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MINUTES
LSU BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
*Meeting held telephonically via Zoom Webinar
Friday, January 15, 2021 | 10:00 a.m. CST*

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mr. Robert Dampf, Chair, called to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College on January 15, 2021.

Present

Mr. Robert S. Dampf, Chair
Mr. Rémy Voisin Starns, Chair-elect
Ms. Mary Leach Werner, Past Chair
Mr. Ronnie Anderson
Mr. Glenn Armentor
Mr. Jack "Jay" A. Blossman, Jr.
Mr. B. Wayne Brown
Mr. Stone Cox
Ms. Valencia Sarpy Jones
Mr. Randy Morris
Mr. Patrick C. Morrow
Mr. Collis B. Temple Jr.
Mr. Jimmie M. Woods, Sr.
Mr. Richard E. Zuschlag

Absent

Mr. Lee Mallett
Mr. James M. Williams

Also participating in the meeting were the following: Mr. Thomas Galligan, Interim President of LSU; Mr. Winston DeCuir, General Counsel for LSU; University officers; and, administrators of the campuses; faculty representatives; interested citizens and representatives of the news media.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The invocation was offered by Mr. Armentor. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Morrow.

III. Public Comment

There were no individuals registered for public comment.

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

IV. Committee Meetings

4.A. Academic & Research Committee

Provost Haynie introduced two of the newest academic administrators: Jared Llorens, College of Business dean and Jim Spencer, vice president and dean of the Graduate School.

4.A.1. Request from LSU A&M to Create the Department of African & African American Studies

Upon motion by Mr. Cox, and seconded by Ms. Werner, the Committee recommended the following resolution for Board approval:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College does hereby approve the request from LSU A&M to create the Department of African & African American Studies.

4.A.2. Request from the LSU Agricultural Center for Conditional, One-Year Authorization of the Food Innovation Institute

Upon motion by Mr. Starns, and seconded by Mr. Anderson, the Committee recommended the following resolution for Board approval:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College does hereby approve the request from the LSU Agricultural Center for conditional, one-year authorization of the Food Innovation Institute.

4.A.3. Request from LSU A&M for a Letter of Intent for the Bachelor of Science in Plant Health Management

Upon motion by Mr. Armentor, and seconded by Ms. Werner, the Committee recommended the following resolution for Board approval:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College does hereby approve the request from LSU A&M for a Letter of Intent for the Bachelor of Science in Plant Health Management.

4.A.4. Request by LSU Online to Approve a Collaboration Agreement with Guild Education, Inc.

Upon motion by Mr. Starns, and seconded by Mr. Armentor, the Committee recommended the following resolution for Board approval:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College authorizes the President to enter into a collaborative agreement between LSU Online and Guild Education, Inc., and to execute documents necessary to complete the arrangement.

4.A.5. Consent Agenda

- A. Request from LSU Alexandria to Establish the LSUA Endowed Professorship in Interdisciplinary Innovation
- B. Request from LSU A&M to Rename the Vincent A. Forte River & Coastal Hydraulics Lab to the Vincent A. Forte Hydraulics Lab
- C. Request from LSU A&M to Name the Richard P. Sivicek Classroom
- D. Request from LSU A&M to Establish Two Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarships
- E. Request from LSU A&M to Establish the Dr. Charles M. Smith Chair of Medical Physics #2

Upon motion by Mr. Starns, and seconded by Mr. Anderson, the Committee recommended the following resolution for Board approval:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College does hereby approve the request from LSU Alexandria to establish the following Endowed Professorship:

- a) LSUA Endowed Professorship in Interdisciplinary Innovation

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and/or the President, 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 following Endowed Professorship at LSU Alexandria:

- a) LSUA Endowed Professorship in Interdisciplinary Innovation

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College does hereby approve the request from LSU A&M to rename the Vincent A. Forte River & Coastal Hydraulics Lab to the Vincent A. Forte Hydraulics Lab.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College does hereby approve the request from LSU A&M to name the Richard P. Sivicek Classroom.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College does hereby approve the request from LSU A&M to establish the following Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarships:

- a) A.K. and Shirley Barton Superior Graduate Student Scholarship in Mathematics
- b) Lillie Petit and George Clark Gallagher Graduate Student Travel and Research Scholarship in French Studies

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and/or the President, 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 following Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarships at LSU A&M:

- a) A.K. and Shirley Barton Superior Graduate Student Scholarship in Mathematics
- b) Lillie Petit and George Clark Gallagher Graduate Student Travel and Research Scholarship in French Studies

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College does hereby approve the request from LSU A&M to establish the following Endowed Chair:

- a) Dr. Charles M. Smith Chair of Medical Physics #2

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and/or the President, 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 following Endowed Chair at LSU A&M:

- a) Dr. Charles M. Smith Chair of Medical Physics # 2

4.B. Finance Committee

- 4.B.1. Request from LSU A&M to Approve a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Invested Enterprise, LLC (Invested) to Develop NCAA Compliance Software for LSU

Upon motion by Mr. Zuschlag, and seconded by Mr. Blossman, the Committee recommended the following resolution for Board approval:

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 LSU, or his designee, to execute the proposed cooperate endeavor agreement between LSU A&M and the Invested Enterprise, LLC (Invested), under which Invested will develop NCAA compliance software for LSU.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of LSU, 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, in consultation with General Counsel, to include in the Agreement any and all provisions and stipulations that he deems in the best interest of the Board of Supervisors.

