

**MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM
April 22, 2021**

A. **Call to Order**

On Thursday, April 22, 2021, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System met via Zoom. The meeting was called to order by Chair Carter at 11:01 a.m.

B. **Roll Call**

PRESENT

Ms. Olivia Bailey
Mr. Barry Busada
Mr. James Carter
Dr. Jimmy Clarke
Mr. Steve Davison
Ms. Lola Dunahoe
Mr. Thomas Kitchen

Ms. Mildred “Mimi” Methvin
Mr. Alejandro “Al” Perkins*
Ms. Elizabeth Pierre
Mr. Virgil Robinson
Ms. Kristine Russell
Mr. Brad Stevens

**Mr. Perkins arrived at 11:40 a.m.*

ABSENT

Dr. John Condos
Mr. Mark Romero

Mr. Joe Salter

A quorum was established. Also present were System President Jim Henderson, System staff, University Presidents, and Attorneys Linda Clark and Brandon DeCuir.

C. **Certification**

Upon motion of Ms. Methvin, seconded by Ms. Dunahoe, the Board voted by roll call vote to approve the Certification of Inability to Operate due to Lack of Quorum. The following members voted aye: Ms. Bailey, Mr. Busada, Mr. Carter, Dr. Clarke, Mr. Davison, Ms. Dunahoe, Mr. Kitchen, Ms. Methvin, Ms. Pierre, Mr. Robinson, Ms. Russell, and Mr. Stevens. There were no opposing votes.

D. **Invocation**

Ms. Elizabeth Pierre opened the meeting with an invocation.

E. **Approval of Minutes of February 25, 2021 Board Meeting**

Upon motion of Ms. Dunahoe, seconded by Mr. Robinson, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the February 25 Board Meeting. Also included in the motion was the request to meet as a Committee of the Whole. The following roll call vote was recorded: Ms. Bailey, Mr. Busada, Mr. Carter, Dr. Clarke, Mr. Davison, Ms. Dunahoe, Mr. Kitchen, Ms. Methvin, Ms. Pierre, Mr. Robinson, Ms. Russell, and Mr. Stevens.

F. **Academic and Student Affairs Committee**

Dr. Clarke asked Dr. Jeannine Kahn, System Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, to present the agenda items.

Dr. Kahn described Items F.1.-F.15. Mr. Brett Garfinkel, Northwestern State University's Department Head of Theatre and Dance, and Mr. Robert Richoux, Assistant Professor, provided input regarding Item F.9.

Upon motion of Ms. Dunahoe, seconded by Ms. Pierre, Items F.1.-F.15. were unanimously approved. The following members voted aye by roll call vote: Ms. Bailey, Mr. Busada, Mr. Carter, Dr. Clarke, Mr. Davison, Ms. Dunahoe, Mr. Kitchen, Ms. Methvin, Ms. Pierre, Mr. Robinson, Ms. Russell, and Mr. Stevens. There were no opposing votes.

F.1 **Grambling State University's request for approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with ProTrain, LLC.**

***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 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with ProTrain, LLC.*

F.2. **McNeese State University's request for approval to award an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters to Mr. Paul Rainwater at the Spring 2021 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 Mr. Paul Rainwater at the Spring 2021 Commencement Exercises.*

F.3. **McNeese State University's request for approval to offer an Undergraduate Certificate (UC) in Diversity and Inclusion.**

***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 offer an Undergraduate Certificate (UC) in Diversity and Inclusion.*

F.4. **Nicholls State University's request for approval to award an Honorary Doctor of Commerce to Mr. Gregory K. Stock at the Spring 2021 Commencement Exercises.**

***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 award an Honorary Doctor of Commerce to Mr. Gregory K. Stock at the Spring 2021 Commencement Exercises.*

F.5. **Northwestern State University's request for approval to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Caddo Career and Technical Center.**

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 enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Caddo Career and Technical Center.

- F.6. Northwestern State University's request for approval to enter into a Transfer Articulation Agreement with Bossier Parish Community College (BPCC).

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 enter into a Transfer Articulation Agreement with Bossier Parish Community College (BPCC).

- F.7. Northwestern State University's request for approval of a School Affiliation Agreement with Rapides Regional Medical Center.

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 School Affiliation Agreement with Rapides Regional Medical Center.

- F.8. Northwestern State University's request for approval to convert Post-Baccalaureate Certificates (PBC) in CoNSAH (College of Nursing and School of Allied Health) to Undergraduate Certificates (UC).

