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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mr. James Williams, Chairman, called to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College in the Board Room of the University Administration Building at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge on September 13, 2019.

The office administrator called the roll.

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

Absent:
There were no absent Board members.

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

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Alan “Kenny” Lee, a biochemistry senior, led the Pledge of Allegiance.
August Simien, a junior majoring in philosophy, delivered the invocation.
Both students delivered remarks about their experience as LSU students.

3. Public Comment

There was one individual registered for public comment. This individual was granted special permission to make remarks regarding a topic not on the meeting agenda.
Trent Angers remarked the basketball court at the Pete Maravich Assembly Center should be named after legendary LSU basketball coach, Dale Brown.

Motion from Mr. Armentor to ask the LSU Naming Committee to reexamine the item of naming the basketball court in honoring Dale Brown, and report back to the Board Chair in order to make a recommendation if the item should be added to the October Board meeting agenda. Motion was seconded by Mr. Yarborough.

Dr. Kim Hunter Reed, Commissioner of Higher Education, provided remarks to the Board.

4. **Committee Meetings**

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

4.A. **Academic & Research Committee**

4.A.1. Request from Pennington Biomedical for Expansion of Mission to Include Treatment of Patients

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the request from Pennington Biomedical Research Center to expand its mission to include the treatment of patients, which will include the billing of third party insurance and government insurance programs.

4.A.2. Request from LSU A&M, Eunice, and Shreveport to Approve the Proposed Action Plans for Student Success in Gateway Courses

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the LSU Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the Action Plans for Student Success in Gateway Courses for LSU A&M, LSU Eunice, and LSU Shreveport.

4.A.3. Request from LSU Health Sciences Center – Shreveport to Establish the Doctorate of Philosophy in Rehabilitation Science

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the request to establish a Doctorate of Philosophy in Rehabilitation Science at LSU Health Sciences Center - Shreveport, subject to approval by the Louisiana Board of Regents.

4.A.4. Request from LSU Alexandria for a Letter of Intent for a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

Upon motion by Mr. Chatelain, seconded by Mr. Brazzel, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the following resolution:
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the Letter of Intent to develop a proposal for a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science at LSU Alexandria, subject to approval by the Louisiana Board of Regents.

4.A.5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Request from LSU A&M to Name the Eastman Interdisciplinary Study Area
B. Request from LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans to Reconfigure the Kenneth Ardoin/Pfizer Superchair into Two Distinct Endowed Chairs
C. Request from LSU Eunice to Establish an Endowed Scholarship for Two-Year Workforce Scholarship

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the LSU Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the request from LSU A&M to name the student lounge areas in Room 1228 Patrick F. Taylor Hall the “Eastman Interdisciplinary Study Area”.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby approve the request from LSU Health Sciences- New Orleans to reconfigure the Kenneth Ardoin/Pfizer Superchair in Basic Cardiovascular Research into two chairs:

1. Kenneth Ardoin/Pfizer Chair in Translational Biomedical Research
2. Kenneth Ardoin/Pfizer Chair in Basic Cardiovascular Research

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby approve the request from LSU Eunice to establish the Crowley Rotary Club Endowed Scholarship; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President, as may be appropriate, is hereby authorized and directed to execute any documents required to obtain the matching gift and otherwise complete the establishment of the Crowley Rotary Club Endowed Scholarship.

4.B. Finance Committee

4.B.1. Request to Implement the LSU Supplier Diversity Program as a University Policy

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College (the "Board") affirms the goals and objectives of the Supplier Diversity Program (“Program”) as wholly congruent with the values of the University and has determined that it should be University-wide policy (“Policy”); and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board directs F. King Alexander, in his capacity as President of LSU, to implement the Program as Policy, and to take such steps as necessary to ensure its effective implementation at each LSU campus and entity; and,
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board directs F. King Alexander, in his capacity as President of LSU, or his designee, to provide the Board with quarterly status reports on the Program.

