Recap of Official Business of the Board of Supervisors

DECEMBER 8, 2008

ULS Board Reappoints Leadership

The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System unanimously chose to retain its board leadership, re-electing Elsie Burkhalter its Chair and Winfred Sibille its Vice Chair. The Board also voted to keep Wayne Parker as Parliamentarian.

Burkhalter, who was first elected to the Board’s highest role in December of 2007, previously served as Vice Chair.

“I’m honored to accept the nomination and look forward to a productive year for education in the state,” said Burkhalter, a life-long resident of St. Tammany Parish.

President of the St. Tammany Federation of Teachers and School Employees and a former teacher in the St. Tammany Parish School System, Burkhalter was nominated by a committee chaired by Board Member Russell Mosely.

Sibille will continue his role as Vice Chair after serving on the Board since 1995. In 1989 the Louisiana Association of School Executives named him the State Educator of the Year.

Parker, who has served on the Board of Supervisors since 2003, is a retired executive from Williamette Industries, Inc. of Ruston.

For more information about these and other members of the Board of Supervisors, visit the UL System website at www.ulsystem.edu and click on “Board of Supervisors.”

Campus Spotlights

The system’s eight campuses are not only logging approximately 100,000 service hours through Learn and Service grants, they are also involved in other activities which positively impact the state. Listed are highlights from each campus’ recent activities.

UL Monroe: Dr. Gary Stringer, ULM’s geosciences department head, was honored with a newly discovered fossil named after him. Paleontologists Gary Takeuchi, Ph.D., and Richard Huddleston, Ph.D., uncovered a fossil fish entirely new to science. Discoverers of a new organism have the privilege of naming it. Both agreed they would honor their colleague by titling the fossil with Pogonias Stringeri. This is not the first time the professor has experienced such a prestigious honor. In 1993, fellow paleontologists named a newly discovered fish after him, Trachichthyidarum stringeri.

Louisiana Tech: The faculty at LA Tech came in second in the RateMyProfessors.com 2008 Top University Faculty List. The website is a student-generated web site that rates college and university professors using a five-point Likert scale and a binary scoring system. Southeastern Louisiana University also made the list, coming in at No. 4. RateMyProfessors.com is the Internet’s largest listing of collegiate professor ratings.

UL Lafayette: Podcasts are helping students study, thanks to a $50,000 grant from the Board of Regents. ULL Sophomore nursing students use iPods to watch and re-watch skills wherever and whenever they may need a refresher via podcasts created by the faculty. Using the iPods are a convenient way to study, especially for students in their first year of clinical experience.

Continue on pg. 2
**Southeastern:** The Southwestern Channel, SLU’s educational access channel on Charter Cable Channel 18, has been nominated for four regional Emmy Awards. The winners of the Suncoast Region, