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## MINUTES

## **REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

#### June 3-4, 2004

#### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Ogden called to order the Regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College on June 4, 2004 at 9:10 a.m. in the System Building.

The secretary called the roll.

#### PRESENT

Mr. Roger H. Ogden Chairman Mr. Kent Anderson Mr. Ronald R. Anderson Dr. Jack Andonie Mr. Bernard E. Boudreaux, Jr. Mr. Charles V. Cusimano Mr. Brad Golson Mr. Louis Lambert Mrs. Laura A. Leach Mr. William W. Rucks. IV Mr. Perry Segura Mrs. Virginia K. Shehee Mr. Charles S. Weems, III

## ABSENT

Mr. C. Stewart Slack Mr. Marty Chabert Mr. Roderick K. West

Also present for the meeting were the following: President William L. Jenkins; System Officers and administrators from the respective campuses; faculty representatives; Mr. Raymond Lamonica, and Mr. Clay Johnson, University Attorneys; interested citizens and representatives of the news media.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Cassandra Smith gave the invocation. Mr. Patton Griffith gave the Pledge of Allegiance. Both students attend the LSU Eunice campus.

Chairman Ogden recognized Dr. William Nunez. He introduced:

Dr. Renee Robichaux, Assistant Professor of Biology, and Dr. Timothy Trant, Professor of Psychology, LSU at Eunice. Both are recipients of the Teaching Excellence Award and will share the \$1,000 award.

Ms. Cassandra Smith has completed three years at LSUE. She is a member of the honor society, Phi Theta Kappa. Cassandra plans to complete her clinical program in Radiologic Technology next year.

Mr. Patton Griffith has completed three years as a history major. He has served as SGA President and Vice President. This fall Patton will be transferring to Louisiana State University where upon completion of his baccalaureate degree, he plans to attend law school.

## 3. Oath of Office for members of the LSU Board of Supervisors

Chairman Ogden administered the Oath of Office for Mr. Brad Golson newly elected student member to the Board. Mr. Golson serves as the SGA President at Louisiana State University. His term is May 31, 2004 through May 31, 2005.

## 4. Introduction of Faculty and Staff Representatives and Other Guests

The faculty and staff representatives from the respective campuses were acknowledged.

# 5. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held April 29-30, 2004

Upon motion of Mr. Leach, seconded by Mr. Segura, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 29-30, 2004.

## 6. Ratification of Interim Personnel Actions approved by the President

Mr. William Silvia, Executive Vice-President, LSU System, presented this report.

Upon motion of Mrs. Shehee, seconded by Mr. Rucks, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Interim Personnel Actions, as presented by the President.

7. <u>President's Report</u>

Dr. Jenkins recognized:

- (i) Dr. John McDonald, Chancellor, LSUHealth Sciences Center, Shreveport, who welcomed and introduced Dr. Mathew Grisham, newest Boyd Professor, LSUHSC-S. Dr. Grishman is the fourth faculty member to attain the prestigious designation of Boyd Professor;
- Dr. Risa Palm, Executive Vice Chancellor. Louisiana State University. Dr. Palm recognized Dr. Barbara Fuhrmann, Dean of the College of Education, Louisiana State University, on her retirement and being awarded the title of Dean Emeritus;
- (iii) Dr. Jack Andonie commented briefly on the opening of the Jack and Pricilla Andonie Museum;
- (iv) Dr. William Nunez, Chancellor, LSU Eunice, announced that for the third time in a row, Students in Free Enterprise at LSUE won the National Championship;
- (v) Dr. Tim Ryan, Chancellor, University of New Orleans, reported on UNO's efforts to assume the management of Capdau Middle School in New Orleans.

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President Jenkins provided a presentation on the LSU System Priorities (Number #4)

#### 8. Report on Activities of the Board of Regents

Dr. Carolyn Hargrave and Mr. William Silvia, Executive Vice President, LSU System, and Mr. Jim Howell, Assistant Vice-President, Property and Facilities, presented these informational reports.

- 9. <u>Committee Reports</u>
- 9A. Health Education and Services Committee

Mr. Boudreaux, co-chairman of the Health Education and Services Committee, presented the following report:

### 9A1. Financial update on LSU Hospitals

Mr. Robert Plaisance, Interim Vice-Chancellor, LSU Health Sciences Center, New Orleans, presented this report. No official Board action is required.