4.B.2. Recommendation to Approve the FY 2019-2020 Operating Budget

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College does hereby approve the operating budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, providing:

(a) Final approval and commitment authorization of funds for unrestricted educational and general, medical, and related expenses in the amount of $1,059,809,225 for the campuses shown below.

LSU A&M
LSU Agricultural Center
LSU Alexandria
LSU Eunice
LSU Shreveport
LSU Health Sciences Center, New Orleans
LSU Health Sciences Center, Shreveport
LSU Pennington Biomedical Research Center
The Hospital and Central Office of the LSU Health Care Services Division

(b) Commitment authorizations for auxiliary enterprises, grants and contracts, and other restricted funds estimated to be $1,506,811,653.

(c) Transactions included or referred to in the operating budget that otherwise require Board approval are not approved by mere inclusion in the operating budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each campus shall prepare a semi-annual financial report that is in accordance with a format approved by the President. The format of the report will include the following:

1. Budget and actual for unrestricted revenues by source of funds
2. Actual for unrestricted expenditures by object and by function
3. Beginning account balances and actual revenues and expenditures/transfers for restricted operations
4. Any significant changes in the budget that should be brought to the attention of the President and Board
5. An explanation of any significant reduction in anticipated revenues or significant increase in expenditures

Any subsequent modification to the reporting format will be approved by the President with notification to the Board.

4.B.3. Request from LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans for Authorization to Waive Charges related to Interest and Late Fees for a Limited Number of Prior Students whose Student Loans were not Judiciously Billed and which Involves Several Prior Years

Upon motion by Mr. Moore, seconded by Ms. Werner, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the following resolution:
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby authorize F. King Alexander, President of the Louisiana State University, or his designee, to waive past due interest and/or late fees due from prior students on a case-by-case basis, up to a cumulative amount not to exceed $100,000, related to a limited number of campus-based student loans in repayment that were not judiciously billed primarily between 2001 and 2018 and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that F. King Alexander, President of the Louisiana State University, or his designee is duly authorized to reimburse prior students on a case-by-case basis who paid past due interest and/or late fees and to reimburse the respective lending programs as required for any past due interest and/or late fees that is waived on a case-by-case basis, up to a cumulative amount not to exceed $100,000 and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that F. King Alexander, President of the Louisiana State University, 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 implement these waivers and/or process reimbursements to students or lending programs for past due interest and/or late fees which will result in no expectation of revenue recognition or collection from said prior students.

4.B.4. Request from LSU Shreveport to Authorize Scholarships for Student Government Association Executive Council

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College does hereby authorize President F King Alexander or his designee to allow LSU Shreveport to offer scholarships to each member of the Executive Council of the Student Government Association of LSU Shreveport in the amount of $1,600 per semester term, excluding the summer semesters for a total of $3,200 per academic year.

4.B.5. Request from LSU Shreveport to Increase the Total Scholarships Awarded per Athletic Team by $15,000

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College does hereby authorize President F King Alexander or his designee to allow LSU Shreveport to increase the Athletic Scholarship offerings for each of its athletic teams: Men & Women’s Basketball, Men and Women’s Soccer, Baseball, and Tennis, by $15,000 per team per academic year to be paid out of the Athletic Auxiliary Budget

4.B.6. Request from LSU Shreveport to Authorize a Change to Institutionally Funded Scholarships for First-Time Freshmen

Upon motion by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Brown, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the following resolution:
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College does hereby authorize President F King Alexander or his designee to allow LSU Shreveport to lower the requirements for the Shreveport Scholarship from a 24 ACT to a 22 ACT with no additional changes to the required grade point average.

4.B.7. Request from LSU Shreveport to Authorize Partial Tuition Waivers for Students Exhibiting Financial Need

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College does hereby authorize President F King Alexander or his designee to allow LSU Shreveport to waive remaining tuition dollars after all institutional and federal aid has been calculated for students who show need as per the federal guidelines.

4.B.8. Request by LSU First Health Plan to Establish a Date for Prohibition of Certain Prescriptions

This item was withdrawn from the Finance Committee agenda by the committee chair, Mr. Chatelain.

