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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mr. R. Blake Chatelain, Chairman, called to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College in the System Building, Baton Rouge, Louisiana on December 11, 2009, at 3:35 p.m.

The secretary called the roll.

PRESENT

Mr. R. Blake Chatelain
Chairman

Mr. James W. Moore, Jr.
Chairman-Elect

Dr. Jack Andonie
Mrs. Laura A. Leach

Dr. John F. George
Mr. Ben Mount

Mr. Francis M. Gowen, Jr.
Mrs. Dorothy "Dottie" Reese.

Mr. Stanley J. Jacobs
Mr. Jerry E. Shea, Jr.

Mr. Alvin E. Kimble
Mr. Scott L. Sternberg

ABSENT

Mr. Ronnie R. Anderson
Mr. Anthony G. “Tony” Falterman

Mr. James P. Roy
Mr. Roderick K. West

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Susan Krantz, Jan Lyn, Barry Leblanc, Ronald Young, Andy Beniot, Ron Maestri, Michael Sapera, Eric Gallatin, Gabe Corchinai, Tommy Acosta, Joe King, Andrew Dinett, Adam Giglio, Jonathan Sanders, Kathy Kassabian, John F. Marie, and Jack McMahon requested to address the UNO-Report on Athletic Matters (Athletic Committee Agenda)

Also present for the meeting were the following: President John V. Lombardi; 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

Dr. Andrew L. Chesson, Jr., gave the invocation. Mr. Michael Scott Nealy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Chatelain recognized Chancellor Barish, LSUHSC Shreveport. He introduced:

Dr. Andrew Long Chesson, Dean, School of Medicine at LSU Health Sciences Center-Shreveport. Dr. Chesson, professor of neurology and director of the LSUHSC Sleep Medicine program has received national accolades for his clinical expertise; including recognition for the past six years among the Best Doctors in America, and for his scholarly activities related to both educational and clinical research interests.
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3. **Introduction of Faculty and Staff Representatives**

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

4. **Approval of the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on October 9, 2009**

Upon motion of Mr. Kimble, seconded by Mrs. Reese, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 9, 2009.

5. **Personnel Actions Requiring Board Approval**

Mr. Lamonica, General Counsel, LSU System, advised that the Executive Staff recommends that the Personnel Actions be approved. *(Copy of Personnel Actions on file in the Office of the LSU Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University)*.

Upon motion of Dr. Andonie, seconded by Mr. Moore, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Personnel actions as presented.

6. **President’s Report**

President Lombardi recognized:

Mr. Scott L. Sternberg, student Board member, Paul M. Hebert Law Center, reported on the activities of the Council of Student Body Presidents; and

Dr. Bill Nunez, Chancellor, LSU-E, extended an invitation to the Board to attend the Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet, January 17, 2010; and

Chancellor Jack Weiss, Paul M. Hebert Law Center, announced that Michelle Shamblin has been selected as a 2009 Bristow Gellow with U.S. Solicitor General (one of 4 in the U.S. and LSU Law’s first); and

Dr. Claude Bouchard, Director, Pennington Biomedical Center, announced that Dr. Donna Ryan was recently named President of the Obesity Society; and

Chancellor Mike Martin, LSU, announced that (BASC) faculty was named Fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science: Kevin Smith, Barry Dellinger, Steve Soper, Mark Hafner, Terry Bricker, Jonathan Dowling and Brooks Ellwood.

7. **Report on Activities of the Board of Regents**

Dr. Mike Gargano, Vice-President, Student and Academic Support, Mr. John Antolik, Vice-President, Administration and Finance, and Mr. James Howell, Assistant Vice-President, Property and Facilities, LSU System, provided these informational reports.

8. **Reports to the Board**

A. Health Plan Status Report (Written Report Only)
B. Report from the LSU System Diversity Initiative – Dr. Katrice A. Albert, Vice Provost, LSU, Chair, presented this report. No official Board action is required.

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9. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Chairman Chatelain 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 Mr. Gowen, seconded by Mrs. Reese, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following resolutions:

9A. Recommendation to approve amendment to the Lease Agreement for Renovations and Construction of Rural Life Museum Addition

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College that John V. Lombardi, President of the Louisiana State University System, or his designee, is authorized on behalf of and in the name of the Board of Supervisors to execute a First Amendment to Lease Agreement with the LSU Property Foundation for renovation and construction of parking area and improvement to the LSU Rural Life Museum.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that John V. Lombardi, President of the LSU System, or his designee, 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 Agreement any and all provisions and stipulations that he deems in the best interest of the Board of Supervisors.

9B. Approval of Underground Servitude for CLECO Power, LLC to provide power for the Agricultural Center’s Camp Windywood

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby authorize John V. Lombardi, President of the Louisiana State University System, or his designee, to enter into and execute an Underground Electrical Service Servitude Agreement granting CLECO Power, LLC, an underground servitude of right of way at the LSU Agricultural Center’s Camp Windywood for the purpose of re-establishing electrical service to the Old Camp Windywood, which is now incorporated into Grant Walker 4H Educational Center.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said John V. Lombardi, President, or his designee, is duly authorized by and empowered for and on behalf of and in the name of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College to include in said Electrical Service Servitude Agreement such terms and conditions that he may deem in the best interest of the Board of Supervisors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any and all lawful acts done and performed by John V. Lombardi, President of the Louisiana State University System, or his designee, on behalf of the Board of Supervisors in consideration of the authority hereby granted be, and the same are hereby ratified.
9C. Authorization of the President to approve football post-season additional compensation in accordance with existing Board Policy

WHEREAS, the Chancellor of Louisiana State University recommends that the Board authorize the President to approve additional compensation for Athletics Department personnel in accordance with the Provisions for Additional Compensation for Coaches and Athletics Department Staff that was approved by the Board on August 17, 2007.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College authorizes Dr. John V. Lombardi, LSU System President, or his designee, to approve the applicable additional compensation for the post season football game in accordance with the Provisions for Additional Compensation previously approved by the Board on August 17, 2007. (Copy of the policy on file in the Board of Supervisors Office).