9A2. Resolution to determine the feasibility of certification of Lallie Kemp Regional Medical Center as a CAH, and to seek Critical Access Hospital Certification for Lallie Kemp Regional Medical Center by the Department of Health and Hospitals, if financially advantageous, and to delegate signatory authority for any and applications, statements and other necessary documentation regarding the certification to LeVerne Meades, Lallie Kemp Hospital Administrator, and their designees are hereby authorized to execute all documents and do all things necessary to effectuate and implement this resolution

Upon motion of Mr. Boudreaux, seconded by Mr. Rucks, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following recommendation:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College that:

The Board hereby declares its intent to determine the feasibility of obtaining the certification of Lallie Kemp Regional Medical Center as a Critical Access Hospital, and to seek Critical Access Hospital Certification for Lallie Kemp Regional Medical Center by the Department of Health and Hospitals, if financially advantageous.

The Chief Financial Officer of the LSU HSC Health Care Services Division and LeVerne Meades, Administrator of Lallie Kemp Regional Medical Center and their designees are hereby authorized to execute all documents and do all things necessary to effectuate and implement this resolution.

#### 9B. Budget and Finance Committee

Mr. Rucks, vice chairman, Budget and Finance Committee, reported that it is the committee's recommendation that the following receive Board approval.

9B1. LSU System Consolidated Investment Report

Mr. Silvia presented this informational report.

9B2. Report on Definity Healthcare Insurance Program

Mr. Forest Benedict, Vice-President, Human Resource Management, presented this report. No official Board action is required.

9B3. Recommendation to write-off uncollectible accounts of the University as of June 30, 2004

Upon motion of Mr. Rucks, seconded by Mr. Lambert, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following recommendation:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Executive Vice President is hereby authorized to write-off of the books of the University, effective June 30, 2004, the accounts as summarized in the following pages which are deemed uncollectible and chargeable against the respective funds.

9B4. <u>Recommendation to authorize the execution of a Consent Agreement and Final Order</u> <u>between Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College and the</u> <u>United States Environmental Protection Agency and payment of a civil penalty in the</u> <u>amount \$24,200</u>

Upon motion of Mr. Rucks, seconded by Mr. Lambert, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following recommendation:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College that the Board hereby approves the Consent Agreement and Final Order and the Supplemental Environmental Project Scope of Work attached hereto and incorporated herein.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College that William L. Jenkins, President, Louisiana State University System or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute the above referenced Consent Agreement and Final Order between Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College and the United States Environmental Protection Agency, in settlement of the Complaint and Compliance Order issued by the U.S. EPA to Louisiana State University in that matter entitled, "In the Matter of: Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, La", Docket No. RCRA-06-2004-0906, U.S. EPA Region 6.

9B5. <u>Recommendation that the LSU Board of Supervisors adopt a formal policy regarding non-applicability of the public records laws to documents which are authorized to be excluded from the public records laws in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the Board</u>

Upon motion of Mr. Rucks, seconded by Mr. Lambert, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following recommendation:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College that by virtue of and in conformity with its inherent constitutional authority and La. R.S. 44:4(16), the following documents, records and information may be maintained as confidential in accordance with law:

Records of the Board for programs and institutions under its supervision and management, including the following:

(a) Trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person, firm, or corporation, pertaining to research or to the commercialization of technology, including any such information designated as confidential by such person, firm, or corporation, but not including any such information relating to the identity of principals, officers, or individuals and entities directly or indirectly owning or controlling an entity other than a publicly held entity, or the identity of principals, officers, or individuals and entities directly or more of a publicly held entity.

(b) Data, records, or information produced or collected by or for faculty or research staff in the conduct of or as a result of, study or research on commercial, scientific or technical subjects of a patentable or licensable nature, whether sponsored by the institution alone or in conjunction with a governmental body or private concern, until such data, records, or information have been publicly released, published, or patented.

(c) Those portions of research proposals, supporting documentation and information, submitted by an institution of higher learning to the Board of Regents' Louisiana Education Quality Support Fund Program, which have been certified as containing data, information, ideas, or plans of a potentially patentable or licensable nature, including any discussions or written comments concerning such information by reviewers of the proposals, but not including reviewer ratings, until such data, records, or information have been publicly released, published, or patented.

(d) Those portions of private document collections donated for historical research or preservation purposes, which are designated by the donor to have restricted access for a specific period of time.

