

MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM

August 27, 1999
Baton Rouge, LA

The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System met in regular session on Friday, August 27, 1999, in the Auditorium, State Office Building, First Floor, 150 Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl Shetler at 10:40 a.m. and opened with a prayer by Dr. Anders. The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT:

Mr. Carl Shetler, Chairman
Mr. Andre G. Coudrain, Vice Chairman
Dr. Edward B. Anders
Mrs. Elsie P. Burkhalter
Mr. T. L. "Teddy" Duhé
Mr. Herman Gesser, Jr.
Mr. Tex R. Kilpatrick
Mr. Ravis Martinez
Mr. Gordon A. Pugh
Mr. Winfred F. Sibille
Mrs. Carroll W. Suggs
Mr. Michael H. Woods
Mr. David Wright

ABSENT:

Mr. Robert C. Davidge
Dr. Eunice Wicker Smith

Chairman Shetler indicated that Mr. Davidge and Dr. Smith were granted excused absences for this meeting.

On motion of Mr. Duhé, seconded by Mrs. Suggs, the Board unanimously approved the **June 25, 1999 minutes**.

REPORT OF THE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Burkhalter, Chairman of the Grievance Committee, presented the Committee's report.

Agenda Item E.1.

On motion of Mrs. Burkhalter, seconded by Mr. Kilpatrick, the Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of the Grievance Committee and voted to affirm the decision of **Louisiana Tech University** and deny a hearing to Dr. Charles Dorsett, a faculty member.

Agenda Item E.2.

On motion of Mrs. Burkhalter, seconded by Mr. Coudrain, the Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of the Grievance Committee and voted to affirm the decision of **Southeastern Louisiana University** and deny a hearing to Dr. David Blackwell, a staff member.

REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS ITEMS

Dr. Carroll Falcon, System Vice President for Academic Affairs, explained that the Academic and Student Affairs Committee did not meet. He asked that the Board take action on the following items being presented for Board action:

Agenda Item F.1.

On motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mrs. Burkhalter, the Board unanimously approved **Northeast Louisiana University's** purpose statement.

On motion of Mr. Duhé, seconded by Mr. Woods, the Board voted to amend its agenda to include an item of other business.

Agenda Item F.2. - Other Business

On motion of Mr. Duhé, seconded by Mrs. Burkhalter, the Board unanimously approved **Louisiana Tech University's** Intellectual Property Policy subject to any revision that may be necessary in the future in order that the policy conform to the System-wide or Board policy once adopted.

REPORT OF THE ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

Mr. Duhé, Chairman of the Athletic Committee, presented the Committee's report.

On motion of Mr. Duhé, seconded by Mr. Sibille, the Board unanimously voted to amend its agenda to include items of other business and accepted the recommendation of the Athletic Committee and approved the following items:

Agenda Item G.1.

Louisiana Tech University's request to approve the revised contract for the head women's basketball coach.

Agenda Item G.2.

Northeast Louisiana University's request to appoint Mr. John Warner Alford, Jr. as Director of Athletics effective July 12, 1999, subject to concurrence of the Personnel Committee.

Agenda Item G.3.a. – Other Business

Southeastern Louisiana University's request to appoint Mr. Richard Sharp as Interim Director of Athletics effective August 23, 1999, subject to concurrence of the Personnel Committee.

Agenda Item G.3.b. – Other Business

University of Louisiana System's request to distribute a Board **RULES** addition regarding computation of GPA for student athletes in the next thirty (30) days.

REPORT OF THE FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE

Mr. Gesser, Chairman of the Facilities Planning Committee, presented the Committee's report.

On motion of Mr. Duhé, seconded by Mr. Sibille, the Board unanimously voted to amend the order of presenting items and add items of other business.

Agenda Item H.6.

On motion of Mr. Gesser, seconded by Mr. Sibille, the Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of the Facilities Planning Committee and approved **University of Southwestern Louisiana's** request to name the new life sciences building at the New Iberia Research Center (NIRC) "Ackal Hall". The Committee also asked that the System staff prepare a Resolution renaming the new life sciences building and requested that this Resolution be displayed in the newly named "Ackal Hall."

Agenda Item H.3.

Mr. Shetler presented the following item:

On motion of Mr. Shetler, seconded by Mr. Duhé, the Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of the Facilities Planning Committee and approved **McNeese State University's** request to name its baseball complex in memory of Frank Landry, Jr. The Committee further recommended that the System staff prepare a Resolution to be displayed in the newly named Frank Landry, Jr. baseball complex.

