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I. Consideration of Matters Pertaining to the LSU System Public Hospitals

Mr. Shea, Chairman-Elect, called to order the Regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College in the Seminar Room 4, Medical Education Building, LSUHSC, New Orleans, Louisiana on March 8, 2007 at 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT

*Mr. Roderick K. West  Mr. Jerry E. Shea, Jr.
   Chairman  Chairman-Elect

Dr. Jack A. Andonie  Mr. Louis J., Lambert
Mr. Marty J. Chabert  Mrs. Laura A. Leach
Dr. John F. George  Mr. Ben W. Mount
Mr. Francis M. Gowen, Jr.  Mrs. Dorothy Reese
Mr. Hal Hinchliffe  Mr. James P. Roy
Mr. Stanley J. Jacobs
Mr. Alvin E. Kimble

ABSENT

Ms. Connie Cooper  Mr. Charles S. Weems, III

Chairman-Elect Shea noted there were no requests for Public Comments.

Also present for the meeting were the following: President William L. Jenkins; Mr. P. Raymond Lamonica, General Counsel, LSU System; system officers and hospital administrators from their respective campuses; faculty representatives, interested citizens and representatives of the news media.

1. Hospital Status Report: LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport

Dr. John McDonald, Chancellor, LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport, and Mr. Joe Miciotto, Hospital Administrator, LSUHSC-Shreveport made this presentation.

Upon receiving these reports, Dr. George requested that the Board receive a report each month regarding the nursing program on the costs incurred in contractual nursing versus fulltime staff from a healthcare and educational perspective.

Mr. Don Smithburg and Dr. Hollier acknowledged this request. No official Board action is required.

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2. Hospital Status Report: Health Care Services Division

Mr. Don Smithburg, CEO, LSU Health Care Services Division, presented this report. No official Board action is required.

3. Reports on Continuing Projects and Issues

Mr. Don Smithburg, CEO, LSU Health Care Services Division; Dr. Michael Butler, MD Chief Medical Officer, LSUHCSD; and Dr. Dwayne Thomas, MD., Administrator, MCLNO, Dr. Hollier, Chancellor, LSUHSC-NO made this presentation.

4. Other Business

Resolution to implement personnel recommendations made by the ad hoc Work Group on Healthcare and Medical Education

Chairman West noted that this item was added to the agenda in response to the report from the ad hoc Work Group on Healthcare and Medical Education. This issue will be addressed at the Board meeting on Friday, March 9, 2007.

Chairman West announced a ten minute recess.

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The meeting reconvened at 3:25 p.m. Chairman West called the meeting to order. A quorum was present and proceeded with the Integrated Committee Meetings.

5. Adjournment

Chairman West announced that the Audit Committee will not meet.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

II. Regular Board Meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman West called to order the Regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College in the Seminar Room 4, Medical Education Building, LSUHSC, New Orleans, Louisiana on March 9, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

The secretary called the roll.

PRESENT

*Mr. Roderick K. West Mr. Jerry E. Shea, Jr.
Chairman Chairman-Elect

Dr. Jack A. Andonie Mr. Louis J., Lambert
Mr. Marty J. Chabert Mrs. Laura A. Leach
Dr. John F. George Mr. Ben W. Mount
Mr. Francis M. Gowen, Jr. Mrs. Dorothy Reese
Mr. Hal Hinchliffe Mr. James P. Roy
Mr. Stanley J. Jacobs Mr. Charles S. Weems, III
Mr. Alvin E. Kimble
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ABSENT

Ms. Connie Cooper

Also present for the meeting were the following: President William L. Jenkins; Mr. P. Raymond Lamonica, General Counsel, LSU System; system officers and administrators from their respective campuses; faculty representatives, interested citizens and representatives of the news media.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Lauren Brignac gave the Invocation. Mr. Brad Culotta led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman West recognized Dr. Larry Hollier, LSUHSC-New Orleans.

He introduced:

Lauren Brignac, who graduated from Ursuline Academy and Loyola University with a BS. Lauren is a second year graduate student working as a research associate with Dr. Backes before her acceptance into the graduate program (Pharmacology).

Brad Culotta, Senior medical student, received his LSU undergraduate degree in 2003, Summa Cum Laude. He began attending LSUHSC-NO in August 2003 and will be graduating in May 2007. Brad will begin residency in Orthopedic Surgery in June 2007.