4.C. Athletics Committee

4.C.1. Request from LSUE to Approve Employment Contract for Jaime Gonzales, Head Coach Women's Basketball

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

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

4.C.2. Request from LSUE to Approve Employment Contract for Meghan Collins, Head Softball Coach

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

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

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

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

4.D. **Property and Facilities Committee**

4.D.1. **KPMG Update on the University Operations and Facilities Assessment**

The midstream update was presented by Dan Feitelberg, Principal of Higher Ed Practice.

4.D.2. **Request for Approval of the FY 2020-21 Five-Year Capital Outlay Budget Request and First Year Prioritized Categories for Louisiana State University**

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College that the following list of projects to be submitted to the Division of Administration in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 39:101 et seq. and first year prioritized project categories are approved and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that F. King Alexander, Louisiana State University President, be and he is hereby authorized to make adjustments as necessary in this request as circumstances dictate, including technical corrections, increasing or decreasing the amount requested for individual projects by not more than twenty percent (20%) of the amount approved in this resolution, combining or renaming projects and/or changing sources of funds and to add self-generated projects with individual project costs of less than $1 million without further approval by the Board, provided, however, that such project additions be reported to the Board.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that transactions included or referred to in the capital outlay request that otherwise require Board approval are not approved by inclusion in the capital outlay request per Article VII, Section 2.A of the Bylaws.

4.D.3. **Request from LSU Shreveport for Approval for the LSU Real Estate and Facilities Foundation to Acquire Existing On-Campus Housing**

A motion was made by Mr. Brown, and it was seconded. The committee voted unanimously to approve the following resolution:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College (the "Board") authorizes F. King Alexander, in his capacity as President of LSU, to authorize, approve, and consent to the transfer of the LSU-Shreveport student housing complex known as University Court Apartments (the "Facilities") from Campus Living Villages to LSU Real Estate and Facilities Foundation ("REFF") or a special purpose entity created by it, and to include in such authorizations, approvals, and consents such terms and conditions as he deems to be in the best interests of LSU; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorizes F. King Alexander, in his capacity as President of LSU, to execute and deliver a new ground lease, facilities lease, operating agreements, and other related agreements with REFF as necessary or appropriate for the operation and maintenance of the Facilities, with the understanding that such agreements will result in LSU-Shreveport becoming liable to make lease payments which will be used for the outstanding debt service payments on the existing loans related to the Facilities, and a new loan to be obtained by REFF for necessary capital repairs and improvements, and to include in such leases, loans, and other agreements such terms and conditions as he deems to be in the best interests of LSU; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorizes counsel to the Board to make application to the Louisiana State Bond Commission on behalf of the Board for the approval of the facilities lease;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board, pursuant to the Uniform Affiliation Agreement between it and REFF, finds an acceptable University purpose for REFF to: (1) acquire the Facilities, (2) to enter into a new or amended ground lease, facilities lease, operating agreements, and any related or ancillary contracts and agreements reasonably necessary, and (3) to borrow additional sums to provide for renovations to the Facilities and legal, due diligence, and other costs associated with the acquisition; provided that the total amount borrowed by REFF to accomplish the transactions described herein shall not exceed $5.5 million; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any reference herein to REFF shall include any special purpose entity formed and controlled by REFF for the purpose of furthering this transaction.

4.D.4. Request from LSU A&M to Accept a Donation of Land for the Rural Life Museum

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College hereby authorizes Dr. F. King Alexander, President of Louisiana State University, or his designee to accept the donation of land from the Burden Foundation as described herein, with the act of donation to contain such terms and conditions as he, in consultation with the General Counsel, deem to be in the best interests of LSU.

