

**MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM
August 24, 2023**

A. Call to Order/Roll Call

On Thursday, August 24, 2023, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System met in Room 100, The Louisiana Purchase Room, of the Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order by Chair Pierre at 10:44 a.m.

The roll was called.

PRESENT

Mr. Barry Busada
Dr. Jimmy Clarke
Mr. Steve Davison
Ms. Lola Dunahoe
Ms. Jo Lethermon
Mr. Dana Peterson

Ms. Elizabeth Pierre
Mr. Virgil Robinson
Mr. Mark Romero
Mr. Joe Salter
Mr. Brad Stevens
Ms. Bailey Willis

ABSENT

Dr. John Condos
Mr. Alejandro “Al” Perkins

Ms. Kristine Russell
Ms. Julie Stokes

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

B. Invocation

Mr. Joe Salter opened the meeting with an invocation.

Ms. Pierre asked for a motion to meet as a Committee of the Whole. On motion of Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Romero, the Board unanimously approved a motion to conduct business as a Committee of the Whole.

C. Approval of Minutes of June 22, 2023 Board Meeting

Upon motion of Ms. Willis, seconded by Mr. Romero, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the June 22, 2023 Board Meeting.

D. Reginald F. Lewis Scholars Report

Dr. Claire Norris gave an update of the Reginald F. Lewis Scholars program. She also introduced the latest cohort of Scholars. Mr. Isaiah Crawford from University of Louisiana at Lafayette and Mr. Eian Bailey from University of New Orleans reported to the Board about some of what they had learned in the program as well as the benefits they have gained. Board members congratulated all cohorts of the Scholars and recognized the campus liaisons as well.

Dr. Kumer Das, Assistant Vice President for Research and Innovation-University of Louisiana at Lafayette, shared that the University, in collaboration with the UL System's Reginald F. Lewis Scholars, is receiving a \$1 million grant from the National Science Foundation. The purpose of the grant is to launch the groundbreaking ASSET (AddreSSing the TalEnt and DiversiTy) Gap in Biotechnology Workforce program. The work is scheduled to begin October 2023.

E. **Report of Grievance Committee**

Ms. Pierre asked Ms. Lola Dunahoe, Chair, to give the Board the report from the Grievance Committee. Ms. Dunahoe stated that the Grievance Committee had met earlier to discuss Item E.1.

E.1. **Dr. Michelle Thompson, Faculty – University of New Orleans**

Ms. Dunahoe said that the Grievance Committee recommended that the item be referred back to the campus for further consideration. Upon motion of Ms. Dunahoe, seconded by Mr. Robinson, the following motion was approved unanimously.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby recommends that Dr. Michelle Thompson's grievance be returned to University of New Orleans for further consideration.*

Dr. Michelle Thompson asked to make a public comment. She thanked the Board for returning her grievance to University of New Orleans. She said that it was an indication that she had not been provided due process with regard to her grievance about salary discrimination.

F. **Academic and Student Affairs Committee**

Ms. Lola Dunahoe asked Dr. Vickie Gentry, UL System Interim Chief Academic Officer, to present the items under consideration. Upon motion of Mr. Davison, seconded by Mr. Romero, the Board unanimously approved Items F.1.-F.5.

F.1. **Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to award an Honorary Doctor of Science to Mr. Frank Scott "Scotty" Moran at the Fall 2023 Commencement Exercises.**

***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 award an Honorary Doctor of Science to Mr. Frank Scott "Scotty" Moran at the Fall 2023 Commencement Exercises.*

F.2. **Nicholls State University's request for approval to name the University's Department of Teacher Education the "Linda Satterlee Myers and Lew Wilson Myers Department of Teacher Education."**

***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 name the University's Department of Teacher Education the "Linda Satterlee Myers and Lew Wilson Myers Department of Teacher Education."*

- F.3. University of Louisiana at Monroe’s request for approval to name the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program the “Marjorie S. Price Doctorate of Physical Therapy Program.”

***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 name the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program the “Marjorie S. Price Doctorate of Physical Therapy Program.”*

- F.4. University of New Orleans’ request for approval of Memoranda of Understanding between the New Orleans Center for Creative Arts Culinary program (NOCCA – Culinary Arts) and the Lester E. Kabacoff School of Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Administration at the University (UNO-HRT program).