Dr. Kathleen McDonough graduated from St. Louis University and completed a PhD in Physiology at the University of Missouri in Columbia, MO. Dr. McDonough is currently a Professor of Physiology and Associate Dean of the School of Graduate Studies. She has served the HSC as a member of the School of Medicine Admissions Committee for approximately 12 years. She has taught in the Schools of Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing, Allied Health and Graduate Studies. She is the Director of the MD/PhD program and the Interdisciplinary program. For these teaching activities she is the recipient of the Allen Copping award.

3. Introduction of Faculty and Staff Representatives

The faculty and staff representatives from their respective campuses were acknowledged.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held January 25-26, 2007

Upon motion of Mr. Chabert, seconded by Mrs. Reese, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 25-26, 2007.

5. Personnel Actions Requiring Board Approval

Mr. Lamonica, General Counsel, LSU System, presented these actions and advised that these actions have been reviewed by the executive staff and are recommended for Board approval.

Upon motion of Mrs. Leach, seconded by Mr. Shea, the Board voted unanimously to ratify the Interim Personnel Actions as presented.
6. **President’s Report**

President Jenkins recognized:

Chairman West presented the following resolution of appreciation to Mr. Charles V. Cusimano.

6A. **Resolution honoring Mr. Charles V. Cusimano for his service on the LSU Board of Supervisors**

The Board by acclamation approved the following recommendation:

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Charles V. Cusimano was appointed to the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College on September 24, 1974 for a fourteen-year term and re-appointed for consecutive six year terms on June 10, 1988; June 1, 1994; and July 18, 2000; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Charles V. Cusimano served as a member of the Board of Supervisors for 32 years earning him the distinction of having one of the longest terms of service in the history of the Louisiana State University System; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Charles V. Cusimano served as the Vice-Chairman/Chairman Elect for the 1994-95 academic year; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Charles V. Cusimano assumed the chairmanship of the Board of Supervisors at its regular meeting held on July 21, 1995; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Charles V. Cusimano has demonstrated his commitment to and love for Louisiana State University through his generous support for his alma mater's academic and athletic programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Charles V. Cusimano has demonstrated his knowledge and understanding of the complex factors affecting higher education through his reasoned and insightful analysis of the myriad of issues considered by this Board; and

**WHEREAS**, all of the members of the LSU System family will miss Mr. Charles V. Cusimano's insightful questioning, lively debate, and keen sense of humor; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Charles V. Cusimano has earned the respect and admiration of his fellow Board members, administrators, faculty, staff, students, and alumni of the Louisiana State University System during his tenure on the Board;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby express its appreciation to Mr. Charles V. Cusimano for his exemplary service to the Louisiana State University System and his commitment to the goals and purposes of higher education;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mr. Charles V. Cusimano as an expression of gratitude from this Board and that this resolution be entered into the permanent record of the Board of Supervisors.

As an expression of appreciation for his service to his alma mater and the Louisiana State University System, an oak tree on the LSU campus will be dedicated as the “Charles V. Cusimano Oak”.
Dr. Carolyn Hargrave, Vice-President, Academic Affairs, LSU System, presented a report on the National Association of System Heads (NASH) College Access and Success Initiative.

President Jenkins expressed appreciation to Chancellor Hollier, LSUHSC-New Orleans, for hosting a reception for members of the Board, Chancellors, and System Administrators at his home on Thursday evening. He also thanked Mr. Ronnie Smith and Ms. Barbara Schmidt for their assistance in making arrangements for the Board meeting.

Dr. Jenkins reported that Mr. Jim Howell, Assistant Vice President, Property and Facilities, was unable to attend the Board meeting due to the death of his father, and extended condolences to Mr. Howell’s family.

7. Report on Activities of the Board of Regents

Dr. Carolyn Hargrave, Vice-President, Academic Affairs; Mr. John Antolik, Vice-President Administration and Finance; and Mr. Danny Mahaffey, Director of Facility Planning, Office of Property and Facilities, LSU System; provided these informational reports.

8. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Chairman West 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:

Upon motion of Mrs. Leach, seconded by Mr. Mount, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following Consent Agenda recommendation:

8A. LSU System Consolidated Investment Report

Mr. Antolik presented this report.