9D. Recommendation to approve the establishment of the John S. McIlhenny Endowed Professorship in Nutritional Neuroscience

WHEREAS, Coypu Foundation Trust has provided funds to the Pennington Biomedical Research Foundation for the creation of an endowed professorship in nutritional neuroscience at the Pennington Biomedical Research Center; and

WHEREAS, the funds represent a substantial donation to the University, including therein specific donations totaling $180,000 to the Pennington Biomedical Research Foundation for the establishment of an endowed professorship at the Pennington Biomedical Research Center; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Endowment Trust Fund for Eminent Scholars was created by the Legislature of Louisiana in 1983 as R.S. 17:3384, providing herein for challenge grants to be awarded at the amount of $40,000 for each $60,000 of non-state monies secured in support of the professorship; and

WHEREAS, the donation of $180,000 qualifies for inclusion in the Louisiana Endowment Trust Fund for Eminent Scholars matching grants under the matching 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 John S. McIlhenny Endowed Professorship in Nutritional Neuroscience at the Pennington Biomedical Research Center.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the 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 endowed professorship.
9E. Recommendation to approve the establishment of the Bruce and Steve Simon Endowed Professorship in the College of Arts and Sciences for the Department of English at Louisiana State University Shreveport

WHEREAS, Bruce and Steve Simon have made a substantial donation to the Louisiana State University Shreveport 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 Arts and Sciences for the Department of English at Louisiana State University Shreveport; and

WHEREAS, the Bruce and Steve Simon Endowed Professorship in the College of Arts and Sciences for the Department of English will provide critically needed funds annually to support and maintain a highly qualified faculty director in the Department of English; 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College hereby approves the establishment of the Bruce and Steve Simon Endowed Professorship in the College of Arts and Sciences for the Department of English at Louisiana State University Shreveport.

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.

9F. Recommendation to approve the establishment of the Ventie B. Stewart, Jr. Endowed Professorship in the College of Business, Education and Human Development for Student Teachers at Louisiana State University Shreveport

WHEREAS, the Ventie B. Stewart, Jr. estate has made a substantial donation to the Louisiana State University Shreveport 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 Business, Education and Human Development at Louisiana State University Shreveport; and

WHEREAS, the Ventie B. Stewart, Jr. Endowed Professorship in the College of Business, Education and Human Development for Student Teachers will provide critically needed funds annually to support and maintain a highly qualified faculty director in the College of Business, Education and Human Development at Louisiana State University Shreveport; 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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College hereby approves the establishment of the Ventie B. Stewart, Jr. Endowed Professorship in the College of Business, Education and Human Development for Student Teachers at Louisiana State University Shreveport.

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.

9G. Recommendation to approve the enhancement of the James K. Elrod Super Professorship in Health Administration in the College of Business, Education and Human Development at Louisiana State University Shreveport to the James K. Elrod Endowed Chair in Health Administration in the College of Business, Education and Human Development at Louisiana State University Shreveport.

WHEREAS, the James K. Elrod Super Professorship in Health Administration was established at LSUS in 2006; and

WHEREAS, the James K. Elrod Super Professorship in Health Administration was enhanced by three annual gifts of $60,000 and each of the three annual gifts received matching $40,000 funds from the Louisiana State Board of Regents Support Fund; and

WHEREAS, Willis Knighton Health System has completed the $600,000 pledge to enhance the Super Professorship to the James K. Elrod Endowed Chair in Health Administration at Louisiana State University Shreveport through a final donation of $300,000; and

WHEREAS, the Chair will provide critically needed funds annually to secure and maintain a highly qualified faculty member in the College of Business, Education and Human Development and support the Health Administration Graduate Program at Louisiana State University Shreveport; 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 $300,000 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 enhancement of any endowed Super Professorship to an endowed chair established under the matching program.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College hereby approves the enhancement of the James K. Elrod Super Professorship in Health Administration in the College of Business, Education and Human Development at Louisiana State University Shreveport to the James K. Elrod Endowed Chair in Health Administration in the College of Business, Education and Human Development at Louisiana State University Shreveport.

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.

9H. Request approval to award a posthumous degree at LSU in Shreveport

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College approves the request from Louisiana State University in Shreveport to award the Master of Liberal Arts degree to Michael A. Schwalke, II, posthumously, at commencement ceremonies on December 19, 2009.

9I. Request approval to rescind a Ph. D. degree awarded by the LSUHSC in Shreveport

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby rescind the Ph.D. degree previously awarded to Ryan Wolford, M.D., by the LSUHSC in Shreveport on August 9, 2008.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chancellor and faculty of the LSUHSC-S are authorized to take steps deemed necessary to carry out the actions of the President and Board.