***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 of Memoranda of Understanding between the New Orleans Center for Creative Arts Culinary program (NOCCA – Culinary Arts) and the Lester E. Kabacoff School of Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Administration at the University (UNO-HRT program).*

- F.5. University of Louisiana System’s request for approval of System Universities’ 2023-24 Promotions in Faculty Rank and Recommendations for Tenure.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves System Universities’ 2023-24 Promotions in Faculty Rank and Recommendations for Tenure.*

After Dr. Gentry discussed the following item, upon motion of Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Davison, the Board approved Item F.6.

- F.6. Approval of AY 2023-26 Academic Planning Documents

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the AY 2023-26 Academic Planning Documents for the nine member institutions.*

- F.7. University of Louisiana System’s request to revise Board Rule, Chapter II. Students, Section IX. Admission to Graduate Study.

This revision will be considered for approval at the October meeting. No action was taken.

G. **Athletic Committee**

Mr. Stevens asked Mr. Bruce Janet, System Executive Director for Compliance and Risk Management, to present the items. After discussion, upon motion of Mr. Romero, seconded by Mr. Salter, the Board voted unanimously to approve Items G.1.-G.11.

- G.1. Louisiana Tech University’s request for approval of the first amendment to the contract with Mr. Joshua Taylor, Head Women’s Softball Coach, between Louisiana Tech University and Louisiana Tech University Foundation, retroactive effective date of amendment, July 1, 2022.

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 the first amendment to the contract with Mr. Joshua Taylor, Head Women's Softball Coach, between Louisiana Tech University and Louisiana Tech University Foundation, retroactive effective date of amendment, July 1, 2022.

- G.2. McNeese State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Justin Hill, Head Baseball Coach, effective July 1, 2023.

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. Justin Hill, Head Baseball Coach, effective July 1, 2023.

- G.3. Northwestern State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Mike Heimerman, Head Men's and Women's Track and Field Coach, effective July 17, 2023.

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. Mike Heimerman, Head Men's and Women's Track and Field Coach, effective July 17, 2023.

- G.4. Northwestern State University's request for approval of a contract with Ms. Lacy Prejean, Head Softball Coach, effective August 7, 2023.

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 Ms. Lacy Prejean, Head Softball Coach, effective August 7, 2023.

- G.5. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Bobby Barbier, Head Baseball Coach, effective July 1, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Bobby Barbier, Head Baseball Coach, effective July 1, 2023.

- G.6. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Michael Rheams, Head Track and Field Coach, effective August 1, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Michael Rheams, Head Track and Field Coach, effective August 1, 2023.

- G.7. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of contractual agreements with various Assistant Coaches, Southeastern Louisiana University, and Lion Athletics Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of contracts with the following Assistant Coaches: Allison Byler, Taylor Dugas, Spencer Goodwin, Cody McCoy, and Andrew Riley.

- G.8. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of the amendment to the contract of Mr. Gerald Glasco, Jr., Head Softball Coach, effective August 24, 2023.

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 the amendment to the contract of Mr. Gerald Glasco, Jr., Head Softball Coach, effective August 24, 2023.

- G.9. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a Contract for Employment with Mr. Robert Marlin, Head Men's Basketball Coach, effective April 1, 2024.

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 a Contract for Employment with Mr. Robert Marlin, Head Men's Basketball Coach, effective April 1, 2024.

- G.10. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a contract with Ms. Stephanie Vallejos, Head Women's Tennis Coach, effective June 1, 2023.

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 a contract with Ms. Stephanie Vallejos, Head Women's Tennis Coach, effective June 1, 2023.

- G.11. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of amended Contracts with Employment for various Assistant Football Coaches, effective August 24, 2023.

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 the amendments to the contracts of Lamar Morgan, Assistant Football Coach; Tim Leger, Assistant Football Coach; Jorge Munoz, Associate Head Football Coach; Matthew Bergeron, Assistant Football Coach; Jeffrey Burris, Assistant Football Coach; Michael Guiliani, Assistant Football Coach; Bryant Ross, Assistant Football Coach; Galen Scott, Assistant Football Coach; Dennis Thomas, Assistant Football Coach; James C. Neighbors, Assistant Football Coach; and Troy Wingerter, Chief of Staff; effective August 24, 2023.

