

# **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

## **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.



#### **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 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).

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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

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 creditable programs) which has increased to 90% for the System.





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

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