9J. Request approval of a Non-Exclusive license between the LSU Agricultural Center and McHe Farms II

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College authorizes President John V. Lombardi, or his designee, to execute all documents necessary to perfect a license agreement with McHe Farms II granting to McHe Farms II a non-exclusive license to use the subject technology, the license agreement to contain such terms and conditions as the President deems to be in the best interests of the University, in a form approved by the Board’s General Counsel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the LSU System is authorized by the Board to enter into any related or ancillary agreements, contemporaneously or subsequently, that the President deems to be in the best interests of the University after review by appropriate System staff.
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9K. Request approval of an Exclusive license agreement between LSU Agricultural Center, LSU and Mystic Tackleworks, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College authorizes President John V. Lombardi, or his designee, to execute all documents necessary to perfect a license agreement with International Mystic Tackleworks, Inc. granting Mystic Tackleworks, Inc. an exclusive patent license to use the subject technology, the license agreement to contain such terms and conditions as the President deems to be in the best interests of the University, in a form approved by the Board’s General Counsel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the LSU System is authorized by the Board to enter into any related or ancillary agreements, contemporaneously or subsequently, that the President deems to be in the best interests of the University after review by appropriate System staff. This approval is made contingent upon submission and approval of PM-11 and PM-67 documents.

9L. LSUHSC in New Orleans – Finding of Acceptable University Purpose for LSU Healthcare Network Lease of Space for an LSU Health Sciences Faculty Practice Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College determines that the proposed lease between the Louisiana State University School of Medicine in New Orleans Faculty Group Practice, d/b/a the LSU Healthcare Network (LSUHN) and Touro Infirmary is for an acceptable university purpose as provided for in section 6.3 of the Uniform Affiliation Agreement, conditioned upon a finding by Dr. John V. Lombardi, the Board’s President, that the specific terms of the lease are adequate to protect LSU’s interests in this matter.

10. Committee Reports

10A. Health Care and Medical Education Committee

Dr. George, Chairman, Health Care and Medical Education Committee, reported that the Committee received the following informational report:

10A1. Status Report on Activities at the LSU Health Sciences Centers and the Health Care Services Division

Dr. Fred Cerise, Vice-President for Health Care and Medical Education, provided update reports on the following:

• Key Indicators Report Balanced Scorecard LSU Health System
• Joint Commission – Huey P. Long, Bogalusa, and Charbert Hospitals
• Our Lady of the Lake Hospital

No official Board action is required.

10B. Academic and Student Affairs, Achievement and Distinction Committee
Mrs. Reese, Chair, Academic and Student Affairs, Achievement and Distinction Committee, reported that the Committee recommends Board approval of the following:

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10B1. Request approval to change certain degree requirements and to change degree name at the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center

Chancellor Weiss, Paul M. Hebert Law Center, expressed concerns with the current system with regards to the Law Center’s goals of maintaining competitiveness and recruiting outstanding students to the law school. He, therefore, presented the following proposal to change the law curriculum to-wit:

- Eliminate requirement that all students enroll in a seventh semester in order to graduate
- Reduce number of credit hour required to graduate from 97 hours to 94 hours
- Consolidate the “Advanced Civil Law” and the “Perspectives: Legal Theory and Global Law” requirements into one and require students to take total of 15 hours in a concentration referred to as Global Comparative and Civil Law
- Change name of the Diploma in Civil Law to Diploma in Comparative Law, subject to accreditation standard

Upon motion of Mrs. Reese, seconded by Mr. Jacobs, 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 and Mechanical College does hereby authorize the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center Faculty to eliminate the requirement that all students enroll in a seventh semester in order to be eligible to graduate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center Faculty be authorized to reduce the number of credit hours required to graduate from 97 hours to 94 hours.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center Faculty, upon due consideration, be authorized to consolidate the "Advanced Civil Law" and the "Perspectives: Legal Theory and Global Law" requirements into one requirement and require students to take a total of 15 hours in a concentration referred to as Global, Comparative, and Civil Law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center be authorized to change name of the Diploma in Civil Law to a Diploma in Comparative Law, subject to any accreditation standard.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution is limited in scope, does not incorporate the Summary of the Matter, and shall not be construed to authorize the granting of course credit for activities for which course credit has not heretofore been granted or increasing course credit for any course.

10B2. Request approval of a M.S. degree in Construction Management at LSU

Upon motion of Mrs. Reese, seconded by Mr. Jacobs, 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 and Mechanical College approves the proposal to establish a M.S. in Construction Management at LSU, subject to approval by the Board of Regents.

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10C. Finance, Infrastructure, and Core Development Committee

Mr. Kimble, Chairman, Finance, Infrastructure, and Core Development, reported that the Committee received the following report:

10C1. Presentation of the Financial Report for the quarter ending September 30, 2009

Mr. John Antolik, Vice-President, Administration and Finance, provided an update on the Budget Activities. No Board action is required.