4.D.5. Request from LSU AgCenter to Approve a First Amendment to Ground Lease Agreement for Solar Energy Generation and a Servitude Agreement related thereto at Southeast Research Station, Washington Parish, Franklinton, Louisiana

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby authorize F. King Alexander, President of Louisiana State University, or his designee, to execute a First Amendment to Ground Lease Agreement for Solar Energy Generation, a Servitude and Right-of-Way Agreement and Letter Agreement for Substation Servitude each being between the LSU Board of Supervisors and Iris Solar, LLC.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that F. King Alexander, President of Louisiana State University, or his designee, is authorized by and empowered for and on behalf of and in the name of the LSU Board of Supervisors, in consultation with General Counsel, to include in the First Amendment to Ground Lease for Generation of Solar Energy, in the Servitude and Right-of-Way Agreement and in the Letter Agreement for Substation Servitude any and all provisions and stipulations that he may deem to be in the best interest of the LSU Board of Supervisors, and any such documents executed by F. King Alexander or his designee, shall conclusively be deemed as duly authorized by and acts of the LSU Board of Supervisors.

4.D.6. Request from LSU AgCenter and LSU A&M to Approve an ExxonMobil Pipeline Right of Way Iberville and East Baton Rouge Parishes, Louisiana

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College hereby authorizes Dr. F. King Alexander, President of Louisiana State University, or his designee to execute one or more servitude agreements as described herein with ExxonMobil Pipeline Company, with the agreements to contain such terms and conditions as he, in consultation with the General Counsel, deem to be in LSU’s best interests.

4.D.7. Request from LSU Agricultural Center to Approve a Lease of Mississippi Batture Property Central Research Station, East Baton Rouge Parish, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Upon motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Yarborough, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the following resolution. The lease terms are subject to Board approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby authorize F. King Alexander, President, Louisiana State University System, to execute lease agreement(s) with highest responsive and responsible bidder(s) for the purpose of generating revenue for the LSU AgCenter to be utilized to address budget issues and/or supplement other priority programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that F. King Alexander, President, Louisiana State University System, or his designee, be hereby authorized by and empowered for and on behalf of and in the name of the Board of Supervisors, in consultation with General Counsel, to include in the lease any and all provisions and stipulations that he deems in the best interest of the Board of Supervisors.

4.D.8. Request from LSU A&M to Authorize the Board of Supervisors to Enter into a Mitigation Banking Contract with Spanish Lake Restoration, LLC

Presentation of data presented by Hampton Grunewald of the LSU AgCenter.

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby authorize Dr. F. King Alexander, President of the Louisiana State University, or his designee, acting on behalf and in the name of the Board, and in consultation with general counsel, to execute an agreement with Spanish Lake
Restoration, LLC as determined by a competitive bid and evaluation process, with all such agreements and documents as well as any subsequent amendments thereto, to contain the terms and conditions, that the President deems to be in the best interest of LSU.

4.D.9. Request from LSU AgCenter to Authorize the Board of Supervisors to Enter into a Contract with Bring the Wall to our Veterans, Inc. to Develop a Veterans Memorial Area in Washington Parish, Louisiana

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby authorize Dr. F. King Alexander, President of the Louisiana State University, or his designee, acting on behalf and in the name of the Board, and in consultation with general counsel, to execute an agreement with Bring the Wall to our Veterans, Inc. to Develop a Veterans Memorial Area in Washington Parish, Louisiana, with all such agreements and documents as well as any subsequent amendments thereto, to contain the terms and conditions, that the President deems to be in the best interest of LSU.

4.E. Affiliated Organization Oversight Committee

4.E.1. Discussion on Proposed Uniform Affiliated Agreement

Motion at the previous meeting on August 2 by Mr. Brown was passed to table discussion of the amendments to the uniform affiliate agreement. The committee chair, Mr. Starns called for a motion to remove the item from the table. Moved by Mr. Mallett, seconded by Mr. Yarborough.

Mr. Starns reported the status of the agreement will be an ongoing discussion for now, as the committee continues to meet with foundations and other interested parties and affiliates. It is suggested that the approval process will conclude at a future full Board meeting.