9. Reports for Board Information

   a. Health Plan Status Report (Written report only)

   b. Report from the LSU System Advisory Committee on Human Resource Management

Mrs. Reese and Mr. Forest Benedict, Vice-President for Human Resource and Management, and Dr. Dennis McSeveney, Vice-Provost, Academic and Student Affairs, University of New Orleans presented this report. No official Board action is required.

10. Committee Reports

10A. Academic and Student Affairs, Achievement and Distinction Committee

Mrs. Leach, Chairman, Academic and Student Affairs, Achievement and Distinction Committee, reported that the Committee met on Thursday, March 8, 2007 and considered six (6) recommendations and one (1) report. The Committee recommends
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Board approval of five (5) of the recommendations; adopted the report and deferred action on the recommendation to allow students from LSU institutions to appeal disciplinary sanctions directly to the System President.

10A1. Recommendation to approve the establishment of the LSU Chancellor’s Distinguished Professorship, Louisiana State University

Upon motion of Mrs. Leach, seconded by Mrs. Reese, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following recommendation:

WHEREAS, the LSU Foundation has received a substantial pledge from a Cy Pres Remainder of Reserve Funds resulting from a U. S. District Court Class Action Settlement, including therein a specific pledge totaling $600,000, to the Board of Regents Support Fund for the establishment of an endowed professorship at LSU; and

WHEREAS, the LSU Chancellor’s Distinguished Professorship provides critically needed funds annually to secure and maintain highly qualified faculty members at LSU; and

WHEREAS, the Chancellor of LSU is designated to select the professor(s) to be appointed to the professorship in any discipline for the period of time determined by the Chancellor; however, the Chancellor may not use the funds for his own personal compensation; and

WHEREAS, by court order the funds are restricted for use for educational purposes and not for capital improvement; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents Support Fund was created by the Legislature of Louisiana in 1989 as Act 647 providing therein for multiple $40,000 challenge grants to be awarded on a one to one and one-half matching basis; and

WHEREAS, this donation of $600,000 qualifies for inclusion in the Board of Regents Support Fund matching grants program; and

WHEREAS, the law provided that the Louisiana Board of Regents shall approve the establishment of any endowed professorship established under the matching program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Board of Regents is hereby requested to approve the establishment of the LSU Chancellor’s Distinguished Professorship at LSU.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of LSU and/or the President of the LSU System, 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 above named professorship.

10A2. Recommendation to approve the establishment of the McCollister Family Professorship in the College of Engineering, Department of Construction Management, Louisiana State University

Upon motion of Mrs. Leach, seconded by Mrs. Reese, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following recommendation:

WHEREAS, Donald and Sandra McCollister have made a substantial donation to the LSU Foundation, including therein a specific donation totaling $60,000, to the Board of Regents Support Fund for the establishment of an endowed professorship in the College of Engineering, Department of Construction Management at LSU; and
WHEREAS, the McCollister Family Professorship provides critically needed funds annually to secure and maintain a highly qualified faculty member in the College of Engineering; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents Support Fund was created by the Legislature of Louisiana in 1989 as Act 647 providing therein for multiple $40,000 challenge grants to be awarded on a one to one and one-half matching basis; and

WHEREAS, this donation of $60,000 qualifies for inclusion in the Board of Regents Support Fund matching grants program; and

WHEREAS, the law provided that the Louisiana Board of Regents shall approve the establishment of any endowed professorship established under the matching program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Board of Regents is hereby requested to approve the establishment of the McCollister Family Professorship at LSU.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of LSU and/or the President of the LSU System, 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 above named professorship.

