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JUNE 28, 2019

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MINUTES  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
JUNE 28, 2019

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mr. James Williams, Chairman, called to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College in the Board Room of the University Administration Building at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge on June 28, 2019.

The office administrator called the roll.

Present:

Mr. James M. Williams, Chairman  
Ms. Mary Werner, Chair-Elect  
Mr. J. Stephen Perry, Past Chair  
Mr. Ronnie Anderson  
Mr. Glenn Armentor  
Mr. Jack "Jay" A. Blossman, Jr.  
Mr. Richard Brazzel  
Mr. B. Wayne Brown  
Mr. R. Blake Chatelain  
Mr. Robert S. Dampf  
Ms. Valencia Sarpy Jones  
Mr. Lee Mallet  
Mr. James M. Moore, Jr.  
Mr. Rémy Voisin Starns  
Mr. Jimmie Woods

Absent:

Mr. Robert "Bobby" Yarborough

Also present for the meeting were the following: Dr. F. King Alexander, President of LSU; Mr. Tom Skinner, General Counsel for LSU; LSU officers and administrators from their respective campuses; faculty representatives; interested citizens and representatives of the news media.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Jack Green, an LSU Odgen Honors College junior, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sarah Procopio, an LSU Odgen Honors College junior, delivered the invocation.

Both students delivered remarks about their experience as an LSU student.

Dr. Willis Delony received a certificate and spoke of appreciation of being named an LSU Boyd Professor.

3. Public Comment

There were no individuals registered for public comment.

4. Committee Meetings

The Board recessed the regular meeting to convene the committee meetings.

4.A. Academic & Research Committee

All items on the Academic & Research Committee agenda were presented by Dr. Stacia Haynie, Provost.

4.A.1 CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Request from LSU A&M for a Letter of Intent for a BS in Learning Experience Design & Innovation (LXD)
- b. Request from LSU A&M to Name Twelve Areas within the Football Operations Building
- c. Request from LSU A&M to Name the Carbo Landscape Architecture Recruitment Center
- d. Request from LSU A&M to Name the Deloitte Foundation Classroom
- e. Request to Revise the 2019 Conferral Dates for Online Degree Programs

Upon motion of Ms. Jones, seconded by Mr. Armentor, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the following resolutions of the Consent Agenda:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the Letter of Intent to develop a proposal for a Bachelor of Science in Learning Experience Design & Innovation (LXD) at LSU A&M, subject to approval by the Louisiana Board of Regents.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the LSU Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the request from LSU A&M to name the following 12 Areas within the newly renovated Football Operations Building:

1. Kate C. Brady Weight Room Meeting Room and Troy B. Brady Media Room
2. The Billy Cannon Running Backs Room
3. Scott and Toni Mayfield Athletic Training Conference Room
4. The Wall Family Fueling Station
5. Kurt A. Degueyter & Family War Room
6. The Cazalot Family Recruiting Lounge
7. Stacy Frederick and Family Hydrotherapy Room
8. Neal & Harrison Families Treatment Area
9. John P. and Eva L. Spera Quarterback Meeting Room
10. The Johnny Conrad Family Inside Linebacker Meeting Room
11. The Michael Brockers Family Defensive Line Meeting Room
12. The Dr. Eric Oberlander and Family Athletic Training Room

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the LSU Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the request from LSU A&M to name the area on the third floor of the Design Building the "Carbo Landscape Architecture Recruitment Center".

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the LSU Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the request from LSU A&M to name the Business Education Complex Room 1800 the "Deloitte Foundation Classroom".

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the recommended degree conferral dates for online degree programs at the campus of LSU A&M for 2019: March 12, May 7, July 9, September 3, October 29, and December 20; for LSU Alexandria: March 12, May 7, July 2, August 27, October 22, and December 17; and for LSU Shreveport: March 19, May 10, August 7, September 3, October 29, and December 20.

4.A.2. Update from LSU Online

Ms. Sasha Thackaberry, Vice Provost for Digital and Continuing Education, provided an update on the growth of the LSU Online program.