(e) Any other records which the President determines, after consultation with and recommendation of legal counsel, are protected from disclosure by the Constitution or laws of the United States of America or the Constitution or laws of the State of Louisiana.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that these rules and regulations shall be applicable to joint endeavors with the Board of Regents.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of these rules and regulations be forwarded to the Board of Regents.

9C. Property and Facilities Committee

Mr. Lambert, chairman, Property and Facilities Committee, presented the following report.

9C1. <u>Recommendation to award an oil, gas, and mineral lease on undivided interest in</u> Louisiana State University property, Assumption Parish, Louisiana

Upon motion of Mr. Lambert, seconded by Mrs. Shehee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following recommendation:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College that by virtue of and in conformity with the laws of the State of Louisiana, and particularly Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, Title 30, Section 151 to 158 inclusive, as amended, Board of Supervisors did invite by publication and did receive and open sealed bids for the oil and gas and mineral lease of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College's interest in the following land located in Assumption Parish, Louisiana, to-wit:

ALL OF LESSOR'S UNDIVIDED RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST IN AND TO:

Beginning at a point having Coordinates of X= 2,088,940.28 and Y = 398,602.09; thence North 00 degrees 36 minutes 58 seconds West 820.00 feet to a point having Coordinates of X = 2,088,931.46 and Y = 399,422.04; thence North 89 degrees 23 minutes 06 seconds East 1,460.00 feet to a point on the common boundary line between Section 16 and 17, having Coordinates of X = 2,090,391.37 and Y = 399,437.71; thence South 00 degrees 36 minutes 58 seconds East 820.00 feet along the common boundary line of said Sections 16 and 17 to a point having Coordinates of X = 2,090,400.19 and Y = 398,617.76; thence South 89 degrees 23 minutes 06 seconds West 1,460.00 feet to the point of beginning, containing 26.626 Gross Acres/ 0.943 Net Acres.

The interest owned by Louisiana State University and Agriculture and Mechanical College in its own name in the above described tract is an undivided 4.46930%, and Louisiana State University Board of Supervisors' undivided interest acquired through Charity Hospital Trust Fund is a 3.07220% interest.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that said bids having been received by the Board of Supervisors at its office in the Louisiana State University System Building, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on the 2nd day of June, 2004, by 4:00 P.M., and having been publicly opened at the meeting of the Board of Supervisors, Properties and Facilities Committee, on the 3rd day of June, 2004, at 3:00 P.M., at the same address, said meeting having been duly and legally held, in accordance with the advertisement, and the bid of HILLCORP ENERGY, I.L.P. being the most advantageous and to the best interest of the Board of Supervisors, the said bid, a copy of which is annexed hereto and made a part hereof, is hereby accepted by the Board of Supervisors at the Board of Supervisors meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2004.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that William L. Jenkins, President of the Louisiana State University System, be and he is hereby authorized by and empowered for and in the name of the Board of Supervisors, to execute a lease to said HILLCORP ENERGY, I.L.P. covering and affecting the above described land for the price and consideration and upon the terms and conditions set out in the above described accepted bid and in the advertisement.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that said act of lease shall contain such additional provisions and stipulations as the said William J. Jenkins, President, may deem wise and in the best interest of the Board of Supervisors.

9C2. <u>Recommendation to award and oil, gas, and mineral lease on undivided interest in</u> Louisiana State University property, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.

Upon motion of Mr. Lambert, seconded by Mrs. Shehee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following recommendation:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College that by virtue of and in conformity with the laws of the State of Louisiana, and particularly Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, Title 30, Section 151 to 158 inclusive, as amended, Board of Supervisors did invite by publication and did receive and open sealed bids for the oil and gas and mineral lease of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College's interest in the following land located in Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, to-wit:

ALL OF LESSOR'S UNDIVIDED RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST IN AND TO:

That portion of Sections 23, 24, & 25, Township 16 South, Range 15 East Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, not under Mineral Lease, described as follows:

Commencing at a point located at the northerly right-of-way line the Southern Pacific Railroad having coordinates of X=2,118,849.97 Y=374,083.57, thence N01°06'54"W a distance of approximately 400 feet to a point having coordinates of (NAD27) X=2,118,842.18 Y=374,483.50 and (NAD83) X=3,399,642.21 Y=435,189.14 to the point of beginning

Thence, WEST a distance of approximately 1,848.31 feet to a point having a coordinate of X=2,116,993.88 Y=374,483.50.

