee is authorized to execute the lease and all documents necessary to accept the improvements completed by the Northwestern State 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.*

- I.11. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to demolish Twelve Oaks, a former cafeteria and reception hall.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Southeastern Louisiana University's request to demolish Twelve Oaks, a former cafeteria and reception hall.*

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

- I.12. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to demolish the Vera Thomason Health Center.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Southeastern Louisiana University's request to demolish the Vera Thomason Health Center.*

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

- I.13. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to name a new computer lab in R. Norvall Garrett Hall the "Barrios Ng Family Lab for Global Marketing and Latin American Business."

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 name a new computer lab in R. Norvall Garrett Hall the "Barrios Ng Family Lab for Global Marketing and Latin American Business."

- I.14. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval for the execution of a Ground and Buildings Lease Agreement and an Agreement to Lease with Option to Purchase between the Board, on behalf of the University, and the University of Louisiana at Monroe Facilities, Inc.

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 approve the execution of a Ground and Buildings Lease Agreement and an Agreement to Lease with Option to Purchase between the Board, on behalf of the University, and the University of Louisiana at Monroe Facilities, Inc., in connection with a Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the University of Louisiana at Monroe shall obtain final review from University of Louisiana 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 the University of Louisiana at Monroe, and his or her designee, are 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 the University of Louisiana at Monroe will provide the University of Louisiana System office with copies of all final executed documents for the Board's files.

- I.15. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to purchase a vacant lot located at 707 North McGuire Avenue, Monroe, which is currently owned by the ULM Foundation.

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 purchase a vacant lot located at 707 North McGuire Avenue, Monroe, upon receipt of the MAI appraisal, property survey, Phase 1 environmental assessment, and an abstract of title and land.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the University of Louisiana at Monroe 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 the University of Louisiana at Monroe and his or her designee are hereby authorized and directed to execute the act of purchase described herein and any and all documents necessary in connection with the acceptance of the property donation described herein.

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

- I.16. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to enter into a Ground Lease Agreement with ULM Foundation to construct a new Foundation and Alumni building pursuant to the authority vested in La. R.S. 17:3361 and to purchase the improvements back from the Foundation in accordance with the law.

***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 enter into a Ground Lease Agreement with the ULM Foundation to construct a new Foundation and Alumni building pursuant to the authority vested in La. R.S. 17:3361.*

***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 the lease documents and construction of the new facility.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby approves University of Louisiana at Monroe's request to negotiate purchase of the improvements back from the Foundation, to be brought back to the Board for final approval in accordance with Board Rules and law.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President of University of Louisiana at Monroe and his or her 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.*

J. Report of Finance Committee

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

- J.1. Northwestern State University's request for approval to waive non-resident fees for any non-resident student whose parent has earned at least an associate degree from any regionally accredited college or university in Louisiana.

***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 waive non-resident fees for any non-resident student whose parent has earned at least an associate degree from any regionally accredited college or university in Louisiana as allowed by Act 455 of the 2016 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature.*

- J.2. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to establish the Willis-Knighton Endowed Professorship for Nursing and the Michael H. Woods First Generation Endowed Undergraduate Scholarship B.

***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 establish the Willis-Knighton Endowed Professorship for Nursing and the Michael H. Woods First Generation Endowed Undergraduate Scholarship B.*

- J.3. University of New Orleans' request for approval to convert the Freeport-McMoRan Inc. Chair of Human Resources Management into three Professorships: (a) Freeport-McMoRan Inc. Endowed Professor in Business I; (b) Freeport-McMoRan Inc. Endowed Professor in Business II; and (c) Freeport-McMoRan Inc. Endowed Professor in Business III; and to convert Freeport-McMoRan Inc. Chair in Strategic Marketing into three Professorships: (d) Freeport-McMoRan Inc. Endowed Professor in Business IV; (e) Freeport-McMoRan Inc. Endowed Professor in Business V; and (f) Freeport-McMoRan Inc. Endowed Professor in Business VI.

