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1. Call to Order

Chairman Danos called to order the Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College in the Board Room, LSU System Building, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 9:20 a.m.

The secretary called the roll:

Present

Mr. Garret "Hank" Danos
Chairman
Mr. Scott A. Angelle
Mr. Scott Ballard
Mr. R. Blake Chatelain
Mrs. Ann Duplessis
Dr. John George
Mr. Stanley J. Jacobs
Mr. Raymond J. Lasseigne

Mr. Robert "Bobby" Yarborough
Chairman-Elect
Mr. Jack E. Lawton, Jr.
Mr. Lee Mallett
Mr. Rolfe McCollister, Jr.
Mr. Justin Mannino
Mr. James W. Moore, Jr.
Mr. J. Stephen Perry

Absent

Mr. Ronnie Anderson

Public Comments

Brad Ott and Jane Hayes were recognized and addressed their concerns.

Also present for the meeting were the following: Dr. William L. Jenkins, Interim President; LSU System, Mr. Shelby McKenzie, LSU Lead Counsel, Taylor Porter, Brooks & Phillips, L.L.P., system officers and administrators from their respective campuses; faculty representatives; interested citizens and representatives of the news media.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. McCollister gave the invocation. Mr. Danos led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Consideration of a proposal to further augment the previously approved plan for budget reductions at the LSU Hospitals as a result in recent reductions in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentages (FMAP) for the State of Louisiana

Dr. Jenkins, Interim President LSU System, recognized Dr. Frank Opelka, Executive Vice President for Health Care and Medical Education, LSU System. Dr. Opelka presented a budget reduction plan resulting from Congressional action to decrease Louisiana's federal Medicaid funding support. **(Copy of proposal on file in the Office of the LSU Board of Supervisors)**

Discussion was held and Board members commended Dr. Opelka's proposal and recommended approval. Mr. Yarborough presented the following resolution:

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3A. Resolution authorizing the President of the LSU System to develop further and implement a plan for the redesign of the delivery of healthcare services and graduate medical education

Upon motion of Mr. Yarborough, seconded by Mr. Lasseigne, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following:

WHEREAS, Federal Medicaid funding reductions have created a financial crisis in the delivery of healthcare services and in sustaining the current programs for graduate medical education;

WHEREAS, Frank G. Opelka, M.D., Executive Vice President for Healthcare and Medical Education Redesign, has conducted a comprehensive analysis of alternatives available to the LSU Board of Supervisors, in consultation with LSU System healthcare staff and other knowledgeable persons; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Opelka has presented his analysis to the Board of Supervisors which includes a proposal for redesign of the delivery of healthcare services and graduate medical education in which reduction of LSU hospital beds will be replaced by partnerships in each community for inpatient services.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University approves in principle the proposal presented by Dr. Opelka.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University that William L. Jenkins, Interim President, is hereby authorized on behalf of this Board to develop further and implement a plan based on the proposal recommended by Dr. Opelka; to amend that plan as necessary and appropriate, to develop provisional short-term plans, and to take all steps he deems necessary and appropriate to implement any such plans;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such plan or amended plan shall minimize as much as feasible the adverse impact upon patient care and medical education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board shall be kept advised of significant steps in the implementation of the plan and that all contracts with outside parties shall be subject to Board approval.

4. Chairman's Report

Chairman Danos stated "that at the Retreat on August 18th the Board engaged the Association of Governing Boards, (AGB) to conduct some research and assist in our reorganization efforts, and I have been informed and pleased to report that their team is on schedule and will provide the Board with a report for consideration by the end of the month. Consultants have been reviewing the best organizational structures and practices and conducted interviews with leaders of several universities, i.e. Michigan, Rutgers, Ohio State, Penn State, Montana and Minnesota. Therefore, within the next couple of weeks, we are anticipating a comprehensive report that the Board can deal with and respond to and hopefully implement shortly thereafter. I'm encouraged by the report that is forthcoming from the AGB."

He recognized Mr. Blake Chatelain. Mr. Chatelain said, "just to follow on with that, I think the key thing that is happening right now in regards to the search is kind of waiting for that report and any action that this Board takes. I have been trying to keep our search firm, Bill Funk & Associates, updated with that process. I would report that the feedback that I'm hearing from our search firm is they watch the deliberations and the process that we go through, the reflection that we are taking on our system in looking at the changes that we may want to make as we move forward.

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Bill continues to be very positive about the process and very encouraging about the candidates that we will be able to attract in terms of interest in this position.”

5. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Carleen N. Smith
Administrative Secretary
LSU Board of Supervisors