10C2. Consideration of the FY 2010-2011 Budget Request

Upon motion of Mr. Kimble, seconded by Mrs. Reese, 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 does hereby approve the proposed budget request for the year ending June 30, 2011, said request consisting of state appropriations and total funds for the campuses as shown below, based on the requests of the respective campuses, which requests are incorporated herein by reference;

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* Includes E. A. Conway Medical Center & Huey P. Long Medical Center

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board does hereby approve the proposed requests for operational or expanded need activities, based on the information provided by the respective campuses in response to the request by the higher education budget manager of the state Division of Administration, which requests are incorporated herein by reference; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that transactions included or referred to in the proposed operating budget that otherwise require Board approval are not approved by mere inclusion in the proposed operating budget; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each campus and hospital shall continue to provide quarterly financial reports for the year ending June 30, 2011, in the format set forth in the Resolution adopted by the Board on August 27, 2009.

10D. Property and Facilities Committee

Mr. Ben Mount, Chairman, Property and Facilities Committee, reported that the Committee recommends Board approval of the following:

10D1. Recommendation to approve renovation of University Center at University of New Orleans under provisions of Act 959

Upon motion of Mr. Mount, seconded by Mrs. Reese, 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 does hereby authorize John V. Lombardi, President of the Louisiana State University System, or his designee, to approve the following project and process the project through the appropriate administrative channels of review and approval, namely, the Board of Regents, the Division of Administration, Office of Facility Planning and Control, and the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget, pursuant to Act 959 of the 2003 Regular Legislative Session enacting R.S. 39:128(B)(4) as amended pursuant to Act No. 78 of the 2006 Regular Legislative Session:

University Center Renovation at the University of New Orleans- Estimated total project cost is $3,000,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said John V. Lombardi, President of the Louisiana State University System, or his designee, is duly authorized by and empowered for and on behalf of and in the name of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College to approve the plans and specifications for the proposed improvements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said John V. Lombardi, President of the Louisiana State University System, or his designee, is duly authorized by and empowered for and on behalf of and in the name of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College to take such action that he may deem in the best interest of the Board of Supervisors to process and obtain administrative approvals for this project, pursuant to R.S. 39:128(B)(4) as amended pursuant to Act 78 of the 2006 Regular Session and to approve cost increases up to 20% of the amount approved to accommodate unforeseen conditions.
10D2. Approval of the Parking Garage/Bookstore schematic design at Louisiana State University

Upon motion of Mr. Mount, seconded by Mrs. Reese, 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 does hereby acknowledge the Parking Garage/Bookstore to be constructed at Louisiana State University is in general compliance with the Campus Design Guidelines and hereby delegates the approval of the detailed plans and specifications to the Assistant Vice President and University Architect, or his designee.

10D3. Approval of the Imaging Center schematic design at Pennington Biomedical Research Center

Upon motion of Mr. Mount, seconded by Mrs. Reese, 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 does hereby acknowledge that the Imaging Center to be constructed at the Pennington Biomedical Research Center is in general compliance with the Campus Design Guidelines and hereby delegates the approval of the detailed plans and specifications to the Assistant Vice President and University Architect, or his designee.


Mr. Jim Howell, Assistant Vice President, Property and Facilities Administration, presented this report. No official Board action is required.

10D5. Consideration of Board Authorization of Expropriation in Connection with the Academic Medical Center in New Orleans

Mr. Lamonica, General Counsel, LSU System, addressed this item. He advised that this resolution relates to ongoing activity in creating an Academic Medical Center in New Orleans along with the collaborative effort and integrated effort of the Veterans Administration which LSU has entered into a long standing Memorandum of Understanding. This resolution is to authorize expropriation pursuant to the laws of the State of Louisiana in the event we are unable to achieve voluntary purchases with individuals. Under the provisions of R.S. 19:41et seq., requires the Board to determine that it is necessary or usual, for the purpose in which the University was created, as more fully set forth in the resolution itself, for the purposes of the acquiring of the property for the University.

Upon motion of Mr. Mount, seconded by Mrs. Reese, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following resolution:
WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College (hereafter “LSU”) is established by Article 8, Section 7 of the Constitution of Louisiana to supervise and manage institutions under its control and authority; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has, in addition to the constitutional authority over educational programs, including medical and allied health, recognized LSU’s authority to “own and operate the hospitals” (La. R.S. 17:1519.2) within its system, including the Medical Center of Louisiana at New Orleans which included what is sometimes known as Charity Hospital in New Orleans (Charity Hospital); and

WHEREAS, the principal hospital building, often referred to as Charity Hospital, is also known as “the Reverend Avery C. Alexander Hospital”; and

WHEREAS, the Charity Hospital building was a principal training center for LSU students and residents, in addition to being a facility to provide medical services to the uninsured and underinsured in accordance with law; and

WHEREAS, due to the historic catastrophic events caused by Hurricane Katrina beginning on August 29, 2005, the activities of LSU that took place in the Charity Hospital building ceased and have not been able to be resumed in that location; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Hospital in New Orleans was located adjacent to the Charity Hospital building and historically provided a training ground for LSU medical residents, students and future allied health professionals; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Katrina also caused catastrophic damage to the VA Hospital in New Orleans which resulted in cessation of operations of the VA Hospital; and

WHEREAS, this Board has determined that there is a need and opportunity to develop a new Academic Medical Center to replace Charity Hospital as the center of training for LSU students and residents and to conduct research in alignment with its academic, educational and research mission, as well as meet the other needs of LSU and the State; and

WHEREAS, it is critically important that LSU have an affiliated Academic Medical Center at which to train its students and residents and to conduct research in alignment with its academic, educational and research mission, and to provide care for the uninsured and underinsured in accordance with law; and