H. Audit Committee

Mr. Robinson chaired the Committee, and Mr. Bruce Janet introduced the items. Upon motion of Ms. Dunahoe, seconded by Dr. Clarke, Items H.1. and H.2. were unanimously approved by the Board.

- H.1. University of Louisiana System’s request for approval of revised Internal Audit Charters for the University of Louisiana System’s nine institutions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the request for approval of revised Internal Audit Charters for the University of Louisiana System’s nine institutions.

- H.2. University of Louisiana System’s request for approval of the Board Operations and System Universities’ Fiscal Year 2023-24 Internal Audit Plans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the Board Operations and System Universities’ Fiscal Year 2023-24 Internal Audit Plans.

- H.3. University of Louisiana System’s report on internal and external audit activity for the period of June 19 to August 20, 2023.

This is a report only and no action by the Board is necessary.

Additionally, Dr. Henderson thanked Mr. Janet for serving the audit function for the past several years. Dr. Henderson introduced Ms. Jennifer Oberthier, who has joined the System staff as Chief audit executive and chief compliance officer. Ms. Oberthier thanked him for giving her the opportunity to work with the nine campuses.

I. **Facilities Planning Committee**

Mr. Busada asked Mr. Janet to discuss the items listed on the agenda. Mr. Janet described Items I.1.-I.9. Upon motion of Ms. Lethermon, seconded by Mr. Salter, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following items:

- I.1. Grambling State University’s request for approval to demolish the Purchasing, Office of Student Conduct, and the Old Police Buildings located on the campus to allow for construction of a new resident hall.

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 to demolish the Purchasing, Office of Student Conduct, and the Old Police Buildings located on the campus to allow for construction of a new resident hall.

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

- I.2. Louisiana Tech University’s request for approval to demolish three structures located on the campus to allow for construction of new facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Louisiana Tech University's request to demolish the Forestry Storage Garage, the Saw Mill and the Video Scoreboard at Joe Aillet Stadium.

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

- I.3. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to enter into a Ground Lease with the Louisiana Tech University Foundation, for the purpose of replacing the videoboard and support structure at Joe Aillet Stadium, as authorized by La. R.S. 17:3361.

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 enter into a Ground Lease with the Louisiana Tech University Foundation, for the purpose of replacing the video scoreboard and support structure, as authorized by La. R.S. 17:3361.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Louisiana Tech University has obtained 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 or his or her designee is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents associated with said Ground Lease and subsequent donation of the improvements.

AND FURTHER, that Louisiana Tech 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 name the Professional Sales Lab located in Powell Hall, Room 209, College of Business Administration, the "Will S. Hornsby Professional Sales Laboratory."

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 name the Professional Sales Lab located in Powell Hall, Room 209, College of Business Administration, the "Will S. Hornsby Professional Sales Laboratory."

- I.5. Northwestern State University's request for approval to amend its current lease with England Economic and Industrial Development District to add adjacent property and adjust the lease term and consideration to accommodate the expansion of NSU's College of Nursing and Allied Health.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Northwestern State University's request to amend its current lease with England Economic and Industrial Development District to add adjacent property and adjust the lease term and consideration to accommodate the expansion of NSU's College of Nursing and Allied Health.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Northwestern State University has obtained 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 Northwestern State University or his or her designee is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents associated with said lease.

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

- I.6. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for authorization to enter into a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the acquisition of 810 Vortex Drive, New Iberia, Louisiana from Mr. Gregory A. Chitwood.

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 authorization to enter into a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the acquisition of 810 Vortex Drive, New Iberia, Louisiana from Mr. Gregory A. Chitwood.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that University of Louisiana at Lafayette has obtained 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 University of Louisiana at Lafayette and/or his designee are hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute the purchase of the Chitwood Property at such times as deemed appropriate to facilitate the purchase transaction.

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

- I.7. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval for the execution of leases between the Board, on behalf of the University, and Ragin' Cajun Facilities, Inc., in connection with the lease and leaseback of a portion of the University's campus to finance cost of the design, development, equipping, renovation, reconstruction, and construction of football stadium seating improvements and related facilities.

