LOYOLA UNIVERSITY NEW ORLEANS
TRUSTEESHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Thursday, October 15, 2009
1:30 - 3:00 p.m.
President’s Dining Room - Danna Student Center, 1st Floor

AGENDA

1. Welcome Kevin Poorman
2. Approval of Minutes Kevin Poorman
3. New Lay Trustees 2010 Fr. Wildes
ACTION ITEM 4. Honorary Trustees to Trustee Emeritus Status Fr. Wildes
5. New Business
6. Old Business
7. Executive Session
8. Adjournment
Present:  Shawn M. Donnelley, Chair  
Dennis C. Cuneo, Vice Chair  
Barry D. LeBlanc  
Elissa F. Moran  
Lawrence W. Moore, S.J.  
Suzanne Mestayer, Chair (ex officio)  
Kevin Wm. Wildes, S.J., President (ex officio)  

Staff:  Kristine Lelong  
Mary Ellen Fleury  

Absent:  Stephen M. Barbas, Karen J. Cooper, and Joseph M. O’Keefe, S.J.  

1. Welcome  
Shawn Donnelley opened the meeting at 1 p.m.  

2. Approval of Minutes  
Ms. Donnelley asked if there were any corrections or revisions to the minutes of the December 11, 2008 meeting. There were none. She called for a motion to approve. MOTION was made by Fr. Moore and seconded by Mrs. Elissa Moran. Motion carried.  

3. Statement of Trustee Commitment and Responsibility  
Ms. Donnelley asked Fr. Wildes to present this agenda item. Fr. Wildes referred to the draft of the “Statement of Trustee Commitment and Responsibility” found under Tab 10 in the May 2009 Board Book. He explained the statement has been a work in process and the proposed statement in the book includes the committee’s revisions made at its December 2008 meeting. He asked the committee if the statement is ready for Board approval or if more work needs to be done on it. Mrs. Moran said the statement is very detailed, includes all responsibilities and clearly identifies for Trustees what their responsibilities are. Ms. Donnelly and Mr. Cuneo agreed.
Ms. Donnelley explained if the Board adopts this statement at its May 2009 meeting, the next step would be to have Trustees sign it at the fall 2009 Board meeting.

Ms. Donnelley called for a motion to approve the “Statement of Trustee Commitment and Responsibility.” **Motion** was made by Fr. Moore and seconded by Mr. Cuneo. Motion carried.

4. **Trustee Evaluation**

Ms. Donnelley called upon Fr. Wildes to also present this action item. Fr. Wildes said the “Performance Assessment for Individual Trustees and the Board of Trustees” has been in the works for some time and the most current and revised draft of the Trustee evaluation is found under Tab 10 of the May 2009 Board Book. He explained it is the practice of other college and university boards to annually conduct Trustee self-evaluations. He added the Board now conducts an annual presidential evaluation which is also in keeping with best practices in higher education governance. He asked the committee if this draft of Trustee evaluation is ready for Board approval. Mrs. Moran commented that she appreciated the specificity of the questions and found the evaluation to be extremely thorough. Ms. Donnelley commented the evaluation includes both numerical ratings along with open-ended questions that allow for various levels of feedback. She added, if this version of the evaluation works well, the committee can continue using it or, if after using this version once, Trustees find it needs revisions; it can be tweaked as the Board moves forward.

Ms. Donnelley called for a motion to approve the “Performance Assessment for Individual Trustees and the Board of Trustees.” **Motion** was made by Mrs. Moran and seconded by Fr. Moore. Motion carried.

5. **Addition of Names for Board Approved List**

The following individuals were considered for placement on the Board Approved List:

Arnold B. Baker  
William A. “Bill” Blase, Jr.  
Robert W. “Bob” Brown  
Anne B. Gauthier  
Róbert A. LeBlanc, Jr.  
Mary J. Matalin  
Sean C. O’Keefe  
Nolan V. Rollins
Fr. Wildes gave biographical information on each person listed above. Ms. Donnelley suggested each person be voted on separately. After discussions on each person, separate motions were made for each individual to be placed on the Board Approved List. All motions carried and each of the individuals listed above were placed on the Board Approved List.