4.C. Property & Facilities Committee

- 4.C.1 Request Authorization to Negotiate and Enter into Property Lease with Pi Kappa Alpha and Terminate Lease with Lambda Chi Alpha

Upon motion by Mr. Brown, and seconded by Mr. Morris, the Committee recommended the following resolution for Board approval:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College does hereby authorize the President to terminate the lease with Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity for property located at 10 Fraternity Lane on the LSU campus; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the President is authorized to consent to the purchase of the leasehold improvements by Pi Kappa Alpha from Lambda Chi Alpha, to negotiate with Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity for the lease of property located at 10 Fraternity Lane on the LSU campus, and to execute such documents as necessary to complete the transaction.

4.D. Healthcare & Medical Education Committee

- 4.D.1. Report on Community-based Denistry Services

The report was given by Liz Sumrall and Dr. Robert Laughlin. The report was informational only, and no action required by the Board.

4.E. Athletics Committee

- 4.E.1. Request from LSU A&M to Approve a Change in Position for Three LSU Athletics Personnel

Upon motion by Mr. Starns, and seconded by Mr. Morrow, the Committee recommended the following resolution for Board approval:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College authorizes the President of Louisiana State University, or his or her designee, to execute the position changes for Bo Pelini, Steven Ensminger, and William Johnson as described in this item, in consultation with the General Counsel.

4.E.2. Request from LSU A&M to Approve Multiple Contract Amendments for LSU Athletics Employees

Upon motion by Mr. Zuschag, and seconded by Mr. Blossman, the Committee recommended the following resolution for Board approval:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College authorizes the President, or his designee, to execute the contract amendments with Verge Ausberry, Stephanie Rempe, Scott Woodward, Tommy Moffitt, Alan Dunn, Paul Mainieri, Bill Armstrong, Will Wade, Nikki Fargas, Bill Busch, James Cregg, Kevin Faulk, Bill Johnson, Mickey Joseph, Scott Linehan, Greg McMahon, Ed Orgeron, Corey Raymond, Chuck Winstead, Beth Torina, Russell Brock, Garrett Runion, Sian Hudson, Dave Geyer, Dough Shaffer, Andy Brandi, Chris Brandi, Julia Sell, Michael Sell, Fran Flory, Kevin Nickelberry, Dennis Shaver, and Jay Clark, in consultation with the General Counsel, to reduce base and supplemental compensation by five (5) percent for the period beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021 and to suspend post-season incentives for the period beginning January 1, 2021 and ending August 1, 2021.

4.E.3. Request from LSU Athletics to Approve Term Sheet with Assistant Football Coach Daniel Mangas

Upon motion by Mr. Starns, and seconded by Mr. Brown, the Committee recommended the following resolution for Board approval:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Supervisors for Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College does hereby approve the term sheet for Daniel Mangas, 2 and authorize the President to continue negotiations toward a final contract to be approved by the Board of Supervisors.

4.E.4. Request from LSU Athletics to Approve Term Sheet with Jacob Peetz Pertaining to LSU Football Offensive Coordinator Position

Upon motion by Mr. Zuschlag, and seconded by Mr. Morrow, the Committee recommended the following resolution for Board approval:

V. Reconvene Board Meeting

After adjournment of the Committee Meetings, the Regular Board Meeting was called back to order.

VI. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Upon motion by Ms. Werner, seconded by Ms. Jones, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the Board meeting held on December 4, 2020.

VII. Report from Chair of Presidential Search Committee and Related Matters

Ms. Jones provided an update to the Board on the progress of the work of the presidential search committee.

VIII. Approval of Personnel Actions

Upon motion by Ms. Werner, seconded by Mr. Morrow, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Personnel Actions.

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

The Staff Advisors provided a written report given to the Board prior to the meeting.

Dr. Jim Robinson provided an informational report for the Faculty Advisors.

X. Approval of Committee Reports

Upon motion by Mr. Morrow, seconded by Mr. Zuschlag, the Board voted unanimously to approve all Committee recommendations.

XI. President's Report

President Galligan reported on the following: fall commencement ceremonies; COVID policies; Title IX investigation; diversity and inclusion roadmap; legislative outlook; and campus highlights.

XII. Chair's Report

Mr. Temple shared the following message.

"Mr. Chairman and Supervisors:

I would just like to share perspective and recognize that in our roles as leaders, we must stay diligent and vigilant in an effort to embrace diversity on every front. Before our meeting, we always say the Pledge and so we know we have to share and be positive about a variety of perspectives.

Free speech is a fundamental right in our country. But you can't yell fire in a crowded theater because words have consequences. Actions have consequences and pictures have consequences.

Rouses Supermarket signed an exclusive contract with LSU Athletics in 2019 to be the exclusive LSU Supermarket sponsor and official caterer for the Oaks at Patrick Taylor Hall.

In the eyes of some people, Rouses is LSU.

What Rouses says reflects on LSU. What Donnie Rouse posted on Facebook reflects on LSU.

Donnie Rouse has his First Amendment right to say what he wants. But as an owner, Donnie Rouse's comments are equated to the position of Rouses Supermarkets. Since Rouses and LSU have an exclusive arrangement, the public which LSU serves can view that relationship as being that of two entities with same world view. The First Amendment gives Mr. Rouse the right to say what he wants, but there's no First Amendment right to be an exclusive sponsor.

LSU does not support rioting and insurrection against the United States. And, should not have that image reflected upon it by its sponsors. I am worried about this and wonder if something could be done to address this concern about exclusive sponsors.

Bear in mind that silence is generally consent and we must forward as it relates to inclusion and diversity in our social fabric. “

Chairman Dampf recognized Mr. Anderson as a recipient of the 2021 Founder Award from Farm Bureau.

Chairman Dampf thanked the LSU staff for their continued efforts and hard work.

XIII. Adjournment

Upon motion by Mr. Blossman, seconded by Mr. Morris, the meeting was adjourned without objection.