10A3. Recommendation to approve the establishment of the Bernard Keith Vetter Professorship in Civil Law Studies; LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center

Upon motion of Mrs. Leach, seconded by Mrs. Reese, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following recommendation:

WHEREAS, Cyril and Tutta Vetter, have made a donation of $60,000 to the LSU Foundation for the establishment of an endowed Professorship at the LSU Law Center in the name, Bernard Keith Vetter Professorship in Civil Law Studies; and

WHEREAS, this Professorship will honor Bernard Keith Vetter. Bernard Keith Vetter is widely admired and respected for his many contributions to the legal profession and to the community; and

WHEREAS, this Professorship will provide critically needed funds annually to secure and maintain a highly qualified visitor or faculty member in the Law Center; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Regents Support Fund was created by the Legislature of Louisiana in 1989 as Act 647 providing therein for multiple $40,000 challenge grants to be awarded on a one-to-one and one-half matching basis; and

WHEREAS, this donation of $60,000 qualifies for inclusion in the Board of Regents Support Fund; and

WHEREAS, the law provides that the Louisiana Board of Regents shall approve the establishment of any endowed professorship established under the matching program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Board of Regents is hereby requested to approve the establishment of the Bernard Keith Vetter Professorship in Civil Law Studies at the Law Center.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College and/or the President of the LSU System, 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 above named professorship.

10A4. Recommendation to establish the James A. Ardoin, M.D. Memorial Professorship in Obstetrics & Gynecology, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in Shreveport

Upon motion of Mrs. Leach, seconded by Mrs. Reese, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following recommendation:

WHEREAS, the goal of the James A. Ardoin, MD Memorial Professorship in Obstetrics and Gynecology Department is to enhance the academic mission and image of the Obstetrics and Gynecology Department at the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center (LSU HSC)-Shreveport; and

WHEREAS, Dr. James A. Ardoin was a medical student and resident at LSU Health Sciences Center (LSUHSC-S) and following completion of his residency in 1991, he and his family moved back home to Ville Platte, LA where he was appointed Chief of Staff of Ville Platte Medical Center in 1994. When he arrived at this hospital, there was no OB/GYN Department. Dr. Ardoin single-handedly set up the Department, ordering necessary equipment, training personnel, and developing protocols. He performed surgery at several surrounding area hospitals and purchased a helicopter to help get around in a timely fashion. Unfortunately, on his way home from one of these hospitals, his helicopter crashed and he was killed in 1994; and

WHEREAS, an annual budget from the professorship will fund the cost of a yearly lectureship and dinner in honor of the memory of Dr. Ardoin and to enhance the image and awareness the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology in the region and to encourage research by the residents by providing presentation opportunity to be held in conjunction with the annual lectureship and dinner. The annual lectureship presenter will serve as a judge for the research presentations; and

WHEREAS, this donation of $60,000 qualifies for inclusion in the Louisiana Faculty Incentive fund matching grants program; and

WHEREAS, the law provided that the Louisiana Board of Regents shall approve the establishment of any endowed professorship established under the matching program; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Board of Regents is hereby requested to approve the establishment of the James A. Ardoin, MD Memorial Professorship in Obstetrics & Gynecology at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in Shreveport.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College and/or President of the LSU System, 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 above named professorship.
10A5. Recommendation to approve a proposal to establish a Ph.D. in Biostatistics at the LSUHSC-NO

Upon motion of Mrs. Leach, seconded by Mrs. Reese, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following recommendation:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College recommends approving the establishment of the proposed Ph.D. in Biostatistics program at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center New Orleans, subject to approval by the Board of Regents.

10A6. Recommendation to approve a proposal to establish the Stephenson Disaster Management Institute at LSU

Upon motion of Mrs. Leach, seconded by Mrs. Reese, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following recommendation:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College recommends approving the establishment of the Stephenson Disaster Management Institute (SDMI) in the Louisiana State University E. J. Ourso College of Business subject to approval by the Board of Regents.

10A7. Recommendation to approve “The Pelican Promise”, a new need-based award program at LSU, designed to attract and support Louisiana students who are economically disadvantaged and academically qualified

Upon motion of Mrs. Leach, seconded by Mrs. Reese, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following recommendation:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors approves the establishment of The Pelican Promise Award for FY 2007-08 at Louisiana State University for Louisiana residents who: (1) qualify to attend LSU; (2) have a family income less than or equal to 150 percent of the poverty level; (3) are eligible for a Federal Pell grant; and (4) have applied for all applicable Federal, State and institutional financial aid programs. The grant will be awarded for eight semesters or until graduation whichever occurs first. Accepted LSU transfer students will be eligible through their eighth semester of total college course work. Based on the availability of funds, this program may be expanded to include students from families whose income is less than or equal to 200% of the poverty level. In the initial phase, the value of the award will be no more than the equivalent of tuition and the registration fee. The second phase of this program will include the addition of on-campus room and board. The final phase would cover up to the full cost of attendance at LSU for all qualifying students. The program will be audited annually and the Chancellor will report the audit results to the Board.