6. Approval of Slate of New Officers 2009-10

Suzanne T. Mestayer, Chair  
J. Kevin Poorman, Vice Chair  
Rev. Kevin Wm. Wildes, S.J., President  
Rev. Lawrence W. Moore, S.J., Secretary/Treasurer

Ms. Donnelley asked for a motion to approve the slate of officers for 2009-10. Motion was made by Mr. Cuneo and seconded by Mrs. Moran. Motion carried.

7. Reelection of First Term Trustees to Second Term

Barry D. LeBlanc  
Joseph E. Mahoney, Jr.  
Elissa F. Moran  
Ashley C. Schaffer

Ms. Donnelley asked for a motion to approve the reelection of first term Trustees to a second term. Motion was made by Fr. Moore and seconded by Fr. Wildes. Motion carried.

8. Presentation of Names of New Trustees

Chad Shinn  
N. John Simmons, Jr.

Ms. Donnelley asked for a motion to approve naming Mr. Shinn and Mr. Simmons to the Board of Trustees with a term beginning August 1, 2009. Motion was made by Fr. Moore and seconded by Mr. Cuneo. Motion carried.

9. Trustee Emeritus

Ms. Donnelley said Loyola currently has one Trustee Emeritus, former Board Chair, Donna Fraiche. Fr. Wildes asked the committee to grant Emeritus status to Mr. Ted Frois.
Ms. Donnelley asked for a motion to approve granting Trustee *Emeritus* status to Mr. Ted Frois. **Motion** was made for Fr. Moore and seconded by Mrs. Moran. Motion carried.

10. **New Business**

The committee reviewed the current Board Approved List and the Trustee Prospect List.

11. **Adjournment**

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.
ACTION ITEM

To name the following Honorary Trustees to Trustee *Emeritus* Status.

Adelaide W. Benjamin
David F. Dixon
Rita O. Huntsinger
John B. Levert, Jr.
Jerome J. Reso, Jr.
Betty S. Sherrill
Moise S. Steeg, Jr.
Jeanne Wolf
Adelaide Wisdom Benjamin is a civic leader and philanthropist. She is president of the Ed and Adelaide Foundation and secretary of the Mary Freeman Wisdom Foundation. She also serves as a trustee of the RosaMary Foundation. She earned her bachelor of arts degree in English and her J.D. from Tulane University in 1954 and 1956, respectively. She practiced law as an associate with Wisdom, Stone, Pigman, and Benjamin and then retired to start her family. She is a 1982 graduate of the Sewanee Theological School extension program. She attended Loyola University New Orleans College of Music (now the College of Music and Fine Arts) in 1980 – 81 and was a member of the Loyola Choir. She may be best known for her association and support of the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra. This includes her efforts to save the New Orleans Symphony, successfully eradicating a $4 million debt, and serving on a transition team to re-form the organization as the LPO. She has long been involved in service to the community, active on many nonprofit boards, frequently serving as president. She currently serves on the boards of the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra, the New Orleans Opera, and the Louise S. McGehee School. She served on the Loyola University New Orleans Board of Trustees from 1990 until 1995 and again from 1996 until 1999. In 2003, she was named an honorary trustee, and in 2008, she was bestowed an honorary doctorate of arts during Loyola’s commencement ceremony. She and her husband are members of the Society of St. Ignatius, and she is a member of the Heritage Society. She and her husband, Ed, reside in New Orleans, Louisiana.

