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MINUTES  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
DECEMBER 8, 2000

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Anderson called to order the Regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College in the System Building on December 8, 2000, at 10:30 a.m.

The secretary called the roll.

PRESENT

Mr. Ronald R. Anderson  
Chairman

Mr. Kent Anderson

Dr. Jack A. Andonie

Mr. Bernard E. Boudreaux, Jr.

Mr. Victor Bussie

Mr. Charles V. Cusimano

Mr. Gordon E. Dore'

Mr. Stanley J. Jacobs

Mr. Roger H. Ogden  
Vice-Chairman

Mrs. Laura Leach

Mr. Perry Segura

Mrs. Virginia K. Shehee

Mr. C. Stewart Slack

Mr. Charles S. Weems, III

Mr. Roderick "Rod" West

Mr. Robert Wood

Also present for the meeting were the following: President William L. Jenkins; System Officers and administrators from the respective campuses; faculty representatives; Mrs. Nancy Dougherty, and Mr. Shelby McKenzie, University Attorneys; interested citizens and representatives of the news media.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Stephon Thomas gave the invocation. Ms. Brandy Brunson gave the Pledge of Allegiance. Both students attend LSU at Alexandria.

Chairman Anderson recognized Dr. Robert Cavanaugh, Chancellor, LSU at Alexandria. He introduced:

Mr. Stephon Thomas is a non-traditional student at LSU at Alexandria. He is currently majoring in education. Stephon enjoys working with children and his hobbies are reading, exercising, and listening to music.

Ms. Brandy Brunson is a senior pursuing a major in Elementary Education. She is currently enrolled in LSUA classes as well as LSU Senior College. Brandy is Ms. LSUA 2000.

3. Introduction of Faculty and Staff Representatives and Other Guests

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

4. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held November 3, 2000

Upon motion of Mrs. Shehee, seconded by Dr. Andonie, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of November 3, 2000.

5. Ratification of Interim Personnel Actions approved by the President

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

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

6. President's Report

President Jenkins announced that Mr. Coney Barre', LSU System Internal Auditor, has been elected to the Board of Directors for the Association of Information Technology Professionals.

Dr. Jenkins recognized Mr. Stewart Slack. He briefly commented on some of the accomplishments of the late Mr. Sinclair Kouns, an LSU Alumnus from Shreveport, and a former LSU baseball player.

President Jenkins provided an up-date report regarding the renovations in the LSU System Building.

Dr. Jenkins thanked Dr. William Richardson, LSU Agricultural Center; Dr. Patrick Hedgewood, Director of Burden Plantation; and Mrs. Veronica Cole for the lovely plants and arrangements in the Board Room.

7. Consent Agenda Items

Chairman Anderson offered 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 Consent Agenda items as submitted:

Upon motion of Mrs. Shehee, seconded by Mr. West, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following Consent Agenda Items:

Property and Facilities Committee	Items 1-2
Budget and Finance Committee	Items 1
Faculty and Student Affairs Committee	Items 1-3

7A1. Recommendation to authorize Right-of-Way and Servitude Agreement with Entergy of Louisiana, Inc. for utilities service to the University of New Orleans Center for Energy Resources Management Building

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College ("Board of Supervisors") that William L. Jenkins, President, Louisiana State University System, or his designee, be and he is hereby authorized on behalf of and in the name of the Board of Supervisors to enter into a right-of-way and servitude agreement with Entergy, Louisiana, Inc. to provide the right-of-way described in the Executive Summary and more fully described on Entergy Louisiana, Inc., Drawing No.BM00-39948-012, dated August 6, 2000. (Copy of drawing on file in the Office of the LSU Board of Supervisors).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that said William L. Jenkins, President, or his designee, be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to include in said agreement such terms and conditions as he may deem wise and in the best interest of the Board of Supervisors.

- 7A2. Recommendation to approve the architectural rendering of the Feist-Weiller Cancer Center at the Health Sciences Center Shreveport

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby approve the architectural rendering for the Feist-Weiller Cancer Center at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center Shreveport and hereby delegates the approval of the detailed plans and specifications to Patrick M. Gibbs, Vice President for Property, Facilities and Administration.