4.F. Ad Hoc Committee on Revenue


Committee chair, Mr. Blossman, reported the administration and Athletics have proposed a solution for the short term to address the issue of not increasing student fees. He recommended the incoming Chair to continue the mission of the Ad Hoc Committee, as he believes there are revenue sources that could assist with a long term solution.

4.G. Healthcare and Medical Education Committee

4.G.1. Update on the Joint Venture Agreement between LSU Health Shreveport and Ochsner Health System

Presentation of data presented by Dr. Ghali Ghali, LSUHSC Shreveport Chancellor and Mr. Chuck Daigle, Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport CEO.

4.H. Legal Committee

4.H.1. Request to Authorize the President to Enter Litigation
The Board entered into executive session by motion from Ms. Werner, seconded by Mr. Brazzel.

Unanimous vote to end executive session. Motion to authorize the President to enter litigation by Ms. Werner, seconded by Mr. Armentor.

4.I. Audit Committee
The Audit Committee of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College was called to order in Conference Room 112 of the University Administration Building at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge on September 13, 2019.

The roll called was recorded:

Mr. Lee Mallet, Chair
Ms. Mary L Werner, Vice Chair
Mr. Ronnie Anderson
Mr. Jay Blossman
Mr. Blake Chatelain
Mr. James W Moore, Jr
Mr. Jimmie M Woods
Mr. Rémy Voisin Starns

Also attending the meeting were Supervisors Mr. Brown, Mr. Dampf, Ms. Jones, and Mr. Yarborough. General Counsel Tom Skinner, Chad Brackin, and Dan Layzell were also in attendance.

Mr. Skinner provided a short summary of the hearing of the Legislative Auditor Advisory Council on the matter of the Louisiana Health Information Technology foundation which occurred on Sept. 12, 2019.

4.I.1. 4th Quarter Audit Summary
Mr. Chad Brackin presented the summary.

4.I.2. FY2019 Internal Audit Annual Report
Mr. Chad Brackin presented the annual report.

4.I.3. Revised Internal Audit Charter

As the item was being introduced, Mr. Williams, Mr. Perry, Mr. Armentor, and President Alexander entered the meeting. Brackin provided the overview. Upon question about the role of the Audit Committee and the President, Brackin offered a description of the proposed amendments explaining that “functional” meant substantive matters and “administrative” mean routine administrative approvals.

In general discussion, it was indicated that simultaneous information on significant audit issues should be distributed to the Audit Chair, Board Chair, and President simultaneously except when there is perceived misconduct by a senior administrative official. It was also agreed that compensation of the chief auditor should be established by the Board in consultation with the President.
Mr. Starns made a motion to adopt the discussed changes to the proposed audit charter to apply to the “LSU universe,” and Mr. Blossman seconded the motion, which was adopted without objection.

Subsequent to the meeting, the amendments were reduced to writing and distributed to the Board prior to a vote to adopt the resolution. The Audit Charter as approved is entered into the minutes.

ATTACHMENT: Revised Draft of Audit Charter

Motion by Mr. Mallett to adjourn was adopted without objection.

5. Reconvene Board Meeting

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

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

Absent:
There were no absent Board members.

6. Approval of the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on June 28, 2019

Upon motion by Mr. Yarborough, seconded by Mr. Chatelain, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the Board meeting held on June 28, 2019.

7. Chair’s Report

Mr. Williams expressed his sincerest appreciation to various individuals.

Mr. Williams congratulated the 4-H shooting sports team on their national title.

Mr. Williams shared a letter from one of his scholarship recipients.
Mr. Williams recounted a review of his year as Chairman.

8. Election of Chair-Elect for 2019-2020 and Administration of Oath

The Chairman called for nominations for Chair-Elect. Mr. Brown nominated Mr. Dampf for the position. His nomination was seconded by Mr. Mallett. There were no other nominations. Motion by Mr. Armentor to close nomination and seconded by Mr. Chatelain. With no objection, Mr. Dampf was pronounced as the 2019-2020 Chair-Elect.