10A8. Recommendation to approve the “LSU National Scholars’ Award”, a new LSU Scholarship Program designed to attract nationally recognized first-year students

Upon motion of Mrs. Leach, seconded by Mrs. Reese, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following recommendation:
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors approves the establishment of the **LSU National Scholars’ Award** at Louisiana State University for up to 150 Louisiana residents and 50 non-residents per year who: (1) qualify to attend LSU (minimum ACT 22); (2) score in the eightieth percentile on the PSAT, SAT, or ACT and/or rank in the top 10% of their class; and (3) who have been nationally recognized as finalist or semi-finalist in national academic competition such as National Merit, Wendy’s National Collegiate Heisman Award, Westinghouse Scholars, National Achievement, Gates Millennium Scholars, Davidson Fellows and the National Hispanic Scholars beginning with the 2007-2008 academic year. The value of this scholarship for resident students will be an exemption of tuition and the registration fee for up to 150 students per year. The non-resident student award is valued at an exemption of tuition, the registration fee, and non-resident fee for up to 50 students per year. The exemption will be awarded for eight semesters or until graduation, whichever occurs first. The program will be audited annually and the Chancellor will report the audit results to the Board.

10A9. **Report from UNO Chancellor Tim Ryan on Charter Schools**

Dr. Tim Ryan gave this presentation. No official Board action is required.

10A10. **Recommendation to allow students from LSU institutions to appeal disciplinary sanctions directly to the System President (DEFERRED)**

(Added to Agenda)

Upon motion of Mr. Roy, seconded by Mrs. Leach, the Board voted unanimously to defer this recommendation:

10B. **Property and Facilities Committee**

Mr. Hinchliffe, Chairman, Property and Facilities Committee, reported that the Committee met on Thursday, March 8th and recommends Board approval.

10B1. **Recommendation to name the patio area on the 6th Floor of the LSUHSC University Hospital in Shreveport in honor of Mr. O. Delton Harrison, Jr.**

Upon motion of Mr. Hinchliffe, seconded by Mr. Shea, the Board voted unanimously to approve 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 naming of the patio area off the 6th floor Oncology unit in the LSU Hospital the O. Delton Harrison, Jr. Patio.

10B2. **Recommendation to approve renovations or repairs greater than $100,000 at Louisiana State University System campuses**

Upon motion of Mr. Hinchliffe, seconded by Mr. Shea, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following recommendation:
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College approves the following renovation(s) or repair(s) and that project(s) with overrun(s) of 20% may proceed without re-approval by the Board.

**Louisiana State University**

Women's Soccer Complex – Addition  
(Auxiliary Funds)  
$159,000

**LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans**

Refurbishing Interior Finishes and Improvements to Conference Room Audio/Visual Systems – 8th Floor Resource Center  
(Self-Generated Funds)  
$349,000

**TOTAL**  
$ 508,000

10B3. **Approval of eVenture Technologies, LLC, as an occupant in the University of New Orleans Research and Technology Park**

Upon motion of Mr. Hinchliffe, seconded by Mr. Shea, the Board voted unanimously to approve 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 of eVenture Technologies, LLC to occupy space in the University of New Orleans Research and Technology Park.

10B4. **Recommendation to lease the Baton Rouge Beach – University Lake (Stanford Avenue) to BREC (Baton Rouge Recreation and Parks Commission)**

Upon motion of Mr. Hinchliffe, seconded by Mr. Shea, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following recommendation:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College authorizes Dr. William L. Jenkins, LSU System President, or his designee, to execute all agreements necessary to lease the Baton Rouge Beach property to BREC, including such terms and conditions as he deems in the best interests of LSU.