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 convert Post-Baccalaureate Certificates (PBC) in CoNSAH (College of Nursing and School of Allied Health) to Undergraduate Certificates (UC).

- F.9. Northwestern State University's request for approval to transition the Bachelor of Science in Theatre – Design and Technology Concentration to a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Production and Design.

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 transition the Bachelor of Science in Theatre – Design and Technology Concentration to a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Production and Design.

- F.10. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to award an Honorary Doctor of Nursing Practice to Mr. James Devin Moncus at the Spring 2021 Commencement Exercises.

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 award an Honorary Doctor of Nursing Practice to Mr. James Devin Moncus at the Spring 2021 Commencement Exercises.

- F.11. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to offer an Undergraduate Certificate (UC) in Geographic Information Systems.

***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 offer an Undergraduate Certificate (UC) in Geographic Information Systems.*

- F.12. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to offer a Graduate Certificate (GC) in Population Health, Public Health Education and Promotion.

***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 offer a Graduate Certificate (GC) in Population Health, Public Health Education and Promotion.*

- F.13. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Bossier Parish Community College (BPCC).

***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 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Bossier Parish Community College (BPCC).*

- F.14. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to terminate the Post-Baccalaureate Certificate (PBC) in Autism Spectrum Disorders.

***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 terminate the Post-Baccalaureate (PBC) in Autism Spectrum Disorders.*

- F.15. University of New Orleans' request for approval to award an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters to Dr. Raphael Cassimere, Jr. at the Spring 2021 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 Dr. Raphael Cassimere, Jr. at the Spring 2021 Commencement Exercises.*

- F.16. Faculty and Student Spotlights

Dr. Kahn introduced the two individuals who were being highlighted: Dr. Jamie Newman, Associate Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, Louisiana Tech University; and Ms. Alexis Reed, Student, University of New Orleans.

Dr. Jamie Newman discussed the VISTA (Visual Integration of Science Through Art) program at Louisiana Tech. She described this interdisciplinary approach as one that engages art, biology, and biomedical engineering faculty as they introduce art and science

in a way that challenges students. The purpose is to offer students the opportunity to combine their skills and knowledge into a career that is suitable to their interests and abilities.

Ms. Reed indicated that she is a first generation student at University of New Orleans. Also, she expressed appreciation for having had the opportunity to study abroad in Japan, and she attributed that experience to a change in her major when she returned.

G. **Athletic Committee**

Ms. Kristine Russell asked Mr. Bruce Janet, System Director of Internal and External Audits, to discuss the items under consideration.

Mr. Janet described Items G.1.-G.8.

Upon motion of Dr. Clarke, seconded by Ms. Dunahoe, Items G.1.-G.8. were unanimously approved, with aye votes by: Ms. Bailey, Mr. Busada, Mr. Carter, Dr. Clarke, Mr. Davison, Ms. Dunahoe, Mr. Kitchen, Ms. Methvin, Mr. Perkins, Ms. Pierre, Mr. Robinson, Ms. Russell, and Mr. Stevens. There were no opposing votes.

- G.1. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. David Mackie, Assistant Football Coach/Safeties Coach, between Louisiana Tech University and Louisiana Tech University Foundation, effective March 1, 2021.

***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 a contract with Mr. David Mackie, Assistant Football Coach/Safeties Coach, between Louisiana Tech University and Louisiana Tech University Foundation, effective March 1, 2021.*

- G.2. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Perry Lee Carter, Assistant Football Coach/Cornerbacks Coach, between Louisiana Tech University and Louisiana Tech University Foundation, effective April 1, 2021.

***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 a contract with Mr. Perry Lee Carter, Assistant Football Coach/Cornerbacks Coach, between Louisiana Tech University and Louisiana Tech University Foundation, effective April 1, 2021.*

- G.3. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Louis Lee Holtz III, Assistant Football Coach/Inside Receivers Coach, between Louisiana Tech University and Louisiana Tech University Foundation, effective March 1, 2021.

***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 a contract with Mr. Louis Lee Holtz III, Assistant Football Coach/Inside Receivers Coach, between Louisiana Tech University and Louisiana Tech University Foundation, effective March 1, 2021.*

- G.4. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Pacifico David DeGuglielmo, Assistant Football Coach/Offensive Line Coach, between Louisiana Tech University and Louisiana Tech University Foundation, effective March 1, 2021.

