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#### **MINUTES**

#### REGULAR BOARD MEETING

#### APRIL 14, 2000

## 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Weems 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 April 14, 2000, at 10:30 a.m.

The secretary called the roll.

#### **PRESENT**

Mr. Charles S. Weems, III Chairman

Dr. Jack A. Andonie Mr. Clarence L. Barney

Mr. Bernard E. Boudreaux, Jr.

Mr. Victor Bussie

Mr. Charles V. Cusimano

Mr. Ronald R. Anderson Vice Chairman Mr. Gordon E. Dore' Mr. Stanley J. Jacobs Mr. Roger H. Ogden Mr. Perry Segura Mrs. Virginia Shehee

#### ABSENT

Dr. John Davis Mrs. Laura Leach

Ms. Jodie Blankenship

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, University Attorney; interested citizens and representatives of the news media.

## 2. <u>Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance</u>

Mr. John Laravia gave the invocation. Mr. Gabriel Price gave the Pledge of Allegiance. Both students attend LSU at Alexandria.

Chairman Weems recognized Chancellor Robert Cavanaugh, LSU at Alexandria. He introduced the following:

Mr. John Laravia, a sophomore at LSUA majoring in history. He is currently working as the Youth Pastor at a church in Pineville and plans to attend LSU and A&M College in the Spring of 2001.

Mr. Gabriel Price, a senior at LSUA, currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice with a minor in Business Administration. Upon completion of his bachelor's degree, Gabriel plans to attend the Paul M. Hebert Law Center.

## 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 March 3, 2000

Upon motion of Dr. Andonie, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 3, 2000.

## 5. Ratification of Interim Personnel Actions approved by the President

Mr. William Silvia, Executive Vice President, presented this report. Mr. Silvia noted an error in this report wherein Dr. Stephen Brennan, Associate Professor, LSU in Shreveport, was inadvertently shown as promoted to Professor.

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Bussie, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Interim Personnel actions, as corrected.

#### 6. President's Report

President Jenkins recognized Mr. Stephen Perry, Chief of Staff, for Governor Mike Foster. Mr. Perry reassured Board members that higher education is still top priority of the Foster administration, although the state has experienced budget cuts of \$300 million. Mr. Perry reiterated that "the Governor made a commitment to rebuild the economy around university institutions.... Louisiana must become a leader in research and technology and small business development.

President Jenkins called upon Dr. Robert H. Rasmussen, Executive Assistant to the President. Dr. Rasmussen announced that Mr. Nelson Mandela, President Emeritus, Republic of South Africa, will visit the South for the first time in May. President Mandela will be attending a special awards ceremony on May 11<sup>th</sup> at Southern University and Louisiana State University wherein he will receive an Honorary Degree from both institutions. On May 12, 2000, President Mandela will address the commencement exercises at Southern University, and will later meet with both LSU and Southern students at a special luncheon.

President Jenkins congratulated Mr. Clarence L. Barney on his recent induction into the ODK Leadership Fraternity.

At this time, President Jenkins announced that Mrs. Laura Leach is a proud grandmother of grandson, Master Joel Patrick Winston Werner, born on April 7, 2000.

President Jenkins congratulated Chancellor William Nunez, LSU at Eunice, on receiving the championship etoufee contest at LSU-Eunice.

President Jenkins called upon Chancellor Greg O'Brien, University of New Orleans. Dr. O'Brien announced that on June 6, 2000, the National D-Day Museum will open, and members of the Board will be receiving an invitation to attend the activities involved in the opening of this museum.

#### 7. Consent Agenda Items

Chairman Weems 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:

Property and Facilities Committee Items 1-7
Budget and Finance Committee Items 1-5
Faculty and Student Affairs Committee Items 1-3

Upon motion of Mr.Bussie, seconded by Mr. Barney, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following Consent Agenda Items:

7A1. Recommendation to execute a lease for clinic space to house the LSU Health Sciences Center Neurology Department Outpatient Clinic at 2551 Greenwood Road, Shreveport, Louisiana

**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 negotiate and execute a lease of approximately 4,090 square feet of space located at 2551 Greenwood Road, Shreveport, Louisiana, to house the LSU Health Sciences Center Neurology Department Outpatient Clinic. The terms of the lease are for five years to accommodate long-term needs of the Department, at a cost of \$63,804 per annum. The Department of Neurology will contract janitorial services to be paid for from the department improvement fund.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that William L. Jenkins, President, 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 include in the lease such terms and conditions or amendments that he may deem wise and in the best interest of the Board of Supervisors.