***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 convert the Freeport-McMoRan Inc. Chair of Human Resources Management into three Professorships: (a) Freeport-McMoRan Inc. Endowed Professor in Business I; (b) Freeport-McMoRan Inc. Endowed Professor in Business II; and (c) Freeport-McMoRan Inc. Endowed Professor in Business III; and to convert Freeport-McMoRan Inc. Chair in Strategic Marketing into three Professorships: (d) Freeport-McMoRan Inc. Endowed Professor in Business IV; (e) Freeport-McMoRan Inc. Endowed Professor in Business V; and (f) Freeport-McMoRan Inc. Endowed Professor in Business VI.*

- J.4. University of Louisiana System's recommendation to approve Campus Housing and Meal Plan Rates, Auxiliary Rates, Energy Surcharge, and Non-Governmental Charges for Academic Year 2017-18.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the University of Louisiana System's recommendation for Campus Housing and Meal Plan Rates, Auxiliary Rates, Energy Surcharge, and Non-Governmental Charges for Academic Year 2017-18.*

- J.5. University of Louisiana System's request for approval to authorize a 5.75% employer contribution rate for employees in the Optional Retirement Plan of Teachers Retirement System of Louisiana, in accordance with Act 607 of 2014.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of Louisiana System's request for approval to authorize a 5.75% employer contribution rate for employees in the Optional Retirement Plan of Teachers Retirement System of Louisiana, in accordance with Act 607 of 2014.*

K. **Report of Personnel Committee**

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

- K.1. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to continue the appointment of Dr. Gwen Fontenot as Interim Dean of the B.I. Moody III College of Business Administration effective February 1, 2017.

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 continue the appointment of Dr. Gwen Fontenot as Interim Dean of the B.I. Moody III College of Business Administration effective February 1, 2017.

L. **Report of Legislation Committee**

- L.1. Update of the 2017 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature

For information only, the Board received a report Ms. Rachel Kincaid, System Vice President of External Affairs, and Mr. Paul Rainwater, Senior Consultant with Cornerstone Government Affairs.

M. **System President's Business**

- M.1. Personnel Actions

Dr. Jim Henderson, System President, stated that Board members had received campus personnel actions via email. He also indicated that three additional personnel actions from the System office were included in the Board folders for their review and approval.

Dr. Henderson reported that Nicholls State University President Bruce Murphy requested approval of a Rewards and Recognition policy. If approved, this policy would permit 497 full-time classified employees on the campus to be eligible to receive the President's Award of Excellence, a one-time monetary award. A copy of the proposed policy was available in Board member folders.

President Henderson said that System staff reviewed the personnel actions as amended, and staff recommends approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Romero, seconded by Mr. Torres, the Board unanimously voted to approve the System personnel actions as amended and Nicholls State University's Rewards and Recognition Policy.

Dr. Henderson stated that Dr. Caprice Ieyoub had joined the System staff as Executive Director of Development. He also congratulated Dr. Jeannine Kahn for her change in title to Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Ms. Erica Calais for her change in title to Vice President for Student Affairs and Governance.

M.2. System President's Report

Northwestern Presidential Search

Dr. Henderson reported that the Northwestern State University Presidential Search Committee plans to meet in Natchitoches on April 27 to interview three semifinalists: Dr. Neal Barlow, Dr. Chris Maggio, and Dr. William Wainwright. He indicated that the candidates will meet with constituent groups on the campus on April 26. Dr. Henderson also reminded Board members that a Special meeting will be held on May 4 in Baton Rouge to interview finalists.

CLCU

Dr. Henderson said that Northwestern State University hosted this year's Conference of Louisiana Colleges and Universities (CLCU), with Dr. Henderson serving as the current president. He noted that Commissioner of Higher Education Joseph Rallo discussed national trends affecting higher education and Deputy Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Revenue Kevin Richard provided a keynote address. Panel discussions were held in the afternoon.

Academic Summit

President Henderson reported that the sixth annual UL System Academic Summit was held on March 30-31 on Southeastern Louisiana University's campus. He said it was successful, with all institutions participating and with good attendance.

Institute of Leadership Development

Dr. Henderson stated that one of the responsibilities of Dr. Ieyoub will be to develop the *Institute of Leadership Development for the Universities of Louisiana*. When the program is implemented, the institute will help to identify emerging leaders on the campuses and equip them with knowledge and best practices for effective leadership.

Annual Financial Disclosure

The Board members were reminded of the requirement to submit annual financial disclosure statements by May 15.

N. Board Chair's Business

N.1. Board Chair's Report

Chair Perkins commended Board members for taking advantage of opportunities to learn about higher education issues. He thanked them for participating in the Annual Trusteeship Conference sponsored by the Board of Regents as well as the UL System Board Retreat in Thibodaux at Nicholls State University.

O. **Other Business**

Mr. Perkins reminded Board members to review the Athletic and Audit summary reports in their folders in order to keep updated on important athletic accomplishments and audit issues.

He also reminded them that the next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for June 22 in Baton Rouge.

P. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, upon motion of Ms. Dunahoe, seconded by Mr. Torres, the meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.