

MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

June 28, 2006

Call to Order

Chairman West called to order the Executive Committee 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 9:05 a.m., on June 28, 2006.

Present

The secretary called the roll:

Mr. Roderick K. West
Chairman

Mr. Ronald R. Anderson
Mr. Francis M. Gowen, Jr.
Mr. Jerry E. Shea, Jr.

Mr. C. Stewart Slack
Mr. James P. Roy
Mr. Charles S. Weems, III

** Mr. Marty Chabert

Also present for the meeting were the following: William L. Jenkins, President, LSU System; Mr. P. Raymond Lamonica, General Counsel, LSU System; Dr. Carolyn Hargrave, Vice-President, Academic Affairs, LSU System; and Dr. Robert H. Rasmussen, Assistant Vice President, System Relations.

I. Personnel Actions Requiring Board Approval

Upon motion of Mr. Roy, seconded by Mr. Shea, the Committee voted unanimously to place this item on the Agenda for consideration by the Board at the Regular Board Meeting on July 13-14, 2006.

** Attending but not Member of Committee

III. **Property and Facilities**

Mr. Jim Howell, Assistant Vice President and University Architect, Property and Facilities, reported that Dr. Robert Cavanaugh, Chancellor, LSU-Alexandria, is requesting modifications with regards to the student housing complex at LSU-A. The proposed modifications are: (a) increasing the number of one and two bedroom units; and (b) decreasing the number of four bedroom units; therefore, going from 281 paid beds to 252 paid beds.

Mr. Howell noted that having received this request this morning, neither the staff nor University legal counsel has been afforded time to review and/or present to the Board for consideration.

After considerable discussion, it was determined that these modifications will be reviewed by General Counsel and system staff. If appropriate, Dr. William L. Jenkins, President, LSU System, is authorized to approve these modifications. Otherwise, this project will be presented to the Board for additional consideration and ratification.

Upon motion of Mr. Gowen, seconded by Mr. Roy, the Committee voted unanimously to place these items on the Agenda for consideration by the Board at the Regular Board Meeting on July 13-14, 2006:

- (a) Right of Entry Agreement for a gas service line by Iberville Parish at the St. Gabriel Research Station. (Recommended for Consent Agenda)
- (b) Renovations or repairs greater than \$100,000 for the Louisiana State University System. (Recommended for Consent Agenda)
- (c) The assignment of oil, gas and mineral leases located in East Baton Rouge Parish – Manchac Point Field. (Recommended for Consent Agenda)
- (d) Award of an oil, gas, and mineral lease in Franklin Parish. (Recommended for Consent Agenda)
- (e) Final approval authorizing Louisiana State University to issue Auxiliary Revenue Bonds, Series 2006, not to exceed \$98,000,000.
- (f) Exceptions to Board Policy - President's approval of short-term "Katrina Recovery Related Tenants" in the UNO Research Park.
- (g) Lease of space in UNO's Research and Technology Park to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

(h) Bogalusa Medical Center Hospital Expansion/ Renovation

Discussion was held regarding the time-frame of placing this item on the Agenda of the scheduled regular Board meeting of July 13-14, 2006, and/or deferring this matter for consideration at a later date.

Following comments from Mr. Don Smithburg, Executive Vice-President, LSU Health Care Services Division, Dr. Larry Hollier, Chancellor, LSU Health Sciences Center, New Orleans, Mr. Robert Plaisance, Deputy CEO, LSU Health Care Services Division, Mr. Ray Lamonica, General Counsel, LSU System, and various respective Board members, the decision was reached by the Executive Committee at the request of Mr. Smithburg to place this item on the Agenda for consideration by the Board at its Regular Board Meeting on July 13-14, 2006.

Chairman West requested that with regards to this matter, the records reflect the following:

“I want to go on record and ask this question. Don and Bob is it your position, that when we put this on the Agenda for the next Board meeting, is the Board going to be comfortable that it has sufficient information to go? And, I agree with Stewart, I don't want to put you all in a position to have this thing on the Agenda which certainly creates expectations, and then we come back and we find that we are still not clear. And, I ask that, and I am making this comment because I want to be fair to you that we agree that it is a great idea but if we are not comfortable on the numbers we're going to push back. And, so, if you think you will be ready to go I am all go, I think, we're all go to just move forward with it. But, just recognize that we still have some hurdles we have to cross and I think that the one pager will go a long way.”

IV. Financial Issues

Upon motion of Mr. Roy, seconded by Mr. Shea, the Executive Committee voted unanimously to place these items on the Agenda for consideration by the Board at the Regular Board Meeting on July 13-4, 2006:

- (a) Recommendation to write-off uncollectible accounts of the LSU System.
- (b) Status Report on the 2006-2007 Operating Budget.
- (c) Demonstration of the LSU System's new Institutional Research Database.

V. Academic and Student Affairs

Upon motion of Mr. Weems, seconded by Mr. Gowen , the Executive Committee voted unanimously to place these items on the Agenda for consideration by the Board at the Regular Board Meeting on July 13-14, 2006:

- (a) Recommendation to designate the representatives from the LSU Board of Supervisors on the Oversight Panel to study the land grant issues associated with the federal higher education desegregation litigation. (Recommended for Consent Agenda)

VII. **Flagship Agenda**

Upon motion of Mr. Slack, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the Executive Committee voted unanimously to place these items on the Agenda for consideration by the Board at the Regular Board Meeting on July 13-14, 2006

- (a) Report on a special legislative appropriation to Louisiana State University to promote the Flagship Agenda.
- (b) Status report on the "Forever LSU Campaign"

VIII. **ATHLETIC ISSUES**

Upon motion of Mr. Weems, seconded by Mr. Shea, the Committee voted unanimously to place these items on the Agenda for consideration by the Board at the Regular Board Meeting on July 13-4, 2006:

- (a) Coaches Contracts and Amendments. (Copies and supporting information will be provided to the entire Board prior to Board meeting).
- (b) Recommendation to approve "The Generals" as the new mascot for Louisiana State University at Alexandria.

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- (c) Request received on June 20, 2006 for final approval pursuant to Article VII, 8I of UNO Head Basketball Coach contract (**Emergency Action**)

Due to the urgent need to hire a new men's head basketball coach, the Executive Committee pursuant to Article VII, 8.I authorizes William L. Jenkins, President, LSU System to execute the Contract of Employment of Brent "Buzz" Williams, Head Men's Basketball Coach, University of New Orleans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby authorize President William L. Jenkins or his designee to enter into a contract of employment with Brent "Buzz" Williams to be the head coach of the UNO intercollegiate Men's Basketball Program, as the President deems to be in the best interest of the University.

Upon motion of Mr. Weems, seconded by Mr. Shea, the Executive Committee determined that action by it was required in accordance with Article VII, Section 8, Paragraph 1 of the *Bylaws* because undue delays made compliance with the general provisions of Article VII wholly "impracticable."

VIII. **Other Business**

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Slack, the Executive Committee voted unanimously to place these items on the Agenda for consideration by the Board at the Regular Board Meeting on July 13-14, 2006

- (a) Legislative Report.
- (b) Health Plan Report.
- (c) Third Quarter Summary of Audit Activity.
- (d) Compliance Report

IV. **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Executive Committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

Carleen N. Smith
Administrative Secretary