Mr. Dampf was administered the Oath of Office by Mr. Armentor.

9. Oath of Office for Board Chair for 2019-2020

Chief Judge Ulysses Gene Thibodaux of the Louisiana 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Mary Werner.

Ms. Werner presented a resolution to Mr. Williams for his service as the 2018-2019 Chair.

The Board voted unanimously to approve the following resolution.

WHEREAS, James M. Williams assumed the chairmanship of the Louisiana State University Board of Supervisors in September 2018, making him the first African American alumnus of LSU to serve as the chair of the LSU Board; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams demonstrated his commitment to the recruitment of qualified students who may have been overlooked by traditional measures and those who may have higher financial barriers, but who are capable of university level work; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams oversaw both the enrollment and graduation of record-breaking classes in terms of number, diversity and academic achievement during his time as chair;

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams ensured that LSU’s interests were served by expanding the pool of qualified vendors and contractors, thus initiating the diversity supplier program and garnering the support of his Board colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams presided over the Board during a time that saw the approval of numerous publicly and privately funded projects that helped campus communities across the state, and allowed the initial developmental concepts of the Big Charity Redevelopment with the hopes of reviving an integral part of New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams sought to connect LSU to communities that it had never engaged before, most notably the Krewe of Zulu Mardi Gras Parade, which served as a strong indicator that LSU wants to be a part of New Orleans culture; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams oversaw the reconfiguration of the LSU Health Sciences Center Shreveport’s hospital partnerships in Shreveport and Monroe with the mission of improving education for health professionals and patient care for citizens in those areas; and
WHEREAS, Mr. Williams chaired the Board during the public launch of the Fierce for the Future Capital Campaign, LSU’s first university-wide fundraising campaign, and having an ambitious goal of raising $1.5 billion across all campuses; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams believed that the higher education boards should work more collaboratively and sought to build personal ties and connections to members of other boards; and,

WHEREAS, it will never be accurately recorded or estimated the number of hours Mr. Williams gave of his personal time and attentions for the benefit of the university on a broad range of matters; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Mr. Williams’ colleagues on the LSU Board of Supervisors wish to thank him for his leadership, service, time, dedication, and talents to serve Louisiana State University;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, LSU is grateful to Elizabeth and their children for their sacrifice of Mr. Williams’ time to serve our grateful university.

10. Committee Reports

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

11. Personnel Actions Requiring Board Approval

Ms. Werner asked to move into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Motion by Mr. Yarborough, seconded by Mr. Moore.

Motion by Mr. Moore to end executive session. Seconded by Mr. Yarborough.

Motion to approve personnel action by Mr. Yarborough and seconded by Mr. Anderson.

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

Ashley Gautreaux, HR Director of the LSU AgCenter and newly-appointed Chairperson for the Staff Advisory Committee, delivered the staff report. Dr. John Vanchiere, of the LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport, delivered the report for the Faculty Advisors.

13. President’s Report

Dr. Alexander reported LSU’s enrollment has now surpassed 50,000. He thanked the chancellors for their leadership.

Dr. Alexander reported on the “Fierce for the Future” campaign benchmarks and campus fundraising initiatives.

Dr. Alexander reported the administration plans to phase out the Excellence Fee for graduate students over the next two years.

Dr. Alexander reported on the impact of the LIGO Research.
Dr. Alexander reported on the salary of LSU graduates, which is ranked nationally among flagship universities.

14. Reports to the Board

Upon motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following reports to the Board:

1. 4th Quarter Informational Board Report
2. FY19 4th Quarter Consolidated Investment Report
3. FY19 Semi-Annual Financial Report for the period ending June 30, 2019

Upon motion of Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Yarborough, the Board voted unanimously to amend the Board meeting dates.

1. Revised 2019-20 Board Meeting Dates

15. Adjournment

Ms. Werner asked for a motion to adjourn with no further business before the Board.

Upon motion by Mr. Brazzel, seconded by Mr. Yarborough, the meeting was adjourned.