Agenda Item H.1.a.

On motion of Mr. Gesser, seconded by Mr. Sibille, the Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of the Facilities Planning Committee and approved the following items:

Louisiana Tech University's Capital Projects Request to expend \$187,000 parking fees for purchase of land for parking.

Agenda Item H.1.b.

Louisiana Tech University's Capital Projects Request to expend \$250,000 of student technology fee funds for dormitory technology network infrastructure for Kidd Hall and Hutcheson Hall.

Agenda Item H.1.c.

Nicholls State University's Capital Projects Request to expend \$290,237 parking fees for Family and Consumer Science parking lot.

Agenda Item H.2.

Grambling State University's request to approve an agreement with ARAMARK Education Service, Inc., subject to concurrence of the Finance Committee.

Agenda Item H.4.

University of Southwestern Louisiana's request to approve the Resolution to the Board of Commerce and Industry asking that the USL Research Park be designated as an Economic Development Zone.

Agenda Item H.5.

On motion of Mr. Gesser, seconded by Mr. Sibille, the Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of the Facilities Planning Committee and approved, as amended, **University of Southwestern Louisiana's** (proposed newly named University of Louisiana at Lafayette) request for a Bond Resolution to issue, sell, and deliver, not to exceed \$4,500,000, of Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 1999, (The "Bonds") to provide additional funds to plan and construct the CAJUNDOME Convention Center at the University of Southwestern Louisiana. This request is approved subject to concurrence of the Finance Committee.

Agenda Item H.7.

On motion of Mr. Duhé, seconded by Mr. Gesser, the Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of the Facilities Planning Committee and voted to amend the **University of Louisiana System's** Fiscal Year 2000-2001 Capital Outlay Budget Request Recommendations and Institutions' Five-Year Plans to include **Nicholls State University's** revised Five-Year plan.

On motion of Mr. Duhé, seconded by Mr. Gesser, the Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of the Facilities Planning Committee and voted to accept the amendment to include **Nicholls State University's** revised five-year plan and approve the **University of Louisiana System's** Fiscal Year 2000-2001 Capital Outlay Budget Request Recommendations and Institutions' Five-Year Plans.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Woods, Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the Committee's report.

On motion of Mr. Woods, seconded by Mr. Gesser, the Board unanimously voted to amend its agenda to include an item of other business and accepted the recommendation of the Finance Committee and took the following action:

Mr. Woods thanked the System staff, especially System President Bobby Jindal and Mr. Dave Nicklas, Vice President for Finance and Administration, for their assistance with the Budget presentation.

Agenda Item I.1.

Approved, in concurrence with the Facilities Planning Committee, **Grambling State University's** agreement with ARAMARK Education Service, Inc.

Agenda Item I.2.

Approved **Nicholls State University's** request to approve the following 501(c)3 Affiliation Agreements:

- a. Pro-NSU
- b. NSU Foundation

Agenda Item I.3.

Approved **Northeast Louisiana University's** request to establish the Emy-Lou Biedenharn Endowed Chair in Music.

Agenda Item I.4.

Approved **Northeast Louisiana University's** request to revise its 1999-2000 Scholarship Program.

Agenda Item I.5.

Received and adopted **Northwestern State University's** Fiscal Year 1999 Financial and Compliance Questionnaire.

Agenda Item I.6.

Received and adopted **University of Southwestern Louisiana's** Fiscal Year 1999 Financial and Compliance Questionnaire.

Agenda Item I.7.

Approved **University of Southwestern Louisiana's** Joint Operating Agreement with the USL Foundation.

Agenda Item I.8.

Approved, as amended and in concurrence with the Facilities Planning Committee, **University of Southwestern Louisiana's** Bond Resolution to issue, sell, and deliver, not to exceed \$4,500,000, of Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 1999, (The "Bonds") to provide additional funds to plan and construct the CAJUNDOME Convention Center at the University of Southwestern Louisiana.

Agenda Item I.9.

Approved **University of Louisiana System's** 1999-2000 undergraduate and graduate mandatory attendance fees and room and board charges.

Agenda Item I.10.

Approved **University of Louisiana System's** request to grant tuition fee waivers for teachers in the CODOFIL (Council for the Development of French in Louisiana) program.

