

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM

March 28, 2003  
Baton Rouge, LA

The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System met in regular session on Friday, March 28, 2003, in the Claiborne Building Conference Center Room 100 "*The Louisiana Purchase Room*" Auditorium, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Mr. Woods, at the request of Board Chair Mr. Pugh, at 11:30 p.m. and opened with a prayer by Mr. Wright. The following roll call was recorded:

#### **PRESENT:**

Mr. Gordon A. Pugh, Chair  
Mr. Michael H. Woods, Vice Chair  
Mrs. Elsie P. Burkhalter  
Ms. Jessica Clarke  
Mr. Andre G. Coudrain  
Mr. Robert C. Davidge  
Mr. Jimmy Long, Sr.  
Mr. D. Wayne Parker  
Mr. Carl Shetler  
Mr. Winfred F. Sibille  
Dr. Eunice Wicker Smith  
Mr. Charles Teamer, Sr.  
Mr. David Wright

#### **ABSENT:**

Mr. Donald T. "Boysie" Bollinger

Vice Chair Woods stated that Mr. Bollinger is granted an excused absence.

#### **Agenda Item D.**

On motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Dr. Smith, the Board unanimously voted to approve the February 28, 2003 minutes.

Vice Chair Woods informed the public that Testimony / Information cards are available should anyone wish to address the Board concerning items to be reviewed by the Board.

### **REPORT OF THE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Burkhalter, Chair of the Grievance Committee, presented the Committee report.

#### **Agenda Item E.1.**

On motion of Mrs. Burkhalter, seconded by Mr. Pugh, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Grievance Committee to affirm the actions of **Northwestern State University**, deny a hearing to Dr. Alvin Brossette, Dr. Glen Moffett, and Dr. H. Sherman Vogel, faculty members, and further affirm Dr. Webb's request to dismiss each one from the University effective 8:00 a.m. March 31, 2003.

### **REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Dr. Smith, Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, presented the Committee report.

On motion of Dr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Wright, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee and took the following actions:

#### **Agenda Item F.1.**

Approved **Louisiana Tech University's** request to award an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree to Ms. Joanne Wilson.

#### **Agenda Item F.2.**

Approved **University of Louisiana at Lafayette's** Letter of Intent to re-establish the Petroleum Engineering option of the Master of Science degree program in Engineering.

#### **Agenda Item F.3.**

Approved **University of Louisiana at Lafayette** and **Southeastern Louisiana University's** Proposal for a joint offering of a Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) degree program in Leadership.

### **REPORT OF THE FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Mr. Davidge, Chair of the Facilities Planning Committee, presented the Committee report and requested that the Board amend the agenda to include an item and report of other business.

On motion of Dr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Shetler, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Facilities Planning Committee and amended its agenda to include a Capital Outlay Budget Request for the **University of Louisiana at Lafayette** and to delete item G.2. submitted by Louisiana Tech University.

On motion of Mr. Davidge, seconded by Mr. Coudrain, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Facilities Planning Committee and took the following actions:

**Agenda Item G.1.**

Approved, subject to approval by System staff and legal counsel that any and all documents conform to statutory and administrative requirements, **Louisiana Tech University's** Resolution and request to enter into a Ground Lease Agreement and an Agreement To Lease With Option To Purchase with Innovative Student Facilities, Inc., a 501(c)3, not-for-profit corporation for the purpose of building residential housing on campus. The Board further approved that Dr. Sally Clausen, President for the University of Louisiana System, is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute said agreements.

**Agenda Item G.2.**

**Louisiana Tech University's** request for approval of the performance-based Carrier lighting project financing structure involving the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, the Louisiana Public Facilities Authority, Lehman Brothers and Hibernia Bank was **withdrawn** at the request of President Reneau.

**Agenda Item G.3.**

Approved, subject to approval by System staff and legal counsel that any and all documents conform to statutory and administrative requirements, **Nicholls State University's** Resolution directing the State Mineral Board to lease 117.59-acres of University property (referred to as the "Main Campus") for the development and production of minerals. The Board further approved that Dr. Sally Clausen, President of the University of Louisiana System and Dr. Donald J. Ayo, or his successor, President of Nicholls State University, are hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents related to said *lease* on behalf of and in the name of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System.

**Agenda Item G.4.**

Approved, as amended, **Northwestern State University's** request to name Building 550 located on Northwestern's Fort Polk/Leesville Campus, the "*Chester Creighton Owen Building.*"

**Agenda Item G.5.**

Approved, subject to approval by System staff and legal counsel that any and all documents conform to statutory and administrative requirements, **University of Louisiana at Lafayette's** request for authorization to issue an RFP to develop, design, construct, furnish, own, and operate a high-quality hotel located on property in the University Research Park.

