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Recap of Official Business of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System

New Board Officers Assume Leadership Roles

Today the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System welcomed the New Year along with three new officers. Elsie Burkhalter was sworn in as Chair for 2008, Winfred Sibille assumed the role of Vice Chair, and Wayne Parker became Parliamentarian for the Board.

Burkhalter, who was elected to the Board’s highest role last December, previously served as Vice Chair under Jimmy D. Long, Sr.

Jerry Luke LeBlanc to Lead UL Lafayette Transition

The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System appointed Jerry Luke LeBlanc to serve as the Presidential Transition Coordinator for the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Today’s appointment was the result of a dual request from UL Lafayette President Ray Authement and incoming President E. Joseph Savoie.

“This is a golden opportunity for me to continue my role of service by working for my university. Dr. Authement’s outstanding tenure as president has poised UL Lafayette to accelerate economic and workforce development for the Acadiana region and the State of Louisiana. I see much potential and great work ahead,” said LeBlanc.

LeBlanc’s appointment is effective Monday, Jan. 14. He will operate the transition office on the UL Lafayette campus for six to seven months.

“Jerry is a UL Lafayette alumnus. His experience as the state’s chief administrative and management officer as well as his years as Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee have given him experience and insight that few others can claim. He will be a significant asset to the university in helping to move this transition forward in a positive manner,” said Savoie as he presented LeBlanc to the UL System Board.

According to Savoie, LeBlanc will have the day-to-day responsibility to carry out his transition plan. That plan includes the establishment of key action teams charged with analyzing the major findings from the UL Lafayette Institutional Review as well as prioritizing broader community and campus goals.

Savoie will assume the presidency when President Ray Authement, the longest-standing public university president in the country at 34 years, retires from UL Lafayette this summer.

ULS Chair Forms Special Committee on Access to Success

In one of her first duties as Chair of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System, Elsie Burkhalter created a special committee on Access to Success and Accountability that will monitor and report on the efforts of enrolling and graduating more students by the eight ULS universities.

“We must raise the level of importance of this initiative through monitoring and highlighting progress. This is our direction; our mandate,” said Burkhalter.

Appointed to serve on the Committee are Wayne Parker, Chair, Dr. Mildred Gallot, Vice Chair, Jeff Jenkins, Renee Lapeyrolerie, Russell Mosely, and Winfred Sibille.

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Board Action

Chair Burkhalter appointed the following Board members to serve on the various committees:

**Academic and Student Affairs**
- Dr. Mildred Gallot, Chair
- Ms. Renée Layeprolerie, Vice Chair
- Mr. Jimmy Long
- Mr. Russell Mosely
- Ms. Olinda Ricard
- Ms. Connie Rougeou
- Dr. Eunice Smith

**Executive**
- Mrs. Elsie Burkhalter, Chair
- Mr. Winfred Sibille, Vice Chair
- Mr. D. Wayne Parker, Parliamentarian
- Mr. Victor Bussie
- Mr. Andre Coudrain
- Dr. Mildred Gallot

**Facilities Planning**
- Mr. Russell Mosely, Chair
- Mr. Jeff Jenkins, Vice Chair
- Mr. Paul Aucoin, Mr. Robert Hale
- Mr. Jimmy Long
- Mr. Winfred Sibille
- Dr. Eunice Smith

**Finance**
- Mr. D. Wayne Parker, Chair
- Mr. Andre Coudrain, Vice Chair
- Mr. Paul Aucoin
- Ms. Renee Layeprolerie

**Grievance**
- Mr. Victor Bussie, Chair
- Mr. Jimmy Long, Vice Chair
- Dr. Mildred Gallot
- Mr. Robert Hale
- Ms. Olinda Ricard
- Ms. Connie Rougeou
- Dr. Eunice Smith

**Legislation**
- Mr. Andre Coudrain, Chair
- Mr. Jimmy Long, Vice Chair
- Mr. Paul Aucoin
- Ms. Renee Layeprolerie
- Ms. Olinda Ricard
- Mr. Winfred Sibille

**Personnel**
- Mr. Robert Hale, Chair
- Ms. Connie Rougeou, Vice Chair
- Mr. Victor Bussie
- Dr. Mildred Gallot
- Mr. Jimmy Long
- Dr. Eunice Smith

**Audit**
- Mr. Jeff Jenkins, Chair
- Mr. Robert Hale, Vice Chair
- Mr. Andre Coudrain

**Athletics**
- Mr. Paul Aucoin, Chair
- Mr. Winfred Sibille, Vice Chair
- Mr. Victor Bussie
- Mr. Robert Hale
- Mr. Jeff Jenkins
- Mr. D. Wayne Parker
- Ms. Olinda Ricard

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“We want to produce more graduates in less time with less debt and be more publicly accountable. This is a very important state and national issue, and I commend our Board and Board Chair for taking such an active role,” said UL System President Sally Clausen.

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Sibille assumes his role as Vice Chair after serving on the Board since 1995. In 1989 the Louisiana Association of School Executives named him the State Educator of the Year.

Parker, who was sworn in as Parliamentarian, will also serve as Chair for the 2008 Finance Standing Committee and the newly formed Special Committee on Access to Success and Accountability. He has served on the Board of Supervisors since 2003.