7A2. Recommendation to authorize the execution of an agreement with Pennington Medical Foundation, Inc. to upgrade computer network wiring and equipment and donate the work to the Pennington Biomedical Research Center in Baton Rouge, Louisiana

**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 execute an agreement with Pennington Medical Foundation for the construction and donation of the upgrade to the Computer Network Wiring system valued at approximately \$269,000 located in the buildings which comprise the Pennington Biomedical Research Center in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board does hereby approve the plans attached hereto and authorizes Patrick M. Gibbs, Vice President for Property, Facilities and Administration, to formally approve detailed plans and specifications.

7A3. Recommendation to authorize the execution of an agreement with Pennington Medical Foundation, Inc. for the renovation of a Medical Records Room and the donation of the work in the Clinic Building at the Pennington Biomedical Research Center in Baton Rouge, Louisiana

**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, LSU System, or his designee, to execute an agreement with Pennington Medical Foundation for the renovation of an 860 square foot Medical Records Room in the existing Clinic Building located at the Pennington Biomedical Research Center in Baton Rouge, Louisiana at an estimated cost of \$117,400, and donation of the completed work to the LSU Board of Supervisors.

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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby approve the plans attached hereto and authorizes Patrick M. Gibbs, Vice President for Property, Facilities and Administration, to formally approve detailed plans and specifications.

7A4. Recommendation to approve Science & Engineering Associates, Inc. and Science Applications
International Corporation as potential tenants in the University of New Orleans Research and
Technology Park Lakefront campus

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby approve Science and Engineering Associates, Inc. and Science Applications International Corporation as potential tenants in the University of New Orleans Research and Technology Park.

7A5. Recommendation to authorize the Execution of a Right-of-Way Agreement with Williams Communications, Inc., for fiber optic cable installation at three locations in East Baton Rouge and Iberville Parishes

**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 of the Louisiana State University System, 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 enter into Right of Way Agreements with Williams Communications, Inc. at the described locations, conditioned upon Board of Supervisors receiving consideration of the greater of \$75.00 per rod or an amount equal to the greatest amount per rod paid for servitude rights and in settlement of trespass (including amounts provided for further fiber optic cables installed in the right of way) to any other owner along the same fiber optic cable right of way, including the same contractual terms and conditions granted to said other owner and payment of the same fees paid to or for said other owner.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that said William L. Jenkins, President, be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to sign and execute an Act of Consent for and on behalf of and in the name of the Board of Supervisors, which said Act may contain any and all provisions and stipulations as the said William L. Jenkins may deem wise and in the best interest of the Board of Supervisors.

7A6. Recommendation to authorize a Right of Way Agreement with Entergy Gulf States, Inc., for relocation of underground power lines adjacent to Delta Zeta Sorority House

**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 of the Louisiana State University System, 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 enter into a Right of Way Agreement with Entergy Gulf States, Inc. for a ten foot servitude located in Section 67, Township 7 South, Range 1 West and designated as Lot 4 of the Louisiana State University Subdivision of Sorority Area.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that said William L. Jenkins, President, be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to sign and execute an Act of Consent for and on behalf of and in the name of the Board of Supervisors, to include in said agreement any and all provisions and stipulations as the said William L. Jenkins may deem wise and in the best interest of the Board of Supervisors.

7A7. Recommendation to authorize the Execution of an Agreement with Desoto Fire District 3 for of LSUHCS Property at Stonewall, Desoto Parish, for fire training activities

**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 of the Louisiana State University System, 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 enter into an Agreement with the Desoto Parish Fire District 3 for the use of property at Stonewall for fire training activities.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that said William L. Jenkins, President, be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to include in said Agreement any and all provisions and stipulations as the said William L. Jenkins may deem wise and in the best interest of the Board of Supervisors.