4.B. Finance Committee

Items on the Finance Committee Agenda were presented by Dr. Dan Layzell, Chief Financial Officer.

4.B.1. Supplier Diversity Program Update

Mr. Don Lawhorn, Supplier Diversity Manager, provided an update on the growth of the Supplier Diversity program.

4.B.2. Approval of FY 2019 Supplemental Appropriation and FY 2020 Appropriations

The Chairman created an Ad Hoc Committee on funding to research ways to generate revenue without increasing student fees. Mr. Blossman will chair the committee with other members including: Mr. Starns, Mr. Woods, Ms. Jones, Mr. Chatelain, Mr. Armentor and Mr. Mallett. The Chairman charged the committee with producing an initial report on their findings in thirty days.

Upon motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Moore, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Article VII, Section 5 [D] [4] of the Louisiana Constitution requires the Board of Regents to develop a funding formula as a component of the Master Plan for Public Postsecondary Education for the equitable distribution of funds to the institutions of postsecondary education; and

**WHEREAS**, Article VIII, Section 12 of the Louisiana Constitution states that appropriations for the institutions of higher education shall be made to their managing boards and the funds appropriated shall be administered by the managing boards and used solely as provided by law.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College (Board) that the Board authorizes the President of LSU F. King Alexander, or his designee, to act on behalf of the Board in presenting the methodology and distribution of appropriations and related budget information for FY 2020 to the institutions of the University, the Board of Regents, the Governor and his agencies, and the Legislature or its committees as required between meetings of the Board, and hereby delegates all such authority necessary to accomplish such purposes; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the actions taken herein constitute approvals of the appropriations, not specific approval of the FY 2020 operating budgets of any budget entity of the University, as required, which approvals remain with the Board or President of LSU, each respectively, pursuant to the Bylaws and as provided by law.

- 4.B.3. Request from LSU Health Science Center in Shreveport to Approve the FY 2020 Expenditure of Carroll W. Feist Legacy Funds for the Feist Weiller Cancer Center and to Make a Determination of Acceptable University Purposes

Upon motion by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Brown, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the following resolution:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College does hereby (a) approve the budget request of \$4,352,000 from the CFeist Legacy Account for the benefit of the Feist Weiller Cancer Center programs at the LSU Health Sciences Center - Shreveport and (b) that the Board determines that the use of those funds constitute an appropriate and acceptable university purpose.

4.C. Athletics Committee

- 4.C.1. Request from LSU A&M to Approve Employment Contract for Scott Woodward, Athletics Director

Upon motion by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Brown, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the following resolution:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby authorize F. King Alexander, President of the Louisiana State University, or his designee, to sign the contract with Scott Woodward as provided in this item.

- 4.C.2. Request from LSU A&M to Approve Employment Contract with Verge Ausberry, Executive Deputy Athletics Director and Executive Director of External Relations

Upon motion by Mr. Blossman, seconded by Mr. Armentor, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the following resolution:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College authorizes Dr. F. King Alexander, President, or his designee, to sign the contract with Verge Ausberry as described in this item, and to include in such amendments any terms and conditions as he, in consultation with the General Counsel, deems to be in the best interests of LSU.

- 4.C.3 Request from LSU A&M to Approve Employment Contract for James T. Moffitt, Head Strength Coach

- 4.C.4 Request from LSU A&M to Approve Employment Contract with Steven Ensminger, Assistant Coach Football

- 4.C.5. Request from LSU A&M to Approve Employment Contract with James Cregg, Assistant Coach Football

- 4.C.6. Request from LSU A&M to Approve Employment Contract with Gregory McMahon, Assistant Coach Football
- 4.C.7. Request from LSU A&M to Approve Employment Contract with Andres “Andy” Brandi, Co-Head Coach Men’s Tennis
- 4.C.8. Request from LSU A&M to Approve Employment Contract with Christopher Brandi, Co-Head Coach Men’s Tennis
- 4.C.9. Request from LSU A&M to Approve Employment Contract with William Armstrong, Assistant Coach Men’s Basketball

