

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

December 16, 2004

1. Call to Order

Chairman Slack called to order the Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College in the Board Room of the LSU System Building, Baton Rouge, Louisiana at 6:40 p.m., on December 16, 2004.

Present

The secretary called the roll:

Mr. C. Stewart Slack
Chairman

Mr. Kent Anderson

Mr. Ronald R. Anderson

Dr. Jack A. Andonie

Mr. Marty J. Chabert

Mr. Charles V. Cusimano

Mr. Brad Golson

Mr. Francis M. Gowen, Jr.

Mr. Bernard E. Boudreaux, Jr.
Vice-Chairman

Mr. Louis J. Lambert

Mrs. Laura A. Leach

Mr. Roger H. Ogden

Mr. William W. Rucks, IV

Mr. Jerry E. Shea, Jr.

Mr. Charles S. Weems, III

Mr. Roderick K. West

Absent

None

Also present for the meeting were the following: President/Interim Chancellor William L. Jenkins, system officers and administrators, Mr. P. Raymond Lamonica, legal counsel, LSU System, interested citizens and representatives of the news media.

2. Consideration and recommendation of the President to the Board with respect to hiring the Chancellor of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College (LSU), and authorization of the President to enter into such agreement as deemed to be in the best interests of the University

Chairman Slack welcomed Governor Kathleen Blanco to the meeting.

Chairman Slack recognized Dr. William L. Jenkins, President/Interim Chancellor, Louisiana State University. Dr. Jenkins announced that after six (6) months of hard work and dedication under the leadership of Dr. Joel Tohline, Chairman, Search Committee, he is pleased to report the search committee's recommendation, as chancellor, Mr. Sean O'Keefe, Louisiana State University. President Jenkins expressed appreciation to Mrs. Jackie Barkowitz, staff member, search committee, and Mr. Brad Golson, SGA president and student Board member, LSU Board of Supervisors.

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At this time, Dr. Jenkins recommended to the Board, Mr. Sean O'Keefe as the candidate of choice for the position of Chancellor, Louisiana State University.

Mr. Weems moved that the Board approve the recommendation of President Jenkins to name Mr. Sean O'Keefe as the Chancellor of Louisiana State University and that the President be authorized to enter into an agreement with Mr. O'Keefe as the President deems to be appropriate and in the best interest of this institution. He suggested that the motion be made by acclamation.

Mr. Boudreaux seconded and the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. Sean O'Keefe, Chancellor, Louisiana State University.

Dr. Jenkins welcomed Mr. O'Keefe and stated that "Sean O'Keefe has an exemplary record of public service and I'm looking forward to our discussions and becoming our new chancellor at this exciting time in LSU history."

Chancellor O'Keefe stated that he plans to wait for President Bush to name his successor to NASA before coming to Louisiana. It is anticipated that the new chancellor will assume his position in February, 2005.

Governor Blanco extended her support in the Board's appointment.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Carleen N. Smith
Administrative