10B5. **Settlement of Litigation relating to the Ogden Museum of Southern Art**

Upon motion of Mr. Hinchliffe, seconded by Mr. Shea, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following recommendation:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College authorizes Dr. William L. Jenkins, LSU System President, or his designee, to effectuate and make final the terms of the settlement agreement, including satisfying the resolutory condition of the settlement agreement by entering into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the UNO Foundation pursuant to the authority previously granted by the Board by resolution dated July 12, 2002 and to execute all other agreements or documents necessary to resolve the lawsuit captioned Robert Marrero, et al. v. Roger Ogden, et al., currently pending as docket number 519,881 in the 19th Judicial District Court.
10C. Flagship Committee

Mr. Gowen, Vice-Chairman, Flagship Committee, reported that Chancellor Sean O'Keefe, Louisiana State University, made the following presentation:

10C1. Report from Louisiana State University: Enrollment Forecast and Application Trends

Informational report. No official action required.

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Chairman West welcomed Mr. Weems and congratulated him on the on the birth of his fourth grandchild, “Charles Weems Pettit”, born on March 8th.

10D. Athletic Committee

Mr. Chabert, Chairman, Athletic Committee, reported that the Committee met Thursday and approved the Contract of Employment for Mr. Stanley “Skip” Bertman. However, the Committee determined that it acted hastily and recommends that the Board defer action until the next Board meeting.

10D1. Approval of the Contract of Employment for Mr. Stanley J. Bertman, Director of Athletics.

Louisiana State University (DEFERRED)

Upon motion of Mr. Chabert, seconded by Mr. Kimble, the Board voted unanimously to defer this matter until the next regularly scheduled Board meeting, April 19-20, 2007.

11. Other Business

11A. Resolution to implement personnel recommendations made by the ad hoc Work Group on Healthcare and Medical Education (AMENDED)

Dr. Andonie, Chairman, ad hoc Work Group on Healthcare and Medical Education, reported that this ad hoc Committee was created at the request of Chairman West in conjunction with the recommendation of the Association of Governing Board and Colleges and Universities regarding the administration of the LSU Health Care Service Division and to review the financial structure of HCSD.

The LSU Board of Supervisors must ensure that the System Office has the staff resources and expertise to carry out its fiscal, policy making, and oversight responsibilities in the areas of public health care delivery and medical education. The Health Care Work Group has made specific recommendations that call for the creation of positions in the System Office to address the coordination and oversight of health care and medical education activities within the LSU System.

The resolution before the Board authorizes and requests the President to create the following positions and to develop job descriptions and minimum skill and experience requirements, salary schedules, and a budget for these positions for the remainder of fiscal year 2006-2007 and for fiscal year 2007-2008.

Dr. Andonie stated that he wanted to be explicitly clear that the last thing we need is another layer of expensive bureaucracy within the LSU System. "I want you to understand, these positions are essential as healthcare service issues become more complex and are not meant to handcuff hospitals and medical education. These are created to be of assistance and better coordination.”
Mr. Mount moved, Mr. Hinchliffe seconded, that the Board adopt this resolution. The floor was opened for discussion.

Mr. Shea expressed concern with the incorporation of athletics and the involvement of the system Compliance Officer in dealing with NCAA matters.

Mr. Gowen was recognized. He noted that he had researched this program considerably, citing the University of Texas and Stanford University, pointing out that most universities have this structure, i.e. athletic, research, academic, and health-care reporting to a System Compliance Officer. He outlined the role and objectives of the System Compliance Officer.

Discussion was held. Mr. Weems commended the work of the Committee, however; he expressed concern with the involvement of “athletics” being incorporated into the aforesaid duties of the System Compliance Officer and requested additional study into this issue.

Mr. Weems moved, seconded by Mr. Shea, that the resolution be amended to strike the term "athletics" from the job description of the System Compliance Officer’s duties. The Board unanimously adopted this amendment.

Chairman West noted that the Board take into consideration justification from Mr. Gowen’s remarks. He further noted that regardless of the work of the Healthcare Task Force and the Board’s effort to address the health care issues with Mr. Weems’s motion, the issues raised should be noted as this process moves forward at the system level. The Board is addressing the specifics of this resolution.

Mr. Mount reiterated Chairman West’s comments, requesting Mr. Gowen continue with his study and present additional information for consideration at a later date.

Mr. Roy was recognized. He stated that after consultation with Dr. George, he would like to offer an amendment in conjunction with this recommendation.

Mr. Roy moved that the actual appointment of the Vice-President for Health Affairs and Medical Education require consultation and ratification by the LSU Board of Supervisors. Mr. Kimble seconded the motion and the Board unanimously adopted this amendment.