Upon motion by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Dampf, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the following resolutions for the above-mentioned Items 4.C.3 through 4.C.9:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College authorizes Dr. F. King Alexander, President, or his designee, to sign the contract with James T. Moffitt as described in this item, and to include in such amendments any terms and conditions as he, in consultation with the General Counsel, deems to be in the best interests of LSU.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College authorizes Dr. F. King Alexander, President, or his designee, to sign the contract with Steven Ensminger as described in this item, and to include in such amendments any terms and conditions as he, in consultation with the General Counsel, deems to be in the best interests of LSU.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College authorizes Dr. F. King Alexander, President, or his designee, to sign the contract with James Cregg as described in this item, and to include in such amendments any terms and conditions as he, in consultation with the General Counsel, deems to be in the best interests of LSU.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College authorizes Dr. F. King Alexander, President, or his designee, to sign the contract with Gregory McMahon as described in this item, and to include in such amendments any terms and conditions as he, in consultation with the General Counsel, deems to be in the best interests of LSU.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College authorizes Dr. F. King Alexander, President, or his designee, to sign the contract with Christopher Brandi as described in this item, and to include in such amendments any terms and conditions as he, in consultation with the General Counsel, deems to be in the best interests of LSU.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College authorizes Dr. F. King Alexander, President, or his designee, to sign the contract with William Armstrong as described in this item, and to include in such amendments any terms and conditions as he, in consultation with the General Counsel, deems to be in the best interests of LSU.

4.D. Property and Facilities Committee

- 4.D.1. Request from LSU Shreveport to Authorize the President to Determine an Acceptable University Purpose for Donation to the LSU Shreveport Foundation of the Spring Street Museum Property and Movable Assets

Upon motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Chatelain, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the following resolution:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College hereby authorizes Dr. F. King Alexander, President of Louisiana State University, or his designee to determine if an Acceptable University Purpose exists, for purposes of the Uniform Affiliation Agreement, for the LSU Shreveport Foundation or its subsidiary to accept the donation of immovable property and other assets associated with the Spring Street Museum located in Shreveport, Louisiana.

- 4.D.2. Request from LSU A&M to Authorize the President to Execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with LSU Research Foundation regarding the Louisiana Emerging Technology Center, the Louisiana Digital Media Center and Innovation Park

Motion to table Item 2 of the Property and Facilities Agenda to a later date.

- 4.D.3. Request from LSU A&M to Accept the Donation of Chiller to the LSU Lab School

Upon motion by Mr. Starns, seconded by Mr. Brown, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the following resolution:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College hereby authorizes Dr. F. King Alexander, President of Louisiana State University, or his designee to accept the donation or execute other appropriate paperwork to take ownership of the chiller units installed by Brilliant Efficiencies, LLC pursuant to the grant from the state Public Service Commission.

4.E. Affiliated Organization Oversight Committee

- 4.E.1. Request Approval of Evaluation Templates

Upon motion by Ms. Jones, seconded by Mr. Blossman, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Board Self-Evaluation Template.

Upon motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Ms. Jones, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Presidential Evaluation Template.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby approve the Board of Supervisors Self Evaluation Policy and the Presidential Evaluation Policy.

- 4.E.2. Preliminary Report on Diversity at the University

The preliminary report on diversity at the University was presented by Dr. Dereck Rovaris, Vice Provost of Diversity. The findings of the report called for a search of recommendations for diverse applicant selections. An update on findings is requested for the next Board meeting scheduled on September 12, 2019.

4.E.3. Presentation of Proposed Amendments to the Affiliation Agreement

Mr. Winston DeCuir, external general counsel, presented the proposed amendments to the affiliation agreement. Mr. Starns recommended to schedule a meeting to finalize the proposed changes.

4.F. Legal Affairs Committee

4.F.1. Stephen M. Gruver, et al. v. State of Louisiana, through the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, et al., Civil Action No. 18-CV-772 (USDC Middle District of La.)