WHEREAS, LSU, in accordance with its public constitutional and statutory missions and management of its public hospital system, has established the goal of creating an integrated system of healthcare and medical training throughout the State of Louisiana; and
WHEREAS, a collaborative relationship with a VA medical center located close in proximity to the new Academic Medical Center, as it historically has been, will continue to be an integral part of the healthcare training enterprise and mission, and further promotes the common goals of providing the highest quality medical service available to our veterans, both of which benefits and goals will continue to serve to advance the public mission of LSU, the State and the Nation; and

WHEREAS, the VA has historically affiliated with medical schools and academic medical centers, as the Final Report of the Blue Ribbon Panel on VA-Medical School Affiliations (Blue Ribbon Panel), a federal advisory committee chartered in 2006 at the direction of the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs, found, stating, “The enduring partnership between VA and the Nation’s academic health professions community ensures that Veterans receive the highest quality health care while providing unique educational and research opportunities for successive generations of healthcare providers. Education and research imbue VA’s entire clinical operations with a spirit of inquiry, a critical component of safe and effective health care and an irreplaceable advantage in recruiting and retaining outstanding clinicians…. VA’s affiliations with academic medical centers provide real-time access to advances in biomedical science, thereby expanding the scope and effectiveness of its own clinical care and research programs. At the same time, academic medical centers and university faculty practices have become a close and reliable source of contracted care for many VA facilities, including both primary and specialty care.” Id., at p. 5; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Ribbon Panel recommended to the VA, inter alia, that the “VA and its academic partners continue to address workforce shortages by expanding health professional training opportunities;” that the “VA and its academic partners redouble their efforts to develop new knowledge through collaborative research;” and that the “VA enhance its research facilities through new construction and renovation of existing research space and by fully exploiting opportunities to share core resources with its academic affiliates.” Id., at pp. 2-3; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the collaborative relationship with the new VA Medical Center, in close proximity to the LSU-affiliated Academic Medical Center, will foster and promote training opportunities for health professionals, address workforce shortages through such training opportunities, promote the development of new knowledge through potential collaborative research, and otherwise enhance the quality of medical care for the patients of the Academic Medical Center and the new VA Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, by locating the Academic Medical Center and the VA Medical Center in close proximity, the LSU faculty and residents can more efficiently and effectively share their highly specialized abilities and services for the benefit of both the traditional LSU patients and the veterans, thereby providing a substantial benefit to the LSU patients and to the veterans; and

WHEREAS, the VA provided direct support for nearly 30 LSU residents including clinical training and funding in excess of $1.3 million annually in the VA Hospital prior to Katrina, and plans for the location of the VA Medical Center in close proximity to the Academic Medical Center anticipate the renewal or enhancement of this arrangement; and
WHEREAS, the VA provided direct support in excess of $713,000 for professional services provided by LSU personnel at the VA Hospital prior to Katrina, and plans for the location of the VA Medical Center in close proximity to the Academic Medical Center anticipate the renewal or enhancement of this arrangement; and

WHEREAS, the VA and LSU have entered into a formal Memorandum of Understanding and have participated in collaborative planning that anticipates sharing of common major infrastructure such as an energy plant in addition to specialized clinical equipment and services, which shared services and facilities will be made feasible if the new VA Medical Center is located in close geographic proximity to the new Academic Medical Center, thus furthering and advancing the mission of LSU and the goals of the VA, the State and the Nation; and

WHEREAS, LSU and the State are independently developing and finalizing plans in accordance with Federal environmental and historic preservation laws and regulations for the construction of a new Academic Medical Center in New Orleans, Louisiana for medical education and training improvement for its students and residents and to conduct research in alignment with its academic, educational and research mission, while providing the highest quality medical service to the people of the State of Louisiana as its goal; and

WHEREAS, the VA is also independently developing and finalizing plans for a new VA Medical Center in New Orleans, Louisiana in accordance with Federal laws and regulations and which are consistent with the pertinent part of the VA’s mission of providing veterans located in New Orleans and southeastern Louisiana with high quality medical services, to serve as a vital component for the long-term recovery of medical care and services available in New Orleans and to continue to assist LSU in its mission of medical education and training for its students and residents; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article I, Section 4 of the Constitution of Louisiana, as amended, with regard to any property taken for purposes of the project described herein:

(a) Such property shall be taken for predominant use by the public and shall not be taken for predominant use by, or for transfer of ownership to, any private person or entity; and

(b) A general public right shall exist to use such property for purposes of receiving medical care, for the training of medical and allied health students, and medical residents, and to conduct research; and

(c) Such property shall be taken for purposes of continuous public ownership, including the construction of public buildings in which publicly funded services are administered, rendered or provided; and

WHEREAS, the project described in this Resolution includes the new Academic Medical Center, adjacent hospital buildings, parking facilities, offices, land, roads, rights-of-way, servitudes, infrastructure and necessary improvements, as well as the facilities necessary to treat patients and provide the latest in medical care for the citizens of Louisiana, and the VA Medical Center, adjacent hospital buildings, parking facilities, offices, land, roads, rights-of-way, servitudes, infrastructure and necessary improvements, as well as the
facilities necessary to treat patients and provide the latest in medical care for veterans, all to be located on the property consisting of all lands in the twenty-seven block area located between Tulane Avenue and Banks Street on the south; Canal Street on the north; South Claiborne Avenue on the east, and South Rocheblave Street on the west, in the First District of the City of New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana, as more fully described on the plats marked Attachment “A” (LSU facilities site) and Attachment “B” (VA facilities site) attached hereto and made a part hereof as if fully copied herein; and