- 7A3. Recommendation to approve architectural rendering of Louisiana Transportation Research Center at LSU A&M (TABLED)

- 7A4. Quarterly Investment Report

- 7A5. Recommendation to approve the establishment of the Douglas L. Gordon Chair in Diabetes and Metabolism at the Pennington Biomedical Research Center

**WHEREAS**, the Edward G. Schlieder Educational Foundation has graciously and generously provided \$600,000 to the Pennington Biomedical Research Foundation for the purpose of establishing the Douglas L. Gordon Chair in Diabetes and Metabolism; and

**WHEREAS**, this donation of \$600,000 qualifies for inclusion in the Louisiana Endowment Trust Fund for Eminent Scholars matching grants under the matching program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Louisiana Endowment Trust Fund for Eminent Scholars was created by the Legislature of Louisiana in 1983 as R.S. 17:3384, providing therein for multiple \$400,000 challenge grants to be awarded on a one-to-one and one-half matching basis, in this case, eligible for \$400,000 total state match; and

**WHEREAS**, the law provides that the Louisiana Board of Regents shall approve the establishment of any endowed chair established under the matching grants program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College hereby approves the establishment of the Douglas L. Gordon Chair in Diabetes and Metabolism at the Pennington Biomedical Research Center.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College and/or the President of the Louisiana State University System, as may be appropriate, are hereby authorized and directed to execute any documents required to obtain the matching gift and otherwise complete the establishment of the above named Chair.

- 7A6. Recommendation to approve the establishment of the Robert Penn Warren Distinguished Professorship in the College of Arts and Sciences, Department of English at Louisiana State University and A&M College

**WHEREAS**, various donors have made a substantial donation to the LSU Foundation, including therein a specific donation totaling \$60,000, to the Board of Regents Support

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Fund for the establishment of an endowed professorship in the College of Arts and Sciences at Louisiana State University and A&M College; and

**WHEREAS**, the Robert Penn Warren Distinguished Professorship in the College of Arts and Sciences, Department of English will provide critically needed funds annually to secure and maintain a highly qualified faculty member in the College of Arts and Sciences; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Regents Support Fund was created by the Legislature of Louisiana in 1989 as Act 647 providing therein for multiple \$40,000 challenge grants to be awarded on a one to one and one-half matching basis; and

**WHEREAS**, this donation of \$60,000 qualifies for inclusion in the Board of Regents Support Fund matching grants program; and

**WHEREAS**, the law provided that the Louisiana Board of Regents shall approve the establishment of any endowed Professorship established under the matching program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Louisiana Board of Regents is hereby requested to approve the establishment of the Robert Penn Warren Distinguished Professorship in the College of Arts and Sciences, Department of English at Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College and/or the President of the LSU System, as may be appropriate, are hereby authorized and directed to execute any documents required to obtain the matching gift and otherwise complete the establishment of the above named Professorship.

7A7. Recommendation to approve the establishment of the Jo Ellen Levy Yates Professorship in the College of Education at Louisiana State University and A&M College

**WHEREAS**, Jo Ellen Levy Yates has made a substantial donation to the LSU Foundation, including therein a specific donation totaling \$60,000, to the Board of Regents Support Fund for the establishment of an endowed professorship in the College of Education at Louisiana State University and A&M College; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jo Ellen Levy Yates Professorship in the College of Education will provide critically needed funds annually to secure and maintain a highly qualified faculty member in the College of Education; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Regents Support Fund was created by the Legislature of Louisiana in 1989 as Act 647 providing therein for multiple \$40,000 challenge grants to be awarded on a one to one and one-half matching basis; and

**WHEREAS**, this donation of \$60,000 qualifies for inclusion in the Board of Regents Support Fund matching grants program; and

**WHEREAS**, the law provided that the Louisiana Board of Regents shall approve the establishment of any endowed Professorship established under the matching program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Louisiana Board of Regents is hereby requested to approve the establishment of the Jo Ellen Levy Yates Professorship in the College of Education at Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College and/or the President of the LSU System, as may be appropriate, are hereby authorized and directed to execute any documents required to obtain the matching gift and otherwise complete the establishment of the above named Professorship.