7A8. Recommendation to approve tentative 2000 Summer Term budget

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the proposed tentative budget of expenditures for the 2000 Summer Term, as follows, be approved subject to the adoption of a firm budget:

LSU at Alexandria	\$ 210,926	Paul M. Hebert Law Center	\$ 370,000
LSU and A&M College	\$4,599,497	University of New Orleans	\$2,715,655
LSU at Eunice	\$ 198,899	LSU in Shreveport	\$ 950,000

7A9. Resolution for approval of degrees to be conferred on candidates meeting degree requirements for graduation at commencement exercises on campuses of the LSU System (May 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 25 and 27, 2000)

LSU and A&M College	May 19, 2000, 8:45 a.m., Assembly Center
LSU Law Center	May 25, 2000, 10:30 a.m., Assembly Center
University of New Orleans	May 19, 2000, 7:00 p.m., Kiefer Lakefront Arena
LSU Medical Center in New Orleans	May 20, 2000, 10:00 a.m., Kiefer Lakefront Arena
LSU Medical Center in Shreveport	May 27, 2000, 10:00 a.m., Strand Theatre
LSU in Shreveport	May 17, 2000, 7:00 p.m., Expo Hall

LSU at Alexandria May 18, 2000, 10:00 a.m., P.E. Building
LSU at Eunice May 20, 2000, 10:00 a.m., on campus
LSU School of Veterinary Medicine May 15, 2000, 2:00 p.m., Assembly Center

As submitted by President William L. Jenkins, with the approval and recommendation of the academic deans and directors, the faculties of the respective colleges and schools, the registrars or other certifying officers, and the chancellors of the several campuses, be and they are hereby approved.

#### 8. Committee Reports

## 8A. <u>Property and Facilities Committee</u>

Mr. Barney, chairman of the Property and Facilities Committee, reported that it is the recommendation of the committee that the agenda items, as presented, receive Board approval.

Mr. Barney noted that a special meeting of the Property and Facilities Committee was held Thursday, April 13, 2000, wherein a plan for the improvement and operation of the LSU Bookstore was discussed and presentations by LSU and Barnes and Noble Bookstores were made. Upon careful review and consideration, the committee approved this plan, and recommends to the Board approval of this recommendation.

Chairman Weems said, "Dr. Emmert and his staff did an excellent job of demonstrating that this was the right thing to do ... it will be in the best interest of our students. I think this is another example of moving forward and doing the prudent thing to try and make our higher education system streamlined and as competitive and good as we can for all those we serve."

8A1. Recommendation to name two distance learning classrooms, one each on the New Orleans and Shreveport Campuses of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, School of Allied Health Professions, in honor of Dean Stanley H. Abadie

Upon motion of Mr. Barney, seconded by Mr. Anderson, 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, in recognition of his vision and long and dedicated service to the LSU Health Sciences Center, does hereby approve the naming of two distance learning classrooms, one each on the New Orleans and Shreveport Campuses of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, School of Allied Health Professions, in honor of Dean Stanley H. Abadie.

8A2. Recommendation to approve the architectural rendering and site plan for a parking garage on the University of New Orleans Research and Technology Park Lakefront Campus, New Orleans, Louisiana

Upon motion of Mr. Barney, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the Board unanimously approved the following recommendation:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby approve the renderings and site plan presented with this resolution for the Parking garage on the University of New

Orleans Research and Technology Park Lakefront Campus and authorizes Patrick M. Gibbs, Vice President for Property, Facilities and Administration to formally approve detailed plans and specifications.

- 8A3. Recommendation to approve the architectural rendering and site plan for Hilton Garden Inn Lakefront on the University of New Orleans Research and Technology Park Lakefront Campus, New Orleans, Louisiana (DEFERRED)
- 8A4. Recommendation to approve (i) a Sixth Supplemental Resolution to authorize the issuance of the Board's \$27,000,000 Auxiliary Revenue Bonds, Series 2000 for the purpose of (a) financing (i) the acquisition of land and (ii) the planning, acquisition and construction of student apartments (collectively, the "Project"), (b) refunding the Board's Auxiliary Revenue Bonds, Series 1999, currently outstanding in the aggregate principal amount of \$3,500,000 and (c) paying the costs and expenditures associated therewith, all for the benefit of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College in Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Upon motion of Mr. Barney, seconded by Mr. Anderson, 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 and adopt the resolution relating to the issuance of the Board's \$27,000,000 Auxiliary Revenue Bonds. Series 2000 (the "Series 2000 Bonds"), being the Sixth Supplemental Resolution (the "Sixth Supplemental Resolution" and, together with the General Bond Resolution adopted by the Board on June 17, 1994, as amended, the "Bond Resolution"), and does hereby authorize the execution and delivery by the Chairman or Vice Chairman and the Secretary of the Board of the Sixth Supplemental Resolution and does hereby authorize an Authorized Board Representative (defined in the Sixth Supplemental Resolution as the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary of the Board, the Vice President for Property, Facilities and Administration of the System, and the Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administrative Services and Comptroller of the University or any other Person designated in writing to the Trustee by the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Board or designated by a resolution of the Board) to execute such documents or certificates as set forth in said Sixth Supplemental Resolution and such other documents or certificates necessary in connection with the issuance or the marketing of the Series 2000 Bonds and all other transactions incident thereto, with such changes and modifications which are deemed in the best interest of the Board by an Authorized Board Representative, including, without limitation, such changes as are required by the underwriters of the Series 2000 Bonds, and does hereby ratify all prior actions taken on its behalf by Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College officials in furtherance of this transaction.