4.F.2. Litigation having the potential to impact LSU.

Upon motion by Mr. Starns, seconded by Ms. Werner, the Board voted unanimously to enter into executive session pursuant to La. R.S.42:17(A)(2) to discuss both items on the Legal Affairs Committee. A roll call vote to enter into executive session was requested by the Chairman. Roll call vote reflected the following:

Yes

Mr. James M. Williams, Chairman  
Ms. Mary Werner, Chair-Elect  
Mr. J. Stephen Perry, Past Chair  
Mr. Ronnie Anderson  
Mr. Glenn Armentor  
Mr. Jack "Jay" A. Blossman, Jr.  
Mr. Richard Brazzel  
Mr. B. Wayne Brown  
Mr. R. Blake Chatelain  
Mr. Robert S. Dampf  
Ms. Valencia Sarpy Jones  
Mr. Lee Mallet  
Mr. James M. Moore, Jr.  
Mr. Rémy Voisin Starns  
Mr. Jimmie Woods

There was a call to conclude executive session.

5. Reconvene Board Meeting

After the adjournment of the Committee Meetings, the Regular Board Meeting was called back to order. The roll call was recorded:

Present:

Mr. James M. Williams, Chairman  
Ms. Mary Werner, Chair-Elect



Mr. J. Stephen Perry, Past Chair  
Mr. Ronnie Anderson  
Mr. Glenn Armentor  
Mr. Jack "Jay" A. Blossman, Jr.  
Mr. Richard Brazzel  
Mr. B. Wayne Brown  
Mr. R. Blake Chatelain  
Mr. Robert S. Dampf  
Ms. Valencia Sarpy Jones  
Mr. Lee Mallet  
Mr. James M. Moore, Jr.  
Mr. Rémy Voisin Starns  
Mr. Jimmie Woods

Absent:

Mr. Robert "Bobby" Yarborough

6. Approval of the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on May 31, 2019

Upon motion by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Chatelain, the Board voted unanimously to approve the meetings of the Board meeting held on May 31, 2019.

7. Personnel Actions Requiring Board Approval

7.A. Request from LSU A&M to Approve Internal Audit Charter Amendment

Upon motion by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Mr. Blossman, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following resolution:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College approves the proposed revisions to the internal audit charter as shown on the attachment.

7.B. Request to Amend the President's Employment Contract

Upon motion by Mr. Mallett, seconded by Mr. Chatelain, the Board voted unanimously to approve the amendment of the President employment contract.

8. Reports from Council of Staff Advisors and Council of Faculty Advisors

Tammy Millican, Past President of the Council of Staff Advisors, gave an informational report to the Board.

Dr. Ken McMillan, President of the Council of Staff Advisors, gave an informational report to the Board.

9. President's Report

Dr. Alexander welcomed Dr. Paul Coreil as Interim Chancellor of LSU Alexandria.

Dr. Alexander welcomed Nancee Sorenson as Chancellor of LSU Eunice.

Dr. Alexander reported on the research activities on campus.

Dr. Alexander reported that the "Fierce for the Future" Campaign has already reached the halfway mark.

Dr. Alexander announced Chairman James Williams as the summer commencement speaker for the main campus ceremony.

Dr. Alexander gave an update on the Rice Research.

10. Reports to the Board

There were no reports submitted to the Board

11. Committee Reports

A motion was made by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Blossman, to approve the Committee resolutions there were approved by the Committees. The Board voted unanimously to approve all Committee resolutions.

12. Chairman's Report

Chairman Williams reported on the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the LSU Golden Girls.

Chairman Williams congratulated LSUS student and former SGA President Meghan Crews for being crowned as Miss Louisiana 2019.

Chairman Williams reported on the success and impact of the combined LSU and UL System Boards dinner held the previous night.

Chairman Williams announced the next meeting will be held on Friday, September 12 in Baton Rouge.

13. Adjournment