8. Committee Reports

8A. Property and Facilities Committee

Mr. Segura, chairman of the Property and Facilities Committee, reported that it is the recommendation of the committee that the Board approve the items as presented.

8A1. Recommendation to authorize an agreement with the Caddo Parish School Board for the improvement of and use of the LSUS Baseball Facility by Byrd High School

Upon motion of Mr. Segura, seconded by Mr. Slack, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the following recommendation:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that 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 enter into an agreement with the Caddo Parish School Board for the improvement of the LSUS Baseball Facility ("Facility") and for the use of the facility by Byrd High School for practices and games; said agreement to contain such terms and conditions that he may deem wise and in the best interest of the Board of Supervisors.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that President Jenkins, 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 execute and approve such other documents as are necessary to accomplish the transaction contemplated by the agreement, said other documents to include such terms and conditions as he deems to be in the best interest of the Board of Supervisors.

8B. Budget and Finance Committee

Mrs. Leach, chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee, reported that at the committee meeting, considerable discussion was held regarding an increase in non-resident fee for the Fall 2001 semester at LSU and A&M College. It is the committee's recommendation to the Board that this recommendation be deferred until the staff has an opportunity to further review this issue, and present to the Board for re-consideration.

8B1. Recommendation to designate individual to act as the governing authority for the LSU Health Sciences Center Hospital in Shreveport (AMENDED)

Mrs. Leach recognized Mr. Weems, who proposed an amendment to the original motion approved earlier in committee designating an individual to act as the "Board of Directors" of the university hospital. He expressed concern with the Board designating an individual to act as a "Board of Directors" on behalf of an institution.

Mr. Weems offered the following amendment to the original motion:

In the last paragraph delete the following language "to serve in the capacity as the Board of Directors of the University Hospital on its behalf."

In lieu thereof, substitute the following language:

**“to act for and on behalf of the governing authority in setting the organizational policy that supports quality patient care by developing the mission, vision, policy and bylaws that govern hospital operation for the University Hospital in Shreveport.”**

Mr. Slack seconded the amendment, and the Board unanimously concurred.

Upon motion of Mrs. Leach, seconded by Mr. Bussie, the Board unanimously approved the recommendation as amended by Mr. Weems.

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College owns and operates several hospitals throughout the State of Louisiana, and

**WHEREAS**, the policy making and oversight for the various hospitals should be vested in a local entity subject to the overall supervision of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Mervin L. Trail or his designee is in a position to serve in that capacity,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the LSU Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby designate and empower Dr. Mervin L. Trail or his designee **to act for and on behalf of the governing authority in setting the organizational policy that supports quality patient care by developing the mission, vision, policy and bylaws that govern hospital operation for the University Hospital in Shreveport.**

- 8B2. Recommendation to increase the non-resident fee beginning with the Fall, 2001 semester at LSU and A & M College (DEFERRED)

Upon motion of Mrs. Leach, seconded by Mr. Bussie, the Board unanimously approved the motion to defer this recommendation until the staff has the opportunity to further review this issue.

- 8B3. Recommendation to authorize the President of the LSU System to implement a retirement incentive program at the LSU Agricultural Center

Upon motion of Mrs. Leach, seconded by Mr. Dore', the Board unanimously approved the following recommendation:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby authorize the President of the Louisiana State University System to implement a retirement incentive program for eligible employees at the LSU Agricultural Center in accordance with such terms and conditions as the President deems in the best interest of the Board and the LSU Agricultural Center.

- 8C. Faculty and Student Affairs Committee

Mrs. Shehee, chairman of the Faculty and Student Affairs Committee, reported that the committee met earlier this morning and recommends that the following recommendations receive Board approval.