8A5. Recommendation to designate land on the University of New Orleans East Campus as the site for Phase II of the University of New Orleans Research and Technology Park Lakefront Campus in New Orleans, Louisiana

Upon motion of Mr. Barney, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the Board unanimously approved the following recommendation:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College that the Board does hereby designate the site described on Attachment A, being approximately twenty eight acres of land on the UNO East Campus as Phase II of the University of New Orleans Research and Technology Park Lakefront Campus (Park) and hereby authorizes the development of a Conceptual Master Plan for Phase II

of the Park for submission to the Board for approval.

8A6. Recommendation to authorize an Agreement with Barnes and Noble College Bookstores, Inc. for the operation and improvement of the LSU A&M Bookstore, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Upon motion of Mr. Barney, seconded by Mr. Anderson, 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 William L. Jenkins, President, LSU System, to execute a cooperative endeavor, lease or other appropriate agreement or agreements with Barnes & Noble College Bookstores, Inc., for the improvement, leasing or other use of the space and for the operation of the LSU Bookstore in the LSU Union in said space.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said William L. Jenkins, President, be and he is fully authorized and empowered for and on behalf of and in the name of the Board of Supervisors to include in said cooperative endeavor, lease or other appropriate agreement or agreements, such terms and conditions that he may deem wise and in the best interest of the Board of Supervisors.

BE IR FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby approve the plans presented with this resolution and aurhotizes Pat Gibbs, Vice President for Property, Facilities and Administration to formally approve detailed plans and specifications.

#### 8B. **Budget and Finance Committee**

Mr. Anderson, chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee, reported that the committee recommends approval to the Board of the following recommendations:

8B1. Recommendation to write-off uncollectible accounts of the University System as of June 30, 2000

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Ogden, the Board unanimously approved the f Following recommendation:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Vice President is hereby authorized to write-off of the books of the University, effective June 30, 2000, the following accounts which are deemed uncollectible and chargeable against the respective funds:

#### LSU and A & M College

Unrestricted Accounts	
Student Accounts	\$ 236,833.36
Former Employees	8,117.24
Continuing Education	13,109.95
Library- Interlibrary Loans	1,496.75
Veterinary Medicine	71,818.39
Other	10,504.19
Total Unrestricted Accounts	\$ 341,879.88
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Restricted Accounts	
Student Accounts	45,066.93
Former Employees	296.54
LSU Press	3,156.22
Continuing Education	541.89
Athletic Department	1,222.84
Fire & Emergency Training Inst.	34,369.82
Traffic Fines	40,947.21
LSU Union	19,313.32
Residential Life	4,244.00
Other	 3,131.43
Total Restricted Accounts	\$ 152,290.20
Total	\$ 494,170.08
LSU Health Sciences Center	
Unrestricted Accounts	
Student Accounts	\$ 600.00
Former Employees	2,900.36
NSF Checks	55.00
Other	710.64
Total Unrestricted Accounts	\$ 4,266.00
Total	\$ 4,266.00
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University of New Orleans	
Unrestricted Accounts	
Student Accounts	240,493.88
Other	44,247.56
Total Unrestricted Accounts	284,741.44
Restricted Accounts	
Student Accounts	12,998.18
Bookstore	7,686.66
University Center	484.60
Parking	827.30
Athletic Department	293.85
Dormitory	26,165.70
Lafitte Village	3,734.76
Driftwood	232.50
Children's Center	139.68
Total	337,304.67

## LSU in Shreveport

Unrestricted Accounts	
Student Accounts	23,424.90
Former Employees	101.92
Continuing Education	1,142.95
Other	1,540.80
Total Unrestricted Accounts	26,210.57
Restricted Accounts	
Bookstore	973.20
Newspaper	529.68
Registration	5,068.94
Facility Rental	1,200.00
Radio Station	15.98
Total Restricted Accounts	\$ 7,787.80
Total	33,998.37
LSU at Alexandria	
Unrestricted Accounts	
Student Accounts	\$ 9,939.25
Total Unrestricted Accounts	\$ 9,939.25
Restricted Accounts	
Bookstore	435.20
Other	0.50
Total Restricted Accounts	\$ 435.70
Total	10,374.95
LSU at Eunice	
Unrestricted Accounts	
Student Accounts	\$ 4,120.00
Total Unrestricted Accounts	\$ 4,120.00
Total	4,120.00
SYSTEM TOTAL	884,234.07