WHEREAS, the location for the above-described project was chosen after due consideration of alternative locations, along with related factors including cost, long-range planning, and safety considerations; and

WHEREAS, the construction of the above-described project will be conducive to the public interest, convenience, health and safety, and will enable LSU to properly fulfill its academic mission and the functions imposed upon it by law; and

WHEREAS, the proper construction of the above-described project is dependent upon the acquisition of the property, as fixed by NBBJ, though its principal, Kim Way, ASLA, of its Columbus, Ohio office, the head of design for the LSU-affiliated Academic Medical Center and also, as part of the collaboration between LSU and the VA, the head of design for the VA Medical Center, and such other rights as may be appurtenant thereto; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and useful to take, by expropriation, including the acquisition of title prior to judgment, for public and necessary purposes and in the manner provided by law, in full ownership, the property and property rights, not otherwise acquired through voluntary purchase transactions, which are needed for the proper construction of the Academic Medical Center complex, VA Medical Center complex and related adjacent portions of the project as is more fully described on the plat marked Attachment “A” and Attachment “B” attached hereto and made a part hereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, pursuant to the authority vested in the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University A & M College (LSU) by the provisions of La. R.S. 19:1, et seq., and more particularly, La. R.S. 19:141, et. seq., the Board of Supervisors, with the concurrence of not less than two-thirds of its members, does hereby find that it is necessary and useful to the purposes for which LSU was created and exists, to the public interest, convenience, health and safety, and to enable LSU to properly fulfill its academic mission and the functions imposed upon it by law to take by expropriation, including the acquisition of title prior to judgment, and in the manner provided by law, in full ownership, any and all property described in Attachment “A” (LSU facilities site) and Attachment “B” (VA facilities site), other than such property included in those descriptions as has been acquired previously or hereafter through voluntary purchase transactions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors hereby approves and authorizes its President, (singly and/or in cooperation with the State of Louisiana, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and the City of New Orleans), to take such actions as are necessary, including, but not limited to, the filing of one or more petitions and depositing funds with the registry of the court, pursuant to the provisions of La. R.S. 19:2.1 and 19:142, to acquire said property by expropriation, and to take title prior to judgment, for purposes of the construction of the new Academic Medical Center and adjacent facilities, and the VA Medical Center and adjacent facilities in order to provide
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the property so acquired shall be for predominant use by the public and shall not be for predominant use by, or for transfer of ownership to, any private person or entity; and for a general public right of use of such property for purposes of receiving medical care, for the training of students and residents, and to conduct research; and which shall remain in continuous public ownership, including the construction of public buildings in which publicly funded services are to be administered, rendered or provided; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, pursuant to the authority vested in the Board of Supervisors of LSU, the Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize its President to designate a person to serve, and a successor to that person in the event he is unable or unwilling to serve, as the consulting engineer or other person designated for that purpose concerning the hereinabove described project pursuant to, and in compliance with, La. R.S. 19:142(2); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize its President to take all such actions and to execute such documents as are necessary and proper to carry out the purpose and intention of this Resolution.

Thus done at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, this eleventh day of December, 2009.
LSU ACADEMIC MEDICAL FACILITY

A certain tract or parcel of ground composed of Squares 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 520, 521 and 522 containing 38.17 Ac. (1,662,897 Sq. Ft.), being located in the First District of the City of New Orleans, Township 12 South, Range 11 East, Southeastern Land District, East of the Mississippi River, Orleans Parish, Louisiana, being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the intersection of the Easterly Right-of-way Line of South Galvez Street with the Southerly Right-of-way Line of Canal Street, Point also being the North West Property Corner of Square 522; said point being the Point of Beginning.

Thence South 52° 43’ 48” East, a distance of 1621.88 feet to a point and corner; thence; South 37° 18’ 32” West, a distance of 903.06 feet to a point and corner; thence; North 62° 59’ 55” West, a distance of 972.53 feet to a point and corner; thence; North 52° 43’ 48” West, a distance of 665.05 feet to a point and corner; thence; North 37° 18’ 32” East, a distance of 1076.43 feet to the Point of Beginning.
V.A. HOSPITAL

A certain tract or parcel of ground composed of Squares 523, 524, 525, 526, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, and 556 containing 28.89 Ac. (1,258,750 Sq. Ft.), being located in the First District of the City of New Orleans, Township 12 South, Range 11 East, Southeastern Land District, East of the Mississippi River, Orleans Parish, Louisiana, being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the intersection of the Easterly Right-of-way Line of S. Rocheblave Street with the Southerly Right-of-way Line of Canal Street, Point also being the North West Property Corner of Block 553; said point being the Point of Beginning.

