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FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

August 26, 2009

The Facilities and Property Committee met on Wednesday, August 26, 2009, at 2:25 p.m. in the Louisiana Purchase Room of the Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair W. Clinton Rasberry called the meeting to order. The roll was called and a quorum was established.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Roland M. Toups
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STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Rich Griswold
Louise Moore

GUESTS PRESENT

College Begins in Preschool

Appendix A

AMENDMENT OF THE AGENDA

Staff requested that the agenda be amended to permit consideration of a request by the University of Louisiana for two emergency situations that warrant prompt attention and which, because of meeting schedules, would be adversely affected by awaiting the normal procedure. The request was approved.

REQUEST TO SEEK FUNDING FROM THE INTERIM EMERGENCY BOARD

The University of Louisiana System has requested approval to seek funding from the Interim Emergency Board to provide for the correction of a brick failure at the University of Louisiana in Lafayette Cajun Field. The brick, which runs the length of the east stands on the exterior of the stadium, and which serves the primary purpose of providing aesthetic appeal to the structure, was evidently caused to fall by negative wind pressure. One of sixteen similar sections fell. Fortunately, there were no injuries. Upon examination, it was found that the brick ties were insufficient and deteriorated, permitting separation from the concrete masonry wall behind. The section that fell would be replaced if funding is realized. The remaining fifteen sections would be corrected in place by reinforcing the brick ledge and drilling through the brick to provide a solid connection to the backing. Total cost of the project is estimated at \$310,000.

After discussion,

On motion of Regent Durbin, seconded by Regent Stelly, the Facilities and Property Committee unanimously recommends that the Board of Regents approve the ULS request to seek funding from the Interim Emergency Board in the amount of \$310,000 to correct the brick failure at the University of Louisiana in Lafayette Cajun Field. This action is contingent upon similar action by the University of Louisiana System at its upcoming meeting.

The University of Louisiana System also request approval to seek funding from the Interim Emergency Board to begin the process of responding to the potential of United States Department of Justice litigation against McNeese State University relative to ADA compliance. The amount of the request is \$2,000,000. Dr. Jeanne Daboval, Provost/Vice President at McNeese State University, Dr. Nick Bruno, Vice President for Finance, and Ms. Kay Kirkpatrick, General Counsel for the University of Louisiana System, and Connie Koury, General Counsel for the Board of Regents provided answers to questions from the Committee. The questions focused on whether we should proceed at this point in the process, and whether the responsibility for a lack of compliance on relatively new facilities had been determined.

After discussion:

On motion of Regent Stelly, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Facilities and Property Committee recommends that the Board of Regents approve the ULS request to seek \$2,000,000 in funding from the Interim Emergency Board to begin the process of responding to potential United States Department of Justice litigation against McNeese State University relative to ADA compliance. This action is contingent upon similar action by the University of Louisiana System at its meeting on August 28, 2009. Regent Wiley voted "no".

PROJECTS UTILIZING ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF FINANCING

Staff presented a request from the Louisiana State University System for the construction of a new gymnasium and performing arts venue at the LSU Laboratory School. The project, which is in response to increased enrollment at the school, involves the construction of 15,200 GSF of space at an estimated cost of \$5,000,000, with funding from donations that are for this specific intent alone. The

project would follow the traditional model in which the site is leased to the LSU Property Foundation. They in turn would administer the design and construction of the new facility, to include the furnishing and equipping of the new space, in close consultation with the institution, and would upon completion, donate the improvements to the university. Sufficient funds are included to operate and maintain the completed facility.

Mr. Jim Howell, Assistant Vice President and University Architect for the LSU System, was available to provide additional details about the project. It was indicated that donations sufficient to complete the entire project are on deposit.

After discussion:

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Facilities and Property Committee unanimously recommends that the Board of Regents approve the project for the Construction of a New University High School Gymnasium at Louisiana State University and A&M College. The project, which will be performed utilizing alternative means of financing, will construct 15,200 GSF of space at an estimated total cost of \$5,000,000. The funding source for the project and its operation and maintenance is from donations.

OTHER BUSINESS

Regent Bruno expressed interest in investigating solar technology, similar to a recent project at the Louisiana Superdome, to create cost savings for postsecondary educational institutions. He indicated the technology was low tech. He suggested involving students in various endeavors aimed at "going green".

Regent Wiley inquired about a project involving River Parishes Community College to collaborate with the Ascension Parish School Board to develop a joint location for future campuses. Staff indicated it had been apprised of the possibility, had seen the potential site,

recognized the proposal as possibly being a model for workforce development venues, and was in the process of evaluating the proposal.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Facilities and Property Committee was adjourned at 3:10 p. m.

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