# 8B2. Recommendation to authorize LSU and A&M College to Restrict User Fees for the Radiation Safety Office for Equipment Replacement and/or Refurbishment

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Ogden, 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 restriction of equipment user fees charged by the Radiation Safety Office at LSU and A&M College for the purpose of replacing and/or refurbishing the equipment in that unit.

8B3. Recommendation to approve student self-assessed fees for Fall and Spring Concerts, Paid Admission Concert Series, Recreational Sports Assistance, and the Organizational Initiatives & Conference Support fund

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Ogden, 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 establishment of a \$2.00 fee per student per Fall and Spring semester to be allocated as follows. One dollar (\$1.00) will be allocated to the Spring concert, thirty cents (\$0.30) will be allocated to Homecoming, forty cents (\$0.40) will be allocated to the Student Government concert series, twenty cents (\$0.20) will be allocated to recreational sports assistance, and ten cents (\$0.10) will be allocated to Organization Initiatives and the Conference Support Fund.

8B4. Recommendation to approve the implementation of an Academic Excellence Fee at Louisiana State University and A & M College Commencing with the Fall Semester 2000

Upon motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Ogden, the Board unanimously approved the f following recommendation:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors does hereby approve implementation by Louisiana State University and A&M College of an Academic Excellence Fee of \$125 per semester for full-time students beginning with the fall semester, 2000 and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Academic Excellence Fee be implemented for the summer term and for part-time students on a proportional basis and be submitted to President William Jenkins for approval.

8C. Faculty and Student Affairs Committee

Mrs. Shehee, chairman of the Faculty and Student Affairs Committee, reported that it is the recommendation of the committee that the following recommendations receive Board approval.

8C1. Recommendation to approve a resolution to change the name of the Division of Instructional Support and Development (DISD) to the Centers for Excellence in Learning and Teaching (CELT) and rename the Measurement and Evaluation Center (MEC), within CELT, to the Center for Assessment and Evaluation at Louisiana State University and A&M College

Upon motion of Mrs. Shehee, seconded by Dr. Andonie, 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 request from

Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College to change the Division of Instructional Support and Development (DISD) to the Centers for Excellence in Learning and Teaching (CELT) and rename the Measurement and Evaluation Center (MEC), within CELT, to the Center for Assessment and Evaluation, subject to approval by the Board of Regents.

8C2. Recommendation to approve renaming the Equine Veterinary Research Program in the School of Veterinary Medicine as the LSU-SVM Equine Health Studies Program at Louisiana State University and A&M College

Upon motion of Mrs. Shehee, seconded by Dr. Andonie, 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 request from Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College to rename the Equine Veterinary Research Program in the School of Veterinary Medicine as the LSU-SVM Equine Health Studies Program, subject to approval by the Board of Regents.

8C3. Recommendation to award a posthumous Bachelor of Science degree in General Studies from Louisiana State University and A&M College to Gary J. Vines, Sr.

Upon motion of Mrs. Shehee, seconded by Dr. Andonie, 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 General Studies degree to Gary J. Vines, Sr., posthumously, at commencement ceremonies on the campus on May 19, 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 a report at the committee meeting earlier this morning. Dr. Andonie noted that in conjunction with this report, Mr. Bussie offered a motion that Chairman Weems designate the Health Care Services Committee to work with President Jenkins and the Executive Director to formulate mergers of public and private hospitals in the Baton Rouge and Bogalusa areas. The Board of Supervisors shall be directed to determine the final decision in this matter.

Chairman Weems advised that a motion is not necessary by this Board as he hereby appoints members of the Health Care Services Committee to work with President Jenkins under the leadership and direction of Mr. James Brexler in this effort.

#### 8E. Athletic Committee

This Committee was cancelled.

8F. Ad Hoc Committee to Study the Structure of the LSU Health Sciences Center

Mr. Bussie, chairman of the ad hoc Committee, reported that the ad hoc committee met on Wednesday, April 5, 2000. He noted that no formal action was taken. The Committee directed Mr. William Silvia, Executive Vice President, to present various options ranging from no-change in the present system to complete reorganization and structure of the LSU Health Sciences Center-Shreveport. At the time this information is made available, the ad hoc committee will meet and review these recommendations.