**Agenda Item G.6. – Other Business**

Approved **University of Louisiana at Lafayette's** request to amend the University's Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Capital Outlay Budget Request to add a self-generated Revenue Project entitled – Indoor Athletic Practice Facilities.

**REPORT OF JOINT ATHLETIC AND AUDIT COMMITTEES**

Mr. Coudrain, Chair of the Athletic Committee, presented the Joint Committee report.

On motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mr. Teamer, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Joint Athletic and Audit Committees and took the following actions:

**Agenda Item H.1.**

Approved **University of Louisiana at Monroe's** ticket prices for the 2003 football season.

**Agenda Item H.2.**

**Received and approved**, as presented to the Joint Committees, **University of Louisiana System's** report on university NCAA procedural reviews for fiscal year ended June 30, 2002.

**Agenda Item H.3.**

Received **University of Louisiana System's** campus audit overviews and stated that each campus director of internal audit was introduced to the Committee.

**REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEES**

Mr. Woods, Chair of the Finance Committee, presented the Committee report.

On motion of Mr. Woods, seconded by Dr. Smith, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Finance Committee and took the following actions:

**Agenda Item I.1.**

Approved **Nicholls State University's** request to conduct a student self-assessment referendum to fund the operation of the Student Government Association.

**Agenda Item I.2.**

Approved **University of Louisiana at Lafayette's** request to conduct the following student self-assessments referenda:

- A. Increase Graduate Student Organization Fee
- B. Establish Student Center Fee
- C. Increase University Art Museum Fee

**Agenda Item I.3.**

Approved **University of Louisiana at Monroe's** request to assess a program-of-study fee for the MBA degree program with a managerial emphasis.

**REPORT OF THE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

Mr. Sibille, Chair of the Legislation Committee, presented the Committee report.

On motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Coudrain, the Board unanimously voted to give approval to Dr. Sally Clausen to present a report as an item of other business.

On motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Long, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Legislation Committee and took the following actions:

**Agenda Item J.1.**

The Board approved a Resolution authorizing Dr. Sally Clausen and Chair Pugh to be given authority to respond to various changes or special requests directed to or by the **2003 Louisiana Legislature** in all matters consistent with post secondary education.

**Agenda Item J.2. – Other Business**

Dr. Clausen reported on comparison data on funding higher education appropriations throughout the country and within the state. Dr. Clausen also reported that the Presidents' Council has been directed to secure necessary action and the support of the **2003 Louisiana Legislature** to secure alternative enhancement fees or appropriate tuition adjustments for System universities.

### **REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Mr. Wright, Chair of the Personnel Committee, presented the Committee report.

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Personnel Committee and took the following actions:

#### **Agenda Item K.1.**

**McNeese State University's** request for approval to appoint Dr. C. William Roe as Dean of the College of Business effective July 1, 2003 was **withdrawn** at the request of President Hebert.

#### **Agenda Item K.2.**

Approved **University of Louisiana at Monroe's** request to appoint Dr. Luke E. Thomas as Dean of the College of Education effective March 28, 2003.

### **REPORT OF SYSTEM OFFICE BUSINESS**

#### **Agenda Item K.1.**

On motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mrs. Burkhalter, the Board voted unanimously to accept the System Office recommendations and approved personnel actions as submitted by the **System staff** and by **System universities**.

Dr. Clausen introduced Mrs. Gayle Rodriguez, newly appointed staff member.

#### **Agenda Item K.2. System President's Report**

Dr. Clausen made the following announcements for Board information and consideration:

1. Dr. Clausen recognized annual accomplishments completed by University of Louisiana at Monroe's President Cofer. Dr. Clausen further recognized his wife Debra and personally thanked her and Dr. Cofer for the appreciation breakfast he provided for the staff.

Dr. Cofer thanked Dr. Clausen for her encouragement and the continued support of the System staff and the University's family.

2. Dr. Clausen asked Mr. Teamer, who represented the Board, to highlight points of interest of the Desegregation case reviewed in court by Judge Engelhardt on March 11, 2003. Mr. Teamer stated that Dr. Warner and Dr. Clausen presented an outstanding report that was accepted by Judge Engelhardt. He stated that another status report will be presented on June 30, 2003.

3. Dr. Clausen also announced that Dr. Loren Blanchard and Ms. Nettie Daniels accompanied her at a very productive meeting with members of the Grambling Alumni Association. She further announced that Dr. Blanchard had been placed in charge of the Grambling State University initiative.
4. Dr. Clausen asked Ms. Jessica Clarke to present an update on the Student Initiative Program.