***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 a contract with Mr. Pacifico David DeGuglielmo, Assistant Football Coach/Offensive Line Coach, between Louisiana Tech University and Louisiana Tech University Foundation, effective March 1, 2021.*

- G.5. McNeese State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. John Aiken, Head Men's Basketball Coach, effective April 1, 2021.

***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 Mr. John Aiken, Head Men's Basketball Coach, effective April 1, 2021.*

- G.6. McNeese State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Lynn Kennedy, Head Women's Basketball Coach, effective April 1, 2021.

***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 Mr. Lynn Kennedy, Head Women's Basketball Coach, effective April 1, 2021.*

- G.7. Northwestern State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Sean Kiracofe, Head Women's Volleyball Coach, effective March 1, 2021.

***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. Sean Kiracofe, Head Women's Volleyball Coach, effective March 1, 2021.*

- G.8. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of amended Contracts for Employment for various coaches.

***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 amended Contracts for Employment for various coaches (Mr. Matt Deggs, Head Baseball Coach; Mr. Garry P. Brodhead, Head Women's Basketball Coach; Mr. Robert Marlin, Head Men's Basketball Coach; Mr. Gerald Glasco, Jr., Head Softball Coach; and Mr. Lance Key, Head Soccer Coach) effective April 22, 2021.*

- G.9. Other Business – Update on Title IX Reporting and Morality Clauses

Mr. Janet gave a brief report of recent requirements in Title IX reporting as well as additional language that is being included in athletic contracts concerning morality clauses.

This was an update only and no Board action was necessary.

H. **Facilities Planning Committee**

Committee Chair Kitchen asked Mr. Janet to present the Facilities Planning Committee items.

Upon motion of Ms. Methvin, seconded by Ms. Pierre, the Board voted to approve Items H.1. and H.2. The following Board members voted aye: Ms. Bailey, Mr. Busada, Mr. Carter, Dr. Clarke, Mr. Davison, Ms. Dunahoe, Mr. Kitchen, Ms. Methvin, Mr. Perkins, Ms. Pierre, Mr. Robinson, Ms. Russell, and Mr. Stevens.

- H.1. Northwestern State University's request for approval to enter into a Ground Lease Agreement with the Northwestern State University Foundation (NSUF) to obtain and install artificial turf on the football field at Harry Turpin Stadium, pursuant to La. R.S. 17:3361.

***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 enter a lease/lease back agreement with NSUF to obtain and install artificial turf on the football field at Harry Turpin Stadium.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Northwestern State 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 Northwestern State University and/or his designee are hereby authorized and directed to execute the act of donation described herein and any and all documents necessary in connection with the acceptance of the property donation described herein.*

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

- H.2. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to demolish the Research Greenhouse Number 1 as the result of damage suffered from Hurricane Delta.

***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 to demolish the Research Greenhouse Number 1.*

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

I. **Finance Committee**

Committee Chair Virgil Robinson asked staff to present the campus requests. Mr. Robbie Robinson discussed I.1.-I.5. and I.7., and Mr. Bruce Janet introduced Item I.6.

Upon motion of Ms. Methvin, seconded by Mr. Davison, the Board voted unanimously to approve Items I.1.-I.5., with the following roll call vote: Ms. Bailey, Mr. Busada, Mr. Carter, Dr. Clarke, Mr. Davison, Ms. Dunahoe, Mr. Kitchen, Ms. Methvin, Mr. Perkins, Ms. Pierre, Mr. Robinson, Ms. Russell, and Mr. Stevens.

I.1. Grambling State University's request for approval to seek matching funds from the Louisiana Board of Regents for Endowed Scholarships:

- a. Doug Williams Peyback Endowed Scholarship
- b. The Shade Room First Generation Endowed Scholarship
- c. Origin Bank First Generation Endowed Scholarship
- d. Reverend E. Edward Jones, Sr. and Mrs. Leslie A. Jones Endowed Student Scholarship
- e. Diageo North America, Inc. Endowed Scholarship Fund
- f. Mr. Truitt Lowery and Mrs. Eleanor Wayne Lowery Endowed Student Scholarship
- g. Dr. Neari F. Warner Endowed Student Scholarship
- h. SGA Centennial Campaign Endowed Scholarship
- i. The Perry D. and Monica Kennedy Jones Endowed Student Scholarship
- j. Annie McConnell Brown Endowed Scholarship
- k. The Tiger Marching Band Endowed Scholarship
- l. The Doris Moses-Perseverance Scholarship
- m. Miechelle O. Willis Endowed Student Athletic Scholarship

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the requests from Grambling State University to establish the LEQSF (8g) Endowed Professorships/First Generation Scholarships.