Thence, N01°06'55"W a distance of approximately 1,500 feet to a point having a coordinate of X=2,116,964.68 Y=375,983.21.

Thence, N61°20'06"E a distance of approximately 2,084.30 feet to a point having a coordinate of X=2,118,793.53 Y=376,983.02.

Thence, N88°53'06"E a distance of approximately 75 links (49.5 feet) to a point having a coordinate of X=2,118,843.02 Y=376,983.99.

Thence, S01°06'54"E a distance of approximately 2,500 feet to a point having a coordinate of X=2,118,891.68 Y=374,484.46.

Thence, S88°53'06"W a distance of approximately 75 links (49.5 feet) to the point of beginning, and containing an area of 87.69 acres, more or less, all as more fully shown on a plat prepared by Morris P. Hebert, Inc., titled "87.69 acres; Area of Interest Louisiana State Mineral Board Oil & Gas Lease, Portion of Sections 23, 24, & 25, Township 16 South, Range 15 East, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana", dated 03/18/02.

The interest owned by Louisiana State University and Agriculture and Mechanical College in the above described tract is an undivided 1.00% interest.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that said bids having been received by the Board of Supervisors at its office in the Louisiana State University System Building, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on the 2nd day of June, 2004, by 4:00 P.M., and having been publicly opened at the meeting of the Board of Supervisors, Properties and Facilities Committee, on the 3rd day of June, 2004, at 3:00 P.M., at the same address, said meeting having been duly and legally held, in accordance with the advertisement, and the bid of THOMAS M. KILLGORE, INC. being the most advantageous and to the best interest of the Board of Supervisors, the said bid, a copy of which is annexed hereto and made a part hereof, is hereby accepted by the Board of Supervisors at the Board of Supervisors meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2004.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that William L. Jenkins, President of the Louisiana State University System, be and he is hereby authorized by and empowered for and in the name of the Board of Supervisors, to execute a lease to said THOMAS M. KILLGORE, INC., covering and affecting the above described land for the price and consideration and upon the terms and conditions set out in the above described accepted bid and in the advertisement.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that said act of lease shall contain such additional provisions and stipulations as the said William L. Jenkins, President, may deem wise and in the best interest of the Board of Supervisors.

9C3. <u>Recommendation to award an oil, gas, and mineral lease on undivided interest in</u> Louisiana State University property, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana (REJECTED)

After considerable discussion at the committee meeting on Thursday, the committee rejected this bid.

Mr. Lambert requested that in the future, plats and/or maps be attached to lease proposals.

It is the committee's recommendation that the Board reject the bid as submitted by Newfield Exploration Company.

Upon motion of Mr. Lambert, seconded by Shehee, the Board voted unanimously to reject the bid to award an oil, gas, and mineral lease regarding the Southeast corner of Section 50, T16S-R15E. Terrebonne Parish.

9C4. <u>Recommendation to name the new geomorphology laboratory in the Department of</u> <u>Geography and Anthropology on the Louisiana State University campus the "H. Jesse</u> <u>Walker Geomorphology Research Laboratory"</u>

After consulting with Dr. Walker as to his preference, it was determined that the laboratory in the Department of Geography and Anthropology be named the "H. Jesse Walker Geomorphology Research Laboratory".

Upon motion of Mr. Lambert, seconded by Mrs. Shehee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following recommendation:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby approve the naming of the new geomorphology laboratory in the Department of Geography and Anthropology on the Louisiana State University campus the 'H. Jesse Walker Geomorphology Research Laboratory'.

9C5. <u>Recommendation to enter into and execute a lease agreement with Follett Higher</u> <u>Education Group, Inc. for bookstore services on the Louisiana State University at</u> <u>Alexandria campus</u>

Upon motion of Mr. Lambert, seconded by Mrs. Shehee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following recommendation:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College that William L. Jenkins, President of the Louisiana State University System, or his designee, be and he is hereby authorized by and on behalf of and in the name of the Board of Supervisors to enter into and execute a lease agreement with Follett Higher Education Group, Inc., on the LSU at Alexandria Campus for a term of five (5) years, with one (1) option to renew for an additional five (5) years, said lease agreement to contain such terms and conditions as President Jenkins deems to be in the best interest of the Board of Supervisors.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that William L. Jenkins, President of the LSU System, or his designee, be and he is hereby authorized by and empowered for and on behalf of and in the name of the Board of Supervisors to include in said lease agreement any and all provisions and stipulations that he deems wise and in the best interest of the Board of Supervisors, to approve the plans and specifications for the proposed improvements to the premises to be leased to Follett, and to take whatever action, with advice of counsel, that may be necessary to consummate this transaction, including but not limited to any and all regulatory approvals.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that any and all lawful acts done and performed by William L. Jenkins, President of the LSU System, or his designee, on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College in consideration of the authority hereby granted be, and the same are hereby ratified and confirmed.