David Dixon is the retired chair of Dixon & Dixon of Royal, a distinguished and nationally known antiques and fine paintings gallery located in the French Quarter of New Orleans, Louisiana, for more than 25 years. The business also operated a major gallery in Atlanta, Georgia, until Dixon’s retirement. He is considered the founding father of professional football in New Orleans. He led the city’s negotiations with the NFL in landing the Saints in 1966. He was the first board chair for the Saints. He also led the drive to build the Superdome and served as its first chief executive from 1966 until 1972. In 1968, with Lamar Hunt, he co-founded World Championship Tennis, the force that brought about open tennis. In 1982, he founded the United States Football League that operated from 1983 until 1985, the last serious competition for the NFL. He was inducted into the Greater New Orleans Sports Hall of Fame in 1984 and the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame in 1999. He is an alumnus of Tulane University and served as chair of its Athletic Development Council in 1976. He served on the Loyola University New Orleans Board of Trustees from 1986 to 1992. He is an honorary trustee and member of the College of Social Sciences Visiting Committee (formerly the City College Visiting Committee). He received an honorary doctorate of humane letters in 1984. He is a past member of the President’s Council. Dave and Mary Dixon were charter members of Loyola’s Library Visiting Committee and are members of both the Society of St. Ignatius and the Heritage Society. They reside in New Orleans, Louisiana.
**Rita Huntsinger** is a New Orleans area civic leader and patron of the arts. A native of Alexandria, Louisiana, she is a graduate of Spencer Business School in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She is well known for her work with music organizations. She is a past co-chair of the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra’s annual campaign and board member. She served as a board member and auxiliary president for Touro Infirmary. Her numerous volunteer activities include service to the New Orleans Home and Rehabilitation Center, Hospice New Orleans, and the American Red Cross. She was a board member of the Interfaith Committee of the Vatican Pavilion of the 1984 Louisiana World Exposition. She was a member of the United Way Cabinet, where she was in charge of special gifts. She served on the Loyola University New Orleans Board of Trustees from 1995 until 2001 and was named an honorary trustee in 2002. She is an active member and benefactor of Loyola University New Orleans. She has worked tirelessly for the university, and in particular, for the College of Music and Fine Arts. She is past chair of the College of Music and Fine Arts Visiting Committee and continues to serve as a member of the committee. In 2002, she was presented the President’s Medal for her service to Loyola’s College of Music and Fine Arts. She is a member of Loyola’s Society of St. Ignatius. In December 2000, she was named the recipient of the 23rd annual Integritas Vitae Award, the university’s highest honor. Huntsinger and her husband, Merl, reside in Gretna, Louisiana.

**John B. Levert, Jr.** is the retired chief executive officer of Howard Weil Labouisse Fredrichs, Inc. He joined the firm in 1970, was elected president in 1975, and was appointed chairman and CEO in 1977. Howard Weil, a premier energy investment bank, was an affiliate of Legg Mason Wood Walker, Inc., the NYSE-listed brokerage and money management firm. Currently, he serves as president of Tripp Corporation, United Lands Company, Inc., and as a director of Evangeline Farms, Inc., which owns and breeds Paso Fino horses. Prior to joining Howard Weil, Levert was the executive vice president of Metal Building Products in Harvey, Louisiana, from 1958 until 1970, and a salesman for Carl E. Woodward Construction Company from 1956 until 1958. He also served as a first lieutenant in the United States Army from 1954 until 1956. He attended the University of Virginia and received his bachelor of arts degree from Tulane University in 1954. He has been the president of the United Way, and he served on the board of the Public Affairs Research Council, the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce’s Business Council, the Business Task Force on Education and the Executive Committee, and a member of the Economic Development Committee of the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce. He was on the Loyola University New Orleans Board of Trustees from 1989 until 1997, serving as chair from 1992 until 1996. In 1998, he was named an honorary trustee. He and his wife, Anne, reside in Bush, Louisiana. His son, John Levert, III, has a Loyola M.B.A. (1995), and his daughter, Anne Hardy, holds a B.A. in history (1985).
Jerome J. Reso, Jr., is a partner in the firm of Baldwin Haspel Burke & Mayer, L.L.C., practicing corporate, estate planning, trust, and tax law. Prior to joining the firm, he was a trial attorney with the Tax Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. He is a board certified tax attorney and estate planning and administration specialist under the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization. He is a member of the New Orleans, Louisiana, State, Federal, and American Bar Associations. He is a member of the International Academy of Estate and Trust Law, a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, and a fellow of the American College of Tax Counsel. He is the author of numerous publications. Reso received a business degree in 1958, as well as a law degree in 1961, from Loyola University New Orleans. While a student, he was a member of Delta Theta Phi, Alpha Sigma Nu, the Student Bar Association, and the Loyola Law Review. He is a board member of Mount Carmel Academy, Brother Martin High School, and the St. Aloysius Century Foundation. He is president of the Kendall Vick Public Law Foundation. He is also a director of the Reso Foundation (Newport Beach, California). He was a member of the Loyola University New Orleans Board of Trustees from 1992 until 2004, and was then named an honorary trustee. He was an adjunct faculty member of the law school teaching taxation from 1971 until 1976 and Louisiana probate procedure from 1987 until 1996. He and his wife, Carreen, reside in Metairie, Louisiana. His four children are also Loyola alumni.