I.2. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to amend and extend the University's lease agreement for the University's foodservice operations and facilities with Aramark Educational Services, LLC, for an additional twelve- (12) year period beyond the current term ending June 30, 2024.

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 amend and extend the University's lease agreement for the University's foodservice operations and facilities with Aramark Educational Services, LLC, for an additional twelve- (12) year period beyond the current term ending June 30, 2024.

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 prior to execution of documents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of Louisiana Tech University is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute this agreement.

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

- I.3. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to amend the University's existing lease agreement with Barnes & Noble College Booksellers, LLC, and implement the First Day Complete Equitable Access 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 to amend the University's existing lease agreement with Barnes & Noble College Booksellers, LLC, and implement the First Day Complete Equitable Access Program.*

***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 designee is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute the lease amendment.*

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

- I.4. Nicholls State University's request for approval to amend and extend the University's existing lease agreement with Barnes & Noble College Booksellers, LLC, and implement the First Day Complete Equitable Access Program.

***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 amend and extend the University's existing lease agreement with Barnes & Noble College Booksellers, LLC, and implement the First Day Complete Equitable Access Program.*

***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 designee is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute the lease amendment.*

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

- I.5. 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 2021-22.

***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 System Universities' Campus Housing and Meal Plan Rates, Auxiliary Rates, Energy Surcharge, and Non-Governmental Charges for Academic Year 2021-22.*

I.6. University of Louisiana System's report on internal and external audit activity for the period of February 22 to April 18, 2021.

Mr. Janet gave a brief presentation on the internal and external audits. This was a report only and no action was required by the Board.

I.7. Revised Policy and Procedures Memorandum (PPM) FB-IV.3 *Students with Debt Policy*.

Mr. Robbie Robinson informed the Board members that a minor revision had been made to the Policy and Procedures Memorandum, *Students with Debt Policy*, effective April 22, 2021. No Board action was required by the Board.

J. Personnel Committee

Ms. Dunahoe asked Mr. Marcus Jones, System Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, to present the campus request.

Mr. Jones described the item and, upon motion of Mr. Robinson, seconded by Ms. Pierre, the Board voted unanimously to approve Item J.1. The following votes were recorded: Ms. Bailey, Mr. Busada, Mr. Carter, Dr. Clarke, Mr. Davison, Ms. Dunahoe, Mr. Kitchen, Ms. Methvin, Mr. Perkins, Ms. Pierre, Mr. Robinson, Ms. Russell, and Mr. Stevens. There were no opposing votes.

J.1. Northwestern State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Michael Snowden as Vice President for Inclusion and Diversity effective May 1, 2021.

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 appoint Dr. Michael Snowden as Vice President for Inclusion and Diversity effective May 1, 2021.

K. Legislation Committee

Ms. Kristine Russell, Chair, introduced a video prepared by Ms. Cami Geisman, Vice President for External Affairs, to give the legislative update.

K.1. Update on 2021 Regular Legislative Session

In the summary, Ms. Geisman reiterated the two current legislative priorities of most importance to the higher education community: (1) To restore state investment in higher education to the FY 2019 level and (2) to close the compensation gap by investing in faculty. Ms. Geisman particularly thanked Katelyn Wilkerson and Jessie Gabor for their work on ULS Day at the Capitol (virtual) and for helping to ensure its success.

L. System President's Business

L.1. Personnel Actions

President Henderson said that System staff had reviewed all personnel actions and summer pay plans from the campuses and recommends approval.

Upon motion of Dr. Clarke, seconded by Mr. Kitchen, the Board voted by roll call to approve the System personnel actions and summer pay plans.

The following members voted aye: Ms. Bailey, Mr. Busada, Mr. Carter, Dr. Clarke, Mr. Davison, Ms. Dunahoe, Mr. Kitchen, Ms. Methvin, Mr. Perkins, Ms. Pierre, Mr. Robinson, Ms. Russell, and Mr. Stevens. There were no opposing votes.

In addition, Dr. Henderson welcomed Mr. Eddie Meche, who will join the System staff effective June 1. Mr. Meche will serve as Vice President for Business and Finance.

L.2. Appointment of Interim President of Northwestern State University

Dr. Henderson stated that Northwestern President Chris Maggio plans to retire on June 30. He thanked Dr. Maggio for his long and successful career of 33 years at Northwestern. As a result of this retirement, it is necessary to appoint an Interim President. Dr. Henderson recommended that Mr. Marcus Jones be appointed as Interim President of Northwestern State University effective July 1.