- 8C1. Recommendation to approve changing the name of the Department of Biometry and Genetics to the Department of Genetics at the LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans

Upon motion of Mrs. Shehee, seconded by Mrs. Leach, the Board unanimously approved 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 recommendation from LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans to change the name of the Department of Biometry and Genetics to the Department of Genetics, subject to approval by the Board of Regents.

- 8C2. Recommendation to increase the amount of the annual cash stipend for the Charles E. Coates Undergraduate Honor Award in Basic Sciences at Louisiana State University and A&M College

Upon motion of Mrs. Shehee, seconded by Mr. West, the Board unanimously approved 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 increasing the cash stipend for the Charles E. Coates Undergraduate Honor Award in Basic Sciences at Louisiana State University and A&M College, subject to approval by the Board of Regents as outlined below:

The annual cash stipend for the Charles E. Coates Undergraduate Honor Award in Basic Sciences is hereby approved to increase from \$750 to \$1,500 per academic year (\$750 per semester), effective with the spring semester, 2001.

- 8C3. Recommendation to award a posthumous Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration to Matthew Richards Moore by Louisiana State University in Shreveport

Upon motion of Ms. Shehee, seconded by Mr. Slack, the Board unanimously approved the following recommendation:

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby authorize Louisiana State University in Shreveport to award the Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration to Matthew Richards Moore, posthumously, at commencement ceremonies on December 13, 2000.

- 8C4. Recommendation to award a posthumous Bachelor of Science degree in Finance to Marshall J. Hough, III by Louisiana State University and A&M College

Upon motion of Mrs. Shehee, seconded by Mr. Slack, the Board unanimously approved the following recommendation:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby authorize Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College to award the Bachelor of Science degree to Marshall J. Hough, III, posthumously, at commencement ceremonies on December 15, 2000.

8D. Health Care Services Committee

Dr. Andonie, chairman of the Health Care Services Committee, reported that Mr. James Brexler, Executive Director, LSU Health Sciences Center, presented an up-date report on the following:

8D1. Update on Earl K. Long Hospital

8D2. Update on Washington/St. Tammany Hospital

These reports are informational and require no official Board action.

8E. Athletic Committee

Mr. Weems, chairman of the Athletic Committee, reported that the committee recommends that the Board approve the 2000-2001 Peach Bowl Budget, as submitted.

8E1. Approval of the 2000-2001 Bowl Budget

Upon motion of Mr. Weems, seconded by Mrs. Shehee, the Board unanimously approved the 2000-2001 Peach Bowl Budget.

8E2. Update on the search for a new Athletic Director for Louisiana State University

Chancellor Mark Emmert, LSU and A&M College, provided this informational report at the committee meeting.

8E3. Presentation of design plans for the proposed Academic Center for Athletes at Louisiana State University

Coach Nick Saban addressed this recommendation, and presented a check in the sum of \$50,000, to open this fundraising campaign for LSU's new Academic Center for Athletes.

9. Discussion of the Land Grant issue in the Desegregation Settlement Agreement

Mr. Shelby McKenzie, University legal counsel, and Dr. William Richardson, Chancellor, LSU Agricultural Center, presented a report and provided members with a proposed draft of the Agreement.

Mr. Dore' requested that members be furnished an executive summary of this Agreement rather than the 34 page draft as presented to the Board for consideration.

President Jenkins and Mr. McKenzie stressed the importance of reviewing this document thoroughly for further clarification. This issue will be presented at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting on January 19, 2000, for official Board action.

10. Report on Activities of the Board of Regents

Dr. Marilyn Zimny, Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Mr. Patrick Gibbs, Vice President for Property and Facilities Administration, presented these informational reports.

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11. Chairman's Report

Chairman Anderson expressed appreciation to members of the Board in attending on Thursday evening the Joint Meeting of the Boards of Supervisors for Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College and Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College held at Southern University.

Chairman Anderson extended to everyone a "Happy Holiday Season."

12. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Carleen N. Smith  
Administrative Secretary