Betty Stevens Sherrill, a native of New Orleans, Louisiana, attended Newcomb College of Tulane University from 1940 to 1944. Following her marriage to H. Virgil Sherrill in 1949, she moved to New York, New York, where she attended the Parsons School of Design. In 1951, she became assistant to the president of McMillen, Inc., the oldest and one of the most successful interior design firms in the country. Her success with the company led to her appointment to president and chief executive officer in 1975. Today, she serves as CEO of McMillen. She has served as a vice president of the Boys Club of New York and as officer and member of the Board of Directors of the National Trust of New York State, as well as a member of the boards of Southampton Hospital and Memorial Sloan Kettering Hospital. She has been active in fundraising for these institutions over periods ranging from five to 50 years. She has also been a member of the National Foundation for Facial Reconstruction for 20 years. She is a trustee and officer of the Sherrill Foundation. She has maintained a close association with Tulane University where she received her honorary doctorate degree as Outstanding Alumna of the Year in 1987. She is interested in the development of professional education in the field of interior design. Her service on the Loyola University New Orleans Board of Trustees began in 1990, and she has been an honorary trustee since 1996. She and her husband, Virgil, reside in Manhattan, New York.
Moise S. Steeg, Jr., is an attorney and partner of The Steeg Law Firm. His areas of expertise are real estate development and financing, estate planning and successions, and commercial and bankruptcy litigation. He began practicing law in 1937. He founded People’s League in 1940, and he is also the co-founder and organizer of the Urban League of Greater New Orleans. He was the principal founder of the Business Council of the City of New Orleans. He served in the United States Air Force for four years during World War II. He earned an Army Commendation Medal for his contract termination services and the disposition of military assets at the end of the war. An alumnus of Tulane University and the Tulane School of Law, he was one of the youngest graduates in the history of the school to earn his law degree. He is currently a member of the New Orleans Bar Association, the Louisiana State Bar Association, and the American Bar Association. He is a former member of the American College of Mortgage Attorneys, the Louisiana Law Institute, and former president of Temple Sinai, Anti-Defamation League of B’Nai B’Rith, and the Jewish Community Center. He also serves as president of the Steeg Family Foundation. He was the Loyola University New Orleans Board of Trustees’ first Jewish and second lay chair. He served on the board from 1977 until 1987 and became an honorary trustee in 1996. In 2008, he received the Loyola President’s Medal. He received the 2004 Times-Picayune Loving Cup and the New Orleans Bar Association’s President’s Award for public service. He has been an active member and benefactor of the university, and he is a member of Loyola’s Heritage Society. He and his wife reside in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Jeanne Wolf is one of the country's most respected entertainment journalists. She is West Coast Editor of Parade Magazine—the most widely read magazine in America. She is president of Pentacom Productions which produces television, film, and Internet productions. She is known as host and broadcast correspondent, award-winning documentary producer, editor, and writer. She gained national recognition as the "Inside Entertainment" correspondent for "Entertainment Tonight" with her reputation for being the first to break inside news about major celebrities. She hosted the PBS series, "Jeanne Wolf With..." She has been editor at large for Redbook, and contributing editor for TV Guide and Ladies Home Journal. She began her undergraduate work at Northwestern University and later funded the Jeanne Wolf Scholarship at the university's school of communications. She received her bachelor’s and M.B.A. degrees from University of Miami. She taught in the drama department at University of Miami and established the Jeanne Wolf Communication Scholarship. She has also contributed to scholarships at Loyola University New Orleans. She currently serves on the President's Council of the University of Miami and has served on the Board of Managers at the Eastman School of Music. She served on the Loyola University New Orleans Board of Trustees from 1990 until 1996. She and her husband Peter reside in Los Angeles, California.