9C6. <u>Recommendation to approve CII, Inc. and the Louisiana Technology Group as potential</u> tenants in the University of New Orleans Research and Technology Park Lakefront <u>Campus</u>

Upon motion of Mr. Lambert, seconded by Mrs. Shehee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following recommendation:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University Agricultural and Mechanical College does herby approve CII, Inc. and the Louisiana Technology Group as tenants in the University of New Orleans Research and Technology Park.

## 9C7. <u>Recommendation to authorize the transfer of fifty (50) acres at the Calhoun Experiment</u> <u>Station, Ouachita Parish, to the USA Department of Interior for a National Veterans</u> <u>Cemetery</u> (AMENDED)

Considerable discussion was held at the committee meeting on Thursday regarding technicalities contradictory with constitutional provisions concerning the donation of the aforesaid property. Mr. Weems, in particular, expressed concern with provisions in the recommendation and he moved that the recommendation be amended by incorporating the language "enter into such agreements including acts of transfer," Mr. Rucks seconded the motion. Mr. Lambert requested that stipulations be included on behalf of the University that should this land not be used for the designated purpose, it would revert back to its rightful ownership of the University.

The committee approved the recommendation in concept, subject to constitutional prohibitions and upon the advice and recommendations of LSU System legal counsel.

Upon motion of Mr. Lambert, seconded by Mrs. Shehee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following recommendation, as amended:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that to the extent allowed by law the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby authorize William L. Jenkins, President of the Louisiana State University System, or his designee, to negotiate and enter into necessary agreements, with advice of counsel, to transfer or otherwise make available fifty (50) acres, more or less of the 333 acres in Sections 26, 27, 34 and 35, T18N, R1E, Ouachita Parish, acquired by it from the Police Jury of Ouachita Parish on July 15, 1891 (by act recorded in Notarial Book No. 32, page 442, conveyance records of Ouachita Parish) for use as a National Veterans Cemetery.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that said William L. Jenkins, President, or his designee, is duly authorized by and empowered for and on behalf of and in the name of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College to include in said acts such terms and conditions that he may deem wise and in the best interest of the Board of Supervisors, including but not limiting to a reversion of ownership of the 50 acre tract to LSU should the National Veterans Cemetery not be constructed or used for such purpose within a specified time.

#### 9D. Academic Affairs Committee

Mr. Kent Anderson, vice-chairman, Academic Affairs Committee, reported that it is the committee's recommendation that the Board approve the following recommendations:

9D1. <u>Recommendation by LSU to award a posthumous degree</u>, Bachelor of Landscape <u>Architecture</u>, to Erick Bowman Cormier

Upon motion of Mr. Kent Anderson, seconded by Dr. Andonie, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following recommendation:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University does hereby authorize LSU to award the Bachelor of Landscape Architecture degree to Erick Bowman Cormier, posthumously.

9D2. <u>Recommendation to approve a Letter of Intent for a Master of Public Health at Louisiana</u> <u>State University in Shreveport</u>

Upon motion of Mr. Kent Anderson, seconded by Dr. Andonie, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following recommendation:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College recommends approval of the Letter of Intent for a Master of Public Health at Louisiana State University in Shreveport, subject to approval by the Board of Regents.

9D3. <u>Recommendation to approve five new majors in the Bachelor of Liberal Arts degree at Louisiana State University at Alexandria</u>

Upon motion of Mr. Kent Anderson, seconded by Dr. Andonie, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following recommendation:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College recommends approval of majors in English, History, Mathematics, Speech, and Theatre in the Bachelor of Liberal Studies degree at LSU-A, subject to approval by the Board of Regents.

9D4. Request from the University of New Orleans for formal approval of its mission statement

Dr. Carolyn Hargrave, Vice-President, Academic Affairs, and Dr. Tim Ryan, Chancellor, University of New Orleans, presented this report.