Thence South 52° 43' 48" East, a distance of 962.94 feet to a point and corner; thence; South 37° 18' 32" West, a distance of 1,220.01 feet to a point and corner; thence; North 62° 54' 50" West, a distance of 978.66 feet to a point and corner; thence; North 37° 18' 32" East, a distance of 1394.48 feet to the Point of Beginning.
10E. **Athletic Committee**

After considerable discussion, the Board authorized Chancellor Ryan, University of New Orleans, to notify the Sun Belt Conference of its intent to withdraw from the NCAA’s Division I to Division III to avoid a $500,000 fine. In accordance with said authorization, Chancellor Ryan is required to develop an inclusive and comprehensive plan justifying the Division III move. As stipulated by Mr. Lamonica, General Counsel, LSU System, the Board is accepting, without action, exception as set forth herein, the recommendations relating to the UNO Inter-Collegiate Program and authorized the Chancellor upon concurrence of the President to notify the current Athletic Conference of its intent to withdraw. It further directs that the Chancellor shall develop a process for the transition that includes appropriate consultation with campus and community constituencies in order to develop a comprehensive plan to modify the Inter-Collegiate Athletic Program Structure for UNO justifying the Division III action which must be presented for Board consideration and approval prior to May 15, 2010.

Mr. Jacobs, Chairman, Athletic Committee, reported that Committee recommends Board approval.

10E1. **Resolution by the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College Relating to the UNO Intercollegiate Athletics Program**

Upon motion of Mr. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Kimble, the Board, with the exception of Mr. Sternberg who voted against the motion, approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Chancellor of the University of New Orleans (UNO) has made a report to the President and Board concerning the intercollegiate athletics program at UNO recommending certain actions relating to such program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College that it accepts, without action except as set forth herein, the recommendations relating to the UNO intercollegiate athletic program, and authorizes the Chancellor, upon concurrence of the President, to notify the current athletic conference of the intent to withdraw.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chancellor develop a process for the transition that includes appropriate consultation with campus and community constituencies, and develop a comprehensive plan to modify the intercollegiate athletic program structure for UNO, such plan to include:

1. The timetable for the expected decisions;
2. The benchmark financial indicators required for sustaining the alternative structure;
3. The measures to be adopted by the campus to ensure the financial viability of any proposed alternative; and
4. A complete five-year budget plan that identifies the sources and uses of funds for the intercollegiate athletics program as well as the measures taken to address the accumulated deficit from such program.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that once the comprehensive plan has been developed by the chancellor submitted to and reviewed by the LSU System staff, the President may recommend that the plan, or any portion of the plan, with such amendments as he deems appropriate, be approved by the Board;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the board chair determines that final action on the plan, or any portion of the plan, is required prior to the next regular meeting of the Board, the Executive Committee is expressly granted authority to approve the plan, provided that each member of the Board be provided a copy of the agenda and related documents at least 72 hours prior to the Executive Committee meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the Board or Executive Committee approves the plan or any portion of the plan, the Chancellor of UNO will proceed to implement the plan, or the approved portions of the plan, and the Chancellor shall provide the President with frequent and regular updates on the status of the plan’s implementation, and the President will report periodically to the Board on the campus’ progress.

11. Recommendations for Honorary Degrees

Upon motion of Mrs. Reese, seconded by Mr. Mount, the Board voted unanimously to award the following Honorary Degrees:

11A. Recommendation to award an Honorary Degree to Dr. Allen Anthony Copping

WHEREAS, Dr. Allen Anthony Copping was born in New Orleans, Louisiana on February 11, 1927, educated in the public school system, and guided during his formative years by his devoted parents, Allen J. and Marie B. Copping; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Allen A. Copping attended Loyola University of New Orleans, where he earned the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1949; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Allen A. Copping joined the United States Navy following graduation and served his country with distinction during the Korean Conflict; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Allen A. Copping returned to New Orleans after his discharge from the U.S. Navy and began a very successful dental practice that included membership on the faculty at the Loyola University School of Dentistry, various leadership positions in the New Orleans Dental Association, and special awards from numerous national and international dental organizations; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 1968, Dr. Allen A. Copping joined the faculty at the newly created LSU School of Dentistry as a Clinical Associate Professor of Crown and Bridge; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Allen A. Copping was instrumental in the development of the LSU School of Dentistry and served in several important administrative positions, which included the Director of Continuing Education and Associate Dean; and

WHEREAS, on April 6, 1974, Dr. Allen A. Copping was appointed as the second Dean of the LSU School of Dentistry; and
WHEREAS, on June 13, 1974, the LSU Board of Supervisors called upon Dr. Allen A. Copping to serve as the third Chancellor of the LSU Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Allen A. Copping served the LSU Medical Center with great distinction for the next eleven years and helped initiate a remarkable expansion in both curricular offerings and physical facilities at the Center; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 1985, Dr. Allen A. Copping became the third President of the LSU System and was the first New Orleanian and the first health scientist to hold the position; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Allen A. Copping has earned the respect of the health professions community in Louisiana through his leadership throughout his career; and

WHEREAS, individuals who have made substantial contributions to the development of the Louisiana State University System should be given special consideration for nomination to an honorary degree.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at New Orleans is pleased to confer the degree Doctor of Dental Surgery, Honoris Causa to Allen A. Copping, D.D.S.

11B. Recommendation to award an Honorary Degree to Mr. Frank W. Harrison, Jr.