Agenda Item I.11.

Approved **University of Louisiana System's** 1999-2000 Internal Audit Plan.

Agenda Item I.12.

Approved **University of Louisiana System's** 1999-2000 System Operating Budgets and the Faculty Pay and Merit Evaluation Plans developed by each institution.

Agenda Item I.13. – Other Business

Mr. Woods presented a status report on **Grambling State University's** Foundation Liquidation Plan.

REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Kilpatrick, Chairman of the Personnel Committee, presented the Committee's report.

On motion of Mr. Duhé, seconded by Mr. Wright, the Board unanimously voted to amend its agenda to include items of other business.

On motion of Mr. Kilpatrick, seconded by Mr. Duhé, the Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of the Personnel Committee and approved the following items:

Agenda Item J.1.

Grambling State University's request to appoint Mr. James E. Scott as Acting Assistant Vice President for Finance from August 16-31, 1999 and as Acting Vice President for Finance effective September 1, 1999.

Agenda Item J.2.

Grambling State University's request to appoint Dr. Macil Wilkie as Interim Dean of the College of Business effective August 1, 1999.

Agenda Item J.3.

Nicholls State University's request to appoint Dr. Obie Cleveland Hill as Dean of the College of Education effective August 2, 1999.

Agenda Item J.4.

Northeast Louisiana University's request to appoint Dr. Thomas Rakes as Vice Provost and Dean for Graduate Studies and Research effective August 1, 1999.

Agenda Item J.5.

Northeast Louisiana University's request to appoint Mr. John Warner Alford, Jr. as Director of Athletics effective July 12, 1999. This item was approved in concurrence with the Athletic Committee.

Agenda Item J.6.

Northwestern State University's request to appoint Dr. Alvin Brossette, Jr. as Dean of Continuing Education effective July 1, 1999.

Agenda Item J.7.

University of Louisiana System's 1999-2000 Promotion in Faculty Rank and Tenure recommendations (BTSCU-5 & BTSCU-6).

President Favors presented Mr. James E. Scott, the newly elected Acting Assistant Vice President for Finance; Dr. Macil Wilkie, the newly elected Interim Dean of the College of Business; and Dr. Vernon Farmer, the newly elected Acting Dean of the School of Graduate Studies and Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs at Grambling State University.

President Ayo presented Dr. Obie Cleveland Hill as the newly elected Dean of the College of Education at Nicholls State University.

President Swearingen presented Dr. Thomas Rakes as the newly elected Vice Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies and Research and Mr. John Warner Alford, Jr. as the newly elected Director of Athletics at Northeast Louisiana University, in concurrence with the Athletic Committee.

President Webb presented Dr. Alvin Brossette, Jr. as the newly elected Dean of Continuing Education at Northwestern State University.

Agenda Item J.8.a. -c. – Other Business

On motion of Mr. Kilpatrick, seconded by Mr. Coudrain, the Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of the Personnel Committee and approved Agenda Items J.8.a & b. items of other business:

Agenda Item J.8.a. – Other Business

Grambling State University's request to appoint Dr. Vernon Farmer as Acting Dean of the School of Graduate Studies and Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs effective August 30, 1999.

Agenda Item J.8.b. – Other Business

Southeastern Louisiana University's request to appoint Mr. Richard Sharp as Interim Director of Athletics effective August 23, 1999. This approval is in concurrence with the Athletic Committee.

Agenda Item J.8.c. – Other Business

The Board received the Report on Responses to Items Suggested by Mr. Duhé for Inclusion in the Presidential Evaluation Process as presented to the Personnel Committee.

REPORT OF SYSTEM OFFICE BUSINESS

Agenda Item K.1.

On motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mrs. Suggs, the Board unanimously approved the personnel actions as amended.

Agenda Item K.2. System President's Report

Agenda Item K.2.a.

On motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mr. Gesser, the Board unanimously approved the **University of Louisiana System's** resolution acknowledging the change in sponsorship of foreign language teachers from the Cordell Hull Foundation to the Louisiana Department of Education.

Agenda Item K.2.b.

Mr. Jindal explained that an additional packet of Areas of Excellence as presented to the Presidents' Council for review was included in the Board members' folders. A final version will be submitted at the September Board meeting.

Agenda Item K.2.c.

The Board unanimously acknowledged and presented a Resolution expressing appreciation to Dr. Carroll Falcon for his tenure as Acting System President.