Upon motion of Ms. Dunahoe, seconded by Mr. Stevens, the Board unanimously voted to appoint Mr. Marcus Jones as Interim President of Northwestern State University effective July 1, 2021. The following roll call was recorded: Ms. Bailey, Mr. Busada, Mr. Carter, Dr. Clarke, Mr. Davison, Ms. Dunahoe, Mr. Kitchen, Ms. Methvin, Mr. Perkins, Ms. Pierre, Mr. Robinson, Ms. Russell, and Mr. Stevens. There were no votes in opposition.

L.3. System President's Report

Dr. Henderson asked Ms. Erica Calais to give some remarks about past and upcoming events as well as changes to Policy and Procedures Memoranda.

Revisions to Policy and Procedures Memoranda

Ms. Calais reported that the two Policy and Procedures Memoranda on Sexual Misconduct and Notation of Disciplinary Actions had been revised to mitigate incidents in cases in which alleged perpetrators transfer from one institution to another. She indicated that the revisions align with state legislation and Board of Regents uniform sexual misconduct policy.

Upcoming Events - STAR Workshop and Virtual College Fair

Ms. Calais stated that the System has scheduled a Title IX and sexual assault prevention workshop for System Title IX Coordinators on April 23. She said that the workshop will be facilitated by STAR and is a continuation of the framework presented recently at the pre-conference workshop.

Additionally, Ms. Calais informed the Board that the System is hosting a virtual college fair for 100 Black Men students on April 24. The fair will include presentations from University recruiters as well as LOSFA (Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance). She stated that at least 150 high school students have plans to participate.

Recap of Academic Summit

Ms. Calais reported that on March 26 the System had virtually held its annual Academic Summit, promoting the work of students and faculty in the areas of undergraduate research, service learning, and visual and performing arts. There was participation from all UL System institutions and the Summit was well-attended.

Recap of For Our Future Conference

Dr. Henderson gave an update on the 4th Annual *For Our Future* Conference held on March 18-19. He said that the two-day virtual event was enjoyed by close to 900 faculty and staff and included at least 60 breakout sessions.

International Exchange

Mr. Marcus Jones presented a report on study abroad opportunities for System university students. He recognized that more than 500 students have participated in the program in 30 countries. He indicated that it provides a unique educational experience, involving increased language skills and greater global understanding and ability to work with other world cultures.

Mr. Jones noted that there are also barriers to participation in study abroad opportunities for some students, including cost, work and/or family obligations, lack of community support, anxiety, language barriers, and basic lack of awareness. Some of the answers to these hurdles are scholarships, grants, memoranda of understanding, and peer-led recruiting.

Introduction of Officers

Dr. Claire Norris introduced the Chief Diversity Officers from the nine campuses:

Lori Williams	- Grambling State University
Devonia Love-Vaughn	- Louisiana Tech University
Krisshunn Youngblood	- McNeese State University
Steven Kenney, Jr.	- Nicholls State University
Michael Snowden	- Northwestern State University
Elizabeth Hornsby	- Southeastern Louisiana University
Taniecea Mallery	- University of Louisiana at Lafayette
Pamela Higgins Saulsberry	- University of Louisiana at Monroe
Newtona Johnson	- University of New Orleans

Black Male Summit

Dr. Henderson reported that the System has recently established a Black Male Advisory Council to provide programs, services, and events to connect African American male students, faculty, and staff with resources to ensure their educational success. The Council is scheduling an inaugural Black Male Summit on June 17. Dr. Henderson said that final details will be forwarded to the Board.

Management and Leadership Institute (M&LI)

Dr. Henderson said that the fourth class of M&LI will conclude in May, and the class intends to present its group project at the June Board meeting. Additionally, the Presidents are being asked to submit nominations for the fifth cohort of the Institute.

M. **Board Chair's Business**

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

Reminders

Chair Carter reminded Board members to complete the requisite ethics and preventing sexual harassment trainings. In addition, he said that 2020 Personal Financial Disclosure Statements are due to the Board of Ethics by May 17. Mr. Carter directed the Board to Mr. Bruce Janet for questions about the trainings and Ms. Sandra Green about the Financial Disclosure Statements as well as university commencement activities.

N. **Other Business**

Mr. Carter said that the next meeting of the Board is June 24 at 11:00 a.m.

O. **Adjournment**

Upon motion of Ms. Pierre, seconded by Mr. Kitchen, at 1:22 p.m., the Board voted to adjourn.