#### 9. Report on the 2000 Special Legislative Session

Mr. William Silvia, Executive Vice President, furnished this report.

10. <u>Recommendation to award an Honorary Degree to Dr. Matel Dawson, Jr. by Louisiana State</u>
University in Shreveport

Upon motion of Mr. Bussie, seconded by Mrs. Shehee, the Board unanimously approved the following Honorary Degree:

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Matel Dawson, Jr. who was born and reared in Shreveport, LA has been an hourly worker for Ford Motor Company's Rouge Plant in Dearborn, Michigan, for the past 59 years, making him the oldest employee of the company; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Matel established three endowed scholarships at Louisiana State University in Shreveport with total gifts of \$400,000, making him the largest individual scholarship donor in the history of the University and ensuring that needy students of all ages and races from Northwest Louisiana will always have the opportunities that he did not have to pursue higher education; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Dawson has donated over \$1 million to colleges and universities, to the United Negro College Fund, to the Damon J. Keith Law Collection of African-American Legal History, and to churches and other charitable organizations in Shreveport and Detroit; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dawson has been recognized for his humanitarian contributions with numerous accolades including Michiganian of the Year from *The Detroit News*, Outstanding Philanthropist from the Detroit Chapter of the National Society of Fund Raising Executives, National Builder from the National Black Caucus of State Legislators, Living Legacy Award from the National Caucus and Center on Black Aged, Founder's Award for lifetime achievement and generosity from Ford Motor Company, Living Legend Award from the National Alliance of Black School Educators, induction into the International Hall of Fame in Detroit, Community Hero Award from the National Urban League, Trumpet Award from Turner Broadcasting System, and most recently Outstanding Philanthropist from the North Louisiana Chapter of the National Society of Fund Raising Executives, and the Jefferson Award from the American Institute for Public Service; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Dawson was honored as one of America's leading philanthropists on the Oprah Winfrey Show, on the NBC Nightly News and CBS Evening News, by President and Mrs. Bill Clinton at the White House, and in national publications including *Time Magazine*, *People Magazine*, *PARADE Magazine*, *Jet Magazine*, *Ford World* and *Ebony Magazine*; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Dawson was awarded an Honorary Degree for Humanitarian Service from Highland Park Community College and an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree from Wayne State University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dawson has set an example of unparalleled benevolence and altruism for the

citizens of the City of Shreveport, the State of Louisiana and of our great nation. Thus it is only fitting that Louisiana State University in Shreveport recognize and acknowledge Dr. Dawson by bestowing its highest honor upon him; and

**WHEREAS**, the Louisiana State University System Committee on Awarding Honorary Degrees, the System President and the Vice President for Academic Affairs have reviewed and approved this recommendation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby award the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, to Dr. Matel "Mat" Dawson, Jr., the degree to be awarded May 17, 2000, at the Louisiana State University in Shreveport Spring Commencement

#### 11. Report on Activities of the Board of Regents

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

## 12. Chairman's Report

Chairman Weems expressed appreciation to Chancellor Mark Emmert, LSU and A&M College, Chancellor Greg O'Brien, University of New Orleans, and Ms. Rachel Kincaid, Executive Assistant to the Chancellor, University of New Orleans, in making the necessary arrangements for the SEC Conference in New Orleans. He also expressed appreciation to Mr. Ogden for hosting a reception at his home, and Messrs. Cusimano and Barney for their role in making this event a success.

At this time, Chairman Weems announced that Mr. Bruce J. Janet was recently hired as System Director-Internal Auditing for the LSU System. Mr. Janet is highly qualified, he has twenty-five years of experience with the Office of Legislative Auditor; 15 years of experience specifically focusing on audits of colleges and universities, mainly on all campuses within the LSU System, serving as student interim to audit manager.

Chairman Weems noted the recent picture in the *LSU Today* of President William Jenkins and his wife, Peggy, with President Bill Clinton in the Oval Office.

On a point of personal privilege, Mr. Bussie commended the parties involved in the endeavor to change LSU-Alexandria to a four-year institution. He said, "I want to particularly thank Chairman Weems, who has diligently worked long and hard to accomplish this endeavor. I want him to continue, because I think he will be successful in the final analysis."

Chairman Weems reminded members that the LSU 2000 Committee would meet immediately upon adjournment in the Board room.

#### 13. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.