Upon motion of Mr. Mount, seconded by Mr. Chabert, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following resolution as amended:

WHEREAS, in 1997 the Louisiana Legislature assigned responsibility for managing all public hospitals in Louisiana to Louisiana State University; and

WHEREAS, the health care component of LSU’s budget includes ten public hospitals and two medical schools totaling over one billion dollars in annual expenditures; and

WHEREAS, effective oversight of the management of these hospitals and medical schools is a challenge under normal circumstances but increasingly so as LSU undertakes the construction of two new academic medical centers in an environment where health care redesign is in the forefront of all health care policy discussion in Louisiana; and
WHEREAS, the LSU Board of Supervisors must ensure that the System Office has the staff resources and expertise to carry out its fiscal, policy making, and oversight responsibilities in the areas of public health care delivery and medical education; and

WHEREAS, staff positions with the expertise necessary to support the Boards responsibilities in these areas do not currently exist; and

WHEREAS, the Health Care Work Group has made specific recommendations that call for the creation of positions in the System Office to address the coordination and oversight of health care and medical education activities within the LSU System.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the LSU Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize and request Dr. William L. Jenkins, LSU System President to create the following positions and to develop job descriptions (in accordance with the general descriptions provided below) and remuneration schedules appropriate with their duties, responsibilities, and expertise.

1. Vice President for Health Affairs and Medical Education (new)
2. Assistant Vice President for Health Care and Medical Education Finance (existing/modified)
3. Assistant Vice President for Information and Technology (new)
4. Assistant Vice President for Quality Management and Research (new)
5. Attorney – Health Care Specialty (new)
6. System Compliance Coordinator (existing/modified)

Vice President for Health Affairs and Medical Education - would provide operational oversight of the Health Care Service Division and the LSU Health Science Centers in New Orleans and Shreveport. This individual will report to the President.

Assistant Vice President for Health Care and Medical Education Finance - would assist with oversight and fiscal management/policy for health care and medical education.

Assistant Vice President for Information and Technology - would coordinate and improve the financial and health information systems across the HCSD and LSU Health Science Centers in New Orleans and Shreveport.

Assistant Vice President for Quality Management and Research - would assist in gathering health care data to monitor and benchmark relevant quality indicators. The position would also coordinate health care related research and information to enhance and facilitate research funding and provide oversight of interaction with accrediting organizations.

Attorney – Health Care Specialty - would assist the General Counsel in matters pertaining to health care.

System Compliance Coordinator - would coordinate and enforce compliance policy and procedures for health care, and research, and would report to the Board and the Audit Committee.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the highest priority immediately be given to the Vice President for Health Affairs and Medical Education and its functions (or substantial equivalent as determined by the President).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President report back to the Board the actions taken.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the actual appointment of the Vice-President for Health Affairs and Medical Education require consultation and ratification by the LSU Board of Supervisors.

12. Chairman's Report

Dr. Frank Minyard, Orleans Parish Coroner, requested that the LSU Board of Supervisors authorize the building of six mausoleums on cemetery property owned by the LSU hospitals located at the end of Canal Street in New Orleans for approximately 100 unidentified or unclaimed victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Mr. Lamonica, General Counsel, LSU System, advised that his office has not received any documentation regarding this request. He noted that from the University’s perspective, specifics of this transaction must be received and appropriate legal steps followed. Mr. Lamonica deferred to Mr. Don Smithburg, CEO, LSUHSD. Mr. Smithburg reported that he was unapprised this matter would be considered at this Board meeting and, therefore, unable to provide sufficient information.

Discussion was held. Chairman West acknowledged that the LSU Board is prepared to assist in this endeavor to the extent it can; however, more details are required.

Dr. Andonie moved that the Board authorize William L. Jenkins, President, LSU System, to work with Mr. Don Smithburg, CEO, LSU Health Services Division, and Mr. Ray Lamonica, General Counsel, LSU System, to expedite the consideration and movement of this project. Mr. Lambert seconded the motion, and the Board voted unanimously to proceed expeditiously with review of this matter.

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Chairman West announced that arrangements have been made for members to tour the hospital.

13. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Carleen N. Smith
Administrative Secretary