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 the form and authorization to execute a Ground Lease and a Facilities Lease, each between the Board, acting on behalf of the University, and Ragin' Cajun Facilities, Inc., to finance the Project described herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the University of Louisiana at Lafayette 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 University of Louisiana System, and his or her designee, and the President of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, and his or her designee, are hereby authorized and directed to execute the leases described herein and any and all documents necessary in connection with the issuance of the bonds described herein.*

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

- I.8. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to demolish Cajun Field Football Stadium – West Tower and seating structure.

***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 to demolish the Cajun Field Stadium – West Tower and seating structure.*

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

- I.9. University of Louisiana System's request for approval of the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Capital Outlay Budget Request and Institutions' Five-Year Capital Outlay Plans.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Capital Outlay Budget Request and Institutions' Five-Year Capital Outlay Plans.*

Mr. Janet gave a brief presentation of the campus projects that are underway or have been completed.

Ms. Dunahoe asked about Grambling's Library. Dr. Henderson said that students do not yet have the ability to utilize the University's state-of-the-art library. He reminded them about the water-intrusion issue and said that there is continued communication with Mark Moses, Assistant Commissioner-Facility Planning and Control, to ensure progress. Dr. Henderson said that design and construction parties have agreed to most of the proposed solutions and that the work should begin soon.

J. **Finance Committee**

Mr. Mark Romero asked staff to present the campus requests. Mr. Eddie Meche, System Vice President for Business and Finance, discussed the items on the agenda. Upon motion of Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Items J.1.-J.5.

- J.1. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement Addendum No. 1, effective September 1, 2022.

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 the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement Addendum No. 1, effective September 1, 2022.

- J.2. University of New Orleans' request for approval to convert the Jack and Reba Matthey Endowed Chair in Engineering into four Endowed Professorships.

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 convert the Jack and Reba Matthey Endowed Chair in Engineering into four Endowed Professorships: Jack and Reba Matthey Endowed Professor I in Engineering; Jack and Reba Matthey Endowed Professor II in Engineering; Jack and Reba Matthey Endowed Professor of Practice I in Engineering; and Jack and Reba Matthey Endowed Professor of Practice II in Engineering.

- J.3. University of New Orleans' request for approval to repurpose and rename the Urban Waste Management Endowed Professorship in Civil Engineering.

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 rename the Urban Waste Management Endowed Professorship in Civil Engineering to the Endowed Professorship in Urban Civil Engineering.

- J.4. University of Louisiana System's request for acceptance of Fiscal Year 2022-23 Financial and Compliance and Federal Award Programs Representation Letters for (a) Louisiana Tech University, (b) Southeastern Louisiana University, and (c) University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby accepts Fiscal Year 2022-23 Financial and Compliance and Federal Award Programs Representation Letters for (a) Louisiana Tech University, (b) Southeastern Louisiana University, and (c) University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

- J.5. University of Louisiana System's request for approval of Fiscal Year 2023-24 Operating Budgets, including organizational charts, undergraduate/graduate mandatory attendance fees, scholarships, and System Shared Costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Fiscal Year 2023-24 Operating Budgets, including organizational charts, undergraduate/graduate mandatory attendance fees, scholarships, and System Shared Costs.

K. Personnel Committee

Mr. Dana Peterson asked Ms. Kecia Neal to describe the campus requests. Upon motion of Mr. Salter, seconded by Mr. Stevens, the Board voted unanimously to approve Items K.1.-K.4.

- K.1. Grambling State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Derrick V. Warren as Dean of the College of Business effective August 1, 2023.

***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 to appoint Dr. Derrick V. Warren as Dean of the College of Business effective August 1, 2023.*

- K.2. Grambling State University's request for approval to appoint Mr. Brandon Logan as Vice President for University Advancement and Innovation effective July 1, 2023.

***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 to appoint Mr. Brandon Logan as Vice President for University Advancement and Innovation effective July 1, 2023.*

Mr. Logan came to the table to introduce himself to the Board. He indicated that he was honored to serve his alma mater Grambling State University.

- K.3. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Donna Thomas as Interim Provost effective August 1, 2023.

***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 appoint Dr. Donna Thomas as Interim Provost effective August 1, 2023.*

Dr. Les Guice introduced Dr. Donna Thomas to the Board. Dr. Thomas said she was humbled and excited to serve Louisiana Tech.