Mrs. Deanna Falcon, Dr. Falcon's wife, was introduced to the Board. Dr. Falcon thanked the Board for the Resolution.

Agenda Item K.2.d.

Mr. Jindal explained that additional charts to supplement the June System Analysis and Accountability presentation were included for their information.

Mr. Jindal also explained that copies of regional news articles reflecting the noteworthy accomplishments of System Institutions were included in the Board folders.

Agenda Item K.2.e. – Other Business

Mr. Jindal, System President, made the following announcements for information or consideration to the Board:

1. In an effort to enhance accountability and promote excellence after graduation, Mr. Jindal indicated that he had plans to visit System institution campuses during September to communicate with Vice Presidents of Students Affairs and students. He invited Board members to attend these campus visits. Mr. Jindal also explained that copies of the booklet entitled "The Guide to Post-Graduation Opportunities" would be distributed to System institutions.
2. System institution presidents and staff were thanked for the increased number of Endowed Chairs and professorships established in Fiscal Year 1998-99.
3. System institution presidents and staff were commended for the excellent program accreditation rate (of accreditable programs) which has increased to 90% for the System.
4. Mr. Jindal thanked the Finance Committee for their encouragement to System institutions to improve their auxiliary enterprise operations.
5. Comments and reports have been received from System institution presidents regarding their five institutional goals and the accountability questionnaire that will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

REPORT OF BOARD CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

Agenda Items L.1.a.-f.

Mr. Shetler asked that Dr. Falcon present a detailed description of proposed Board **RULES** revisions:

Agenda Item L.1.a.

On motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mr. Martinez, the Board unanimously voted to approve as amended the **BYLAWS**. Section 1. Definitions. A. University of Louisiana System. (List of institutions) to include the University name changes that may be adopted. (*See Attachment 1*)

Agenda Item L.1.b.

On motion of Mrs. Burkhalter, seconded by Mr. Coudrain, the Board unanimously voted to approve the **BYLAWS**. Section VI. Staff. A. System President. #18. (*See Attachment 2*)

Agenda Item L.1.c.

On motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mrs. Suggs, the Board unanimously voted to approve Chapter III. Faculty and Staff. Section IV. Role, Contractual Arrangements, Benefits, Expenses, and Evaluations of Presidents. D. Evaluations of Presidents. (See Attachment 3)

Agenda Item L.1.d.

On motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mrs. Suggs, the Board unanimously voted to approve Chapter III. Faculty and Staff. Section IV. Role, Contractual Arrangements, Benefits, Expenses, and Evaluations of Presidents. The President's Role. (See Attachment 4)

Agenda Item L.1.e.

On motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mrs. Suggs, the Board unanimously voted to approve Chapter IV. Finance and Business. Section V. Student Fees. N. Approved Waiver of Non-Resident (Out-of-State) Fees. #6. (See Attachment 5)

Agenda Item L.1.f.

On motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Coudrain, the Board unanimously voted to approve Chapter VI. Facilities Planning. *Section V. Naming University Facilities*. (See Attachment 6)

On motion of Dr. Anders, seconded by Mr. Pugh, the Board unanimously voted to approve L.1.c. and L.1.e. Board **RULES** revisions listed above, as they meet the thirty-day guidelines.

On motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mr. Martinez, the Board unanimously approved waiver of the thirty-day notice guidelines and approved Board **RULES** revisions L.1.a., L.1.b., L.1.d., and L.1.f. listed above.

On motion of Mrs. Burkhalter, seconded by Mrs. Suggs, the Board unanimously voted to waive the thirty-day notice guideline for future adoption of Board **RULES** Policies and Procedures.

On motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mr. Sibille, the Board unanimously voted to authorize the System staff to review and make necessary Board **RULES** revisions to correct System Institutions' name changes and to delete references to Community Colleges that are no longer a part of the University of Louisiana System and to make other related corrections as deemed appropriate, but not to change the intent of any Board **RULES**.

Agenda Item L.2.
Board Chairman's Report

Mr. Shetler made the following announcements for Board information or consideration:

1. The following Board members are appointed to serve as the ad hoc **Grambling State University Advisory Committee** to provide guidance and supervision to President Steve Favors and his team as he leads the University through several important challenges, such as the Legislative Audit and the COC/SACS reaccreditation visits:

Mrs. Elsie Burkhalter
Mr. Gordon Pugh
Mr. Michael Woods
Mr. David Wright

This Subcommittee will operate informally and will provide periodic progress reports to the Board.

