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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE  
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM  
February 22, 2024

A. Call to Order/Roll Call

On Thursday, February 22, 2024, 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 ~~Clarke~~ <sup>Clarke</sup> at 8:05 am.

The roll was called.

PRESENT

Mr. Barry Busada  
Dr. Jimmy Clarke  
Mr. Steve Davison  
Ms. Lola Dunahoe  
Dr. John Noble, Jr.  
Mr. Dana Peterson  
Ms. Elizabeth Pierre

Mr. Virgil Robinson  
Mr. Mark Romero  
Ms. Kristine Russell  
Mr. Joe Salter  
Mr. Brad Stevens  
Ms. Julie Stokes  
Ms. Bailey Willis

\*arrived after roll call

ABSENT

Ms. Jo'Quishia "Jo" Lethermon      Mr. Alejandro "Al" Perkins

A quorum was established. Also present were System President Rick Gallot, System staff, University Presidents, and Attorneys Brandon De ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> Corey Pierce

B. Invocation

Mr. Joe Salter opened the meeting with an invocation.

Dr. Clarke requested ~~motion~~ <sup>motion</sup> to meet as a Committee of the Whole. On motion of ~~Dr.~~ <sup>Mr.</sup> Romero,

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Dr. Jay Clune, Nicholls State University President, gave a little background on this item.

- E.5. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of a Bachelor of Applied Science in Organizational Leadership.

***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 Bachelor of Applied Science in Organizational Leadership.

- E.6. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to resume the development of the Occupational Therapy Doctorate (OTD).

***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 resume the development of the Occupational Therapy Doctorate (OTD).

- E.7. University of New Orleans' request for approval to name the College of Business Administration "The Henry Bernstein College of Business Administration."

***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 name the College of Business Administration "The Henry Bernstein College of Business Administration."

Dr. Kathy Johnson, President of University of New Orleans, commented on the rationale behind this request.

- F. Athletic Committee

Vice Chair Brad Stevens asked Mr. Bruce Janet System Executive Director for Compliance and

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H. Facilities Planning

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President of Louisiana Tech University or his designee is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Ground Lease and Donation described herein and any and all documents necessary in connection with the Ground Lease and Donation.

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

- H.3. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to create the Origin Bank Center for Student Success at Joe Aillet Stadium.

**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 create the Origin Bank Center for Student Success at Joe Aillet Stadium.

- H.4. McNeese State University's request for approval to demolish the Equine Center.

**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 demolish the Equine Center.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President of McNeese State University and his or her designee are hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents associated with said demolitions.

**AND FURTHER**, that the University will provide the System office with copies of approvals and recovery activities.

- H.5. Nicholls State University's request for approval to demolish the Swimming Pool Building (Pump House) located near the J.J. Ayo Pool.

**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 demolish the Swimming Pool Building (Pump House) located near the J.J. Ayo Pool.

- H.6. Nicholls State University's request for approval to name Suite 8(J)-2.314 in the Student Union, the offices of the executive boards of the Student Government Association, and the Student Programming Association, the "Dolly Lafont McGeever SGA/SPA Suite."

**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 Suite 8(J)-2.314 in the Student Union, the offices of the executive boards of the Student Government Association, and the Student Programming Association, the "Dolly Lafont McGeever SGA/SPA Suite."

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to other third parties for the benefit of the Board.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of Louisiana at Lafayette's

- I.1. Nicholls State University's request for approval to enter into a lease agreement with Sodexo Operations, LLC for the operation of Food Service Facilities on the campus of Nicholls State University.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Board of Supervisors for the  
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Mr. Robinson asked whether the campuses have plans to reduce athletic deficits. Mr. Meche indicated that plans have been provided to him from the campuses, but deficits continue to exist. Mr. Stevens commented that a Southeastern contract had included a reduction incentive provision and possibly including such incentives in future contracts could assist in addressing the athletic deficits.

J. Personnel Committee

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- J.4. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Collin Wick as Dean of the College of Engineering & Science (COES) effective October 11, 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. Collin Wick as Dean of the College of Engineering & Science (COES) effective October 11, 2023.

#### For Our Future Conference

President Gallot reported that the Leading Women Re-Conference is scheduled for Sunday, February 25, with Congresswoman Julia Letlow and Mrs. Gayle Benson as highlighted participants. Monday and Tuesday, February 27-28, will offer programming in the following topic areas: Enhance, Develop, and Advance. All events are scheduled at the New Orleans Marriott and Board Members are invited to attend.

#### Mental Health

President Gallot thanked Dr. Katie Dawson, System Assistant Vice President for Academic Innovation and Learning for coordinating online programming on mental health issues. The current semester's sessions are separated into three groups: Suicide Prevention Awareness programming in 9n 9

L. Board Chair's Business

L.1. Board Chair's Report

Washington Trip

Chair Clarke stated that he had the opportunity to attend some meetings in Washington, D.C. the week of Washington Mardi Gras. He also enjoyed meeting with the Council of Student Body Presidents and pointed out that they were a talented group of ~~students~~ and thanked Dr. Erica Calais for her leadership.

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