- K.4. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to continue the appointment of Dr. Paula Montgomery as Interim Dean of the College of Education effective July 1, 2023.

***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 continue the appointment of Dr. Paula Montgomery as Interim Dean of the College of Education effective July 1, 2023.*

L. **System President's Business**

- L.1. Personnel Actions

President Henderson said that System staff had reviewed the personnel action requests and recommends approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Romero, seconded by Mr. Stevens, the Board unanimously voted to approve the System personnel actions.

L.2. System President's Report

Presidents' Retreat

Dr. Henderson reported that the nine Presidents had met for the annual Presidents' Retreat in Baton Rouge. One issue addressed during the two-day event was enrollment management. Dr. Claire Norris shared the brief market analysis that she had presented to the Presidents.

Core Competencies

Dr. Henderson said that another topic covered at the Retreat was the lack of public trust in the nation's institutions, including higher education and the value of a university degree, although a degree is associated with higher civic engagement and economic vitality in communities. The System focus on the Core Competencies can provide a response to the public's view.

The Core Competencies adopted by the Board are being woven into classwork. Dr. Mark Arant, Provost at ULM, discussed the progress of implementation at his University. He said that one benefit of promoting Core Competencies was the development of students into good citizens.

Additionally, communications will increase to share the value of college degrees with external stakeholders. The newly updated brochure was also included in Board Members' folders.

NASH Compete LA Grant

Dr. Henderson announced that "Credit on Us" scholarships recently had been awarded to 35 Compete LA students. The scholarship covers either (1) the first credit hour for students making their initial return or (2) the last credit hour for those students who only lack one course to graduate. The thought behind the scholarship is that many students lack the finances to complete their studies. The Catalyst Fund grant of the National Association of System Heads provided the funding.

Title IX Summit/STAR Report

President Henderson said that the System had hosted its first Title IX Summit last year in New Orleans. Several issues were considered during discussions. As a result, STAR, Sexual Trauma Awareness and Response, was engaged to conduct an analysis of campus policies.

Ms. Morgan Lamandre, CEO of STAR, discussed the Culture and Policy Assessment that had been performed. In addition, the Board members had been emailed a copy of the presentation.

Dr. Henderson said that this year's Title IX Summit is scheduled for November 1-2 on the Southeastern campus and invited the Board to participate if their schedules allow.

UNO Presidential Search Update

Dr. Henderson reported that the UNO Presidential Search Committee had met to select semifinalists. The five candidates who were selected for interview were:

Dr. Kathy Johnson, Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis

Dr. Walter Kimbrough, Interim Executive Director, Black Men's Research Institute, Morehouse College and Former President of Dillard University

Dr. Darrell Kruger, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, University of New Orleans

Dr. Larissa Littleton-Steib, Chancellor, Delgado Community College

Dr. Michael Moore, Vice President for Academic Affairs, University of Arkansas System

The five semifinalists will be interviewed on August 28-29 on the University of New Orleans campus.

- L.3. Consideration and approval of settlement agreement in Frazier v. Board of Supervisors and McNeese State University, 2:21 cv 3948, U.S. District Court, Western District of Louisiana (Executive Session may be required pursuant to LSA R.S. 42:17 et seq.).

Dr. Henderson gave a few comments about the settlement agreement that Attorney Brandon DeCuir had forwarded to Board members. He reported that, in the settlement, no money had been awarded to the plaintiff and McNeese State agrees to repair eight sidewalks on campus.

Upon motion of Mr. Romero, seconded by Mr. Salter, the Board unanimously voted to approve the settlement agreement in Frazier v. Board of Supervisors and McNeese State University, 2:21 cv 3948, U.S. District Court, Western District of Louisiana.

M. **Board Chair's Business**

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

Next Meetings

Chair Pierre reminded the Board that the Special meeting to interview the finalists for the UNO Presidential Search is scheduled for September 14 at 10:00 a.m.

Additionally, the next Regular meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on October 26 in Room 100, with a live ethics training earlier in the morning in Room 153.

N.-O. **Other Business/Adjournment**

There being no other business, upon motion of Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Busada, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 1:08 p.m.