2. On behalf of the Board, Mr. Shetler thanked **Mr. Ravis Martinez** for his service as the **1998-1999 Student Board Member**, and expressed appreciation for his hard work and wished him the best for the future.
3. Mr. TiJean Rodriguez, Southeastern Louisiana University Student Government Association (SGA) President; Mr. Shawn Hornsby, Student Advisory Council (SAC) Chair; Ms. Erin Buratt, SAC Vice Chair and Delgado Community College SGA President Mr. Chris Galliano presented a Resolution from the University of Louisiana System SAC to congratulate and commend Mr. Ravis Martinez for his tenure as the 1998-1999 Student Board Member.

Mr. Martinez expressed his appreciation to the Board members, especially Mr. Coudrain and Mr. Duhé, the System staff, particularly Dawn Wilson and Janet Buchert, and System institution presidents, especially President Authement and the USL family, for the experiences he has gained as a member of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System. He also stated that it was an honor to serve as a member of the Board of Supervisors.

4. Mr. Winston DeCuir administered the Oath of Office to the newly appointed **1999-2000 Student Board member, Mr. TiJean Rodriguez.**

Mr. Shetler introduced Mr. Rodriguez's mother, Ms. Janice Rodriguez, his brother, Mr. Mark Rodriguez, and a special friend, Ms. Michelle Mitchell.

Mr. TiJean Rodriguez expressed appreciation to Mr. Bobby P. Jindal and the Student Advisory Council for their confidence, and stated that he looks forward to the opportunity to serve a successful tenure as a member of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System.

5. Mr. Shetler announced that **Mr. TiJean Rodriguez** will serve as a member of the following committees:

Academic and Student Affairs Committee
Grievance Committee
Legislation Committee
Personnel Committee

Mr. Tex Kilpatrick has requested that he be removed as a member of the Grievance Committee. A revised **1999 Standing Committee** list was included in Board members' folders reflecting the revised committee changes.

6. Mr. Shetler recognized the following System Institutional accomplishments:

- a. **Dr. Millie Naquin, Southeastern Louisiana University Associate Professor**, has been selected by the U.S. Center for Disease Control to lead a two-year project to ensure that students in all grades receive effective health programs to promote preventions to at-risk behavior that cause major illnesses and disease.
- b. **Northwestern State University** has received grants and contracts in workforce development and employee training at Alliance Compressor and Baker Industries and for energy conservation studies at several plant sites.
- c. **Nicholls State University** has received a four-year \$1 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education for the Upward Bound Program which helps underprivileged students with preparation studies, counseling, and tutoring for college entrance programs.
- d. **Dr. Mark Murphy, Louisiana Tech University Associate Professor**, won the 1999 Outstanding Teacher Award from the National Association of Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture.
- e. **Northeast Louisiana University's** College of Education and Human Development was recently ranked among the top 4% in the U.S. in information technology and teacher education. The University recently earned a \$400,000 Grant from the Louisiana Department of Education and recently opened its new Regional Technology Center that serves more than 100 schools and 50,000 students and teachers.

- f. **McNeese State University** radiological technology graduates had a 100% pass rate and scored above the national average on the national certification exam and MSU's radiological tech graduates had a 100% pass rate on the national exam since 1982.
- g. Dr. Karl Hasenstein, **University of Southwestern Louisiana** Biology Professor, is recognized for conducting experiments that will fly aboard NASA Shuttle Flight STS107 in January.
- h. **Grambling State University's** Marching Band is being featured in a national television advertisement for Proctor and Gamble and in another network television promotional ad.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Shetler, Chairman of the Executive Committee, presented the Committee's report.

Agenda Item M.1.a.

On motion of Mr. Kilpatrick, seconded by Mr. Wright, the Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee and changed the name of **Northeast Louisiana University to the University of Louisiana at Monroe.**

Agenda Item M.1.b.

On motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Gesser, the Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee and changed the name of **University of Southwestern Louisiana to the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.**

On motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mrs. Burkhalter, the Board unanimously voted to waive the thirty-day requirements to approve the University name changes.

On motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mrs. Burkhalter, there being no further business, the Board meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.