Upon motion of Mr. Kent Anderson, seconded by Dr. Andonie, the Board voted unanimously to approve the University of New Orleans' mission statement.

## 9E. Flagship Committee

Mr. Weems, chairman of the Flagship Committee, presented the following report.

9E1. Discussion of the impact of the Flagship Agenda on the teaching of introductory courses in Math and English at Louisiana State University

Dr. Guillermo Ferreyra, Interim Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, made this presentation. No official Board action is required.

9F. <u>Athletic Committee</u>

Mr. Ronald Anderson, chairman of the Athletic Committee, reported that it is the committee's recommendation that the following recommendation receive Board approval.

9F1. <u>Recommendation to approve the addition of NJCAA Women's Fast Pitch Softball II to the</u> intercollegiate athletic program at Louisiana State University at Eunice

Upon motion of Mr. Ronnie Anderson, seconded by Mr. Golson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following recommendation:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby approve the addition of NJCAA Women's Fast Pitch Softball II to the intercollegiate athletic program at Louisiana State University at Eunice. The recruitment of coaches and players and the development of the softball playing field shall begin with the 2004-2005 academic year, with the initial intercollegiate competition beginning with the 2005-2006 academic year.

10. <u>Recommendation to amend Article III, Section 1 of the Bylaws of the LSU Board of</u> <u>Supervisors</u> (WITHDRAWN)

Mr. Segura requested that this item be withdrawn.

11. <u>Resolution to award an honorary Doctor of Science honoris causa to Mr. Harry Longwell</u>

Upon motion of Mr. Weems, seconded by Mr. Cusimano, the Board voted unanimously to approve the honorary Doctor of Science honoris causa to Mr. Harry Longwell.

**WHEREAS,** Mr. Harry J. Longwell has a long and distinguished record of professional accomplishment, civic service, and personal and corporate philanthropic efforts on behalf of the University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Longwell's extraordinary integrity, tremendous dedication, remarkable career achievements, exemplary personal attributes, and active community involvement consistently characterize him as an outstanding leader as he builds relationships with internal and external constituents through the motivation, persuasion, and inspiration of all with whom he comes in contact; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Longwell serves his community as a member of the advisory board of Habitat for Humanity in Dallas, United Way of Dallas, boards of directors of the Greater Houston Partnership and the American Petroleum Institute, and the board of directors of the National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering (NACME) through which his wise counsel and strong and effective leadership have made him one of the most respected board members; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Longwell is a long-time supporter of higher education through his service as a member of the LSU Foundation since 1985, currently on the board of directors, and of the LSU Alumni Board of Directors, as well as on the board of visitors of the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, and as chairman of the board of trustees of the University of Dallas; and

**WHEREAS,** Mr. Longwell is a dedicated advocate and supporter of the College of Engineering at LSU, through service to the college and the university as a member of the Industrial Advisory Councils of both the Petroleum Engineering Department and the College of Engineering, establishment of an endowed professorship and a scholarship, and visits to the college to render services on an as needed basis; and

WHEREAS, he has been instrumental in strengthening the relationship between ExxonMobil and LSU over the years, resulting in the company's establishment of a scholarship program in the College of Engineering to encourage the enrollment and graduation of under represented minorities in engineering at LSU, and his crafting a mentoring program for scholarship recipients with the local ExxonMobil engineers to generate a significant, meaningful impact on LSU and on the lives of its students; and

**WHEREAS,** Mr. Longwell conclusively demonstrates a standard of excellence and a deep affection for his alma mater for which he is a role model for LSU students of engineering and a source of pride and honor for the university and the state; and

**WHEREAS**, it is fitting that the Flagship University recognize Mr. Harry Longwell and acknowledge a lifetime of achievements in the global petroleum industry and his extensive contributions to higher education, in general, and LSU, in particular, by bestowing its highest honor upon him; and

**WHEREAS**, the LSU Faculty Honorary Degree Committee, LSU System Committee on Awarding Honorary Degrees, the Vice President for Academic Affairs, and the System President have reviewed and approved this recommendation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University does hereby authorize and award the degree of Doctor of Science honoris causa to Mr. Harry Longwell, to be awarded at the Louisiana State University Commencement ceremony.

#### 12. <u>Chairman's Report</u>

Chairman Ogden announced that immediately following adjournment, the Board will visit the LSU Child Care Center and the Co-Generation Plant. Transportation will be provided.

# 13. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Carleen N. Smith Administrative Secretary