Ms. Clarke announced that the posters are continued to be distributed throughout the state to all eighth grade students. She further stated that the Council of Student Government Association Presidents endorsed the Student Initiative Program and the Council in support will adopt a plan that will allow each SGA President to attend schools to promote the Student Initiative Program.

5. Dr. Clausen acknowledged with honor Dr. Carroll Falcon for his outstanding contributions as a member of the UL System Staff.
6. Dr. Falcon thanked Dr. Clausen, the Staff and his many colleagues who made his job enjoyable and productive, and the Board for their recognition of his accomplishments.

### **REPORT OF THE BOARD CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS**

The following announcements were made for Board consideration or information.

#### **Agenda Item M.1.**

#### **Report of the Ad Hoc Committee to review 2003 System Goals and Objectives and System President's Performances.**

1. Mr. Coudrain, Chair of the Committee, presented the report of the Ad Hoc Committee to review 2003 System Goals and Objectives and System President's Performances.

He reported that Dr. Clausen has completed ten of the 2002-2003 goals that were set by Chair Pugh and Dr. Clausen. He also stated that the remaining goals are ahead of their timeline. The Committee gave Dr. Clausen the highest rating and attempted to discuss appropriate merit compensation. Dr. Clausen asked the Committee to defer action on salary adjustments. Mr. Coudrain reported that the Committee directed Mr. David Nicklas to present comparative System President's salary compensation information for review at a later date.

#### **Agenda Item M.2. – Other Business**

2. Mr. Woods announced that Board Member Mr. Coudrain was recently named 2003 Man of the Year by the Junior Auxiliary of Hammond and listed many of his community and professional accomplishments.
3. Mr. Woods also announced that Board Member Mr. Davidge, the chief executive officer of Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center, recently received the Brotherhood Award by the Baton Rouge Region, Conference of Community and Justice. He outlined his many community and professional accomplishments.
4. Mr. Woods further announced that the sixth ranked Lady Techsters won their 29<sup>th</sup> straight game in the second round of the West Regional NCAA tournament games. He extended congratulations to the team and Coach Kurt Budke and further stated the fifth-seeded Techsters extended the longest winning streak in the nation and will advance to face LSU in the regional semifinals on Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. on ESPN2.

**REPORT OF THE NICHOLLS STATE UNIVERSITY  
PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE**

**Agenda Item J.1.**

Dr. Clausen, Chair of the Nicholls State University Presidential Search Committee, presented the Committee's report.

Dr. Clausen highlighted some of the major accomplishments of Nicholls State University that occurred during the leadership of President Donald Ayo; which included successful audits for the last five years, a sustained growth in advancement, development of the Culinary Institute, the sixteen endowed professorships, and the federal grants and cooperative gifts. Dr. Clausen further thanked President Donald Ayo for his many accomplishments.

Dr. Ayo thanked the Board, the System staff and the Nicholls State University family and community supporters for their support.

Dr. Clausen reported that the process of the search committee meetings included two Public Forums, (November 20, 2002 and January 28, 2003), a two-day interview session on February 27-28, 2003, a March 11, 2003 meeting, and an interview session of the three finalists on March 27, 2003. Dr. Clausen also recognized the non-voting members of the search committee and thanked each of them for their service to the committee (Ms. Glenny Lee Buquet, Mr. Al Lippman, Mr. Alcie Maxwell, and Mr. William Riviere).

Upon completion of the interview process conducted on March 27, 2003, Dr. Clausen presented her recommendation, Dr. Stephen T. Hulbert, as the candidate-elect for the next President of Nicholls State University.

On motion of Dr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Burkhalter, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of Dr. Clausen and approved **Dr. Stephen T. Hulbert** as the next **President of Nicholls State University**.

Mr. Woods introduced Dr. Hulbert and his wife Becky.

Dr. Hulbert thanked the Board and stated that he and his wife are delighted to accept the position as President of Nicholls State University and to join the staff and to serve the State, region, and the Nicholls community and family.

His wife Becky thanked the Board members for their vote of confidence and for the opportunity to serve at Nicholls State University.

Dr. Clausen further recommended that Dr. Hulbert be compensated a salary of \$152,000 with all the benefits, to include the University housing and car allowance, as specified.

On motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mr. Smith, the Board voted unanimously and approved, as recommended, **Dr. Hulbert's** annual **salary** as \$152,000 with all the benefits, to include the University housing and car allowance, as presented by Dr. Clausen.

On motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mr. Sibille, there being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 12:20 p.m.