WHEREAS, Mr. Frank W. Harrison, Jr. has a long and distinguished record of good and faithful service to his community, his family, the State of Louisiana, and more especially, his University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harrison has made a substantial contribution to Petroleum Geology; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harrison received his Bachelor of Science degree in Petroleum Geology from Louisiana State University in 1950. Following his tour of duty in Korea, Mr. Harrison worked as an oil scout in New Orleans, where he conducted subsurface studies along the Louisiana coast. He then relocated to Lafayette, Louisiana to serve as the district geologist for TransTex Drilling Company until he decided to become an independent oil and gas operator and geological consultant in 1959. He formed several companies, including Optimistic Oil Company in 1981, an exploration company that develops prospects, raises operating capital and drills wells, an endeavor which is still thriving today; and

WHEREAS, throughout this career, Mr. Harrison has been called upon by the State Conservation Commissioner as an expert witness on regulatory unitization issues. In addition, he has served in the highest leadership positions in local, national and international geological organizations including the Lafayette Geological Society, the Gulf Coast Association of Geological Societies (GCAGS) and the American Association of Petroleum Geologist (AAPG); and
WHEREAS, Mr. Harrison has been a loyal and committed alumnus of LSU, serving as a member of the LSU Foundation’s Board of Directors in 1987 and from 1999-2005. In 1985, Mr. Harrison received the title of Alumnus of the Year from the LSU Alumni Association, Lafayette Chapter. He was among the inaugural group of individuals inducted into the College of Basic Sciences Hall of Distinction and was inducted into the Kappa Sigma Hall of Honor in 2005. Mr. Harrison is also a member of the LSU Foundation Laureate Society at the R. Olivia Davis Laureate level ($250,000 - $500,000); and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harrison is committed to LSU’s success and has shown such dedication through not only personal philanthropy but also relaying the importance of philanthropy to others. He is an ardent supporter of LSU, and there has been no greater advocate of the Department of Geology and Geophysics. As one of the first professorship donors in the College of Basic Sciences, Mr. Harrison’s actions have inspired many others to follow his lead. In 2000, he became chair of the campaign to renovate and endow the Geology Field Camp. For over eight years, he worked tirelessly on behalf of the camp. Mr. Harrison’s efforts and generosity have paved the way for others to contribute to this LSU landmark. In 2008, Basic Sciences celebrated the camp’s 80th anniversary and the completion of the campaign to secure its future. During Frank Harrison’s chairmanship, more than $6 million was pledged to benefit the camp; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harrison conclusively demonstrates a standard of excellence and a deep affection for his alma mater as a role model for LSU students and a source of pride and honor for the university and the state; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the Flagship University recognize Mr. Harrison and acknowledge his distinguished record of achievement and his extensive contributions to LSU by bestowing its highest honor upon him; and

WHEREAS, the University Committee on Honorary Degrees at LSU unanimously recommends that Mr. Harrison be awarded an honorary degree; and

WHEREAS, the LSU System Committee on Awarding Honorary Degrees, the System President and 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 authorize and award the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters honoris causa to Mr. Frank W. Harrison, Jr., to be awarded at the next University Commencement.

11C. Recommendation to award an Honorary Degree to Mr. Mose Allison

WHEREAS, Mose Allison has made extraordinary contributions as a singer songwriter to contemporary jazz and blues. Mr. Allison's career as a jazz musician began in the mid-1950s in New York where his insightful lyrics, silky voice, and understated piano accompaniment won artistic respect among critics and musicians. During his long career, he has performed in the most important jazz venues throughout the United States, and his album catalog lists over 55 albums and compilations, including more than 240 songs; and
WHEREAS, Mr. Allison graduated from LSU in 1952 with a double major in English and Philosophy. Mr. Allison’s intellectual approach to the jazz idiom has earned him the respectful moniker: “the William Faulkner of Jazz;” and

WHEREAS, the love of poetry and the meditative bent that led him to his majors at LSU are manifest in song lyrics that, despite their deceptive simplicity, surprise and delight the listener with dramatic and tragic-comic irony. According to The Village Voice, “For over thirty years this premier songwriter, singer and pianist has stared down the oncoming doom, peppering his idiosyncratic blend of jazz and blues with mordant wit and unflinching honesty;” and

WHEREAS, Mr. Allison has had a profound influence on the current generation of blues/pop musicians. Some of the most prestigious names among jazz and popular performers (The Who, Bonnie Raitt, Bill Wyman, Leon Russell, Van Morrison, and Elvis Costello) have recorded his songs. Mr. Allison continues to perform at such important venues as Blues Alley in Washington, DC, Jazz Showcase in Chicago, IL, Blind Willie’s in Atlanta, GA; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mose Allison conclusively demonstrates a standard of excellence and a deep affection for his alma mater for which he is a role model for LSU students and a source of pride and honor for the university and the state; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the Flagship University recognize Mr. Mose Allison and acknowledge his distinguished record of achievement by bestowing its highest honor upon him; and

WHEREAS, the University Committee on Honorary Degrees at LSU unanimously recommends that Mr. Mose Allison be awarded an honorary degree; and

WHEREAS, the LSU System Committee on Awarding Honorary Degrees, the System President and 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 does hereby authorize and award the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters honoris causa to Mr. Mose Allison, to be awarded at the next University Commencement.

12. Chairman’s Report

Chairman Chatelain announced that the Audit Committee would convene in the President’s Conference Room upon adjournment.

13. Adjournment

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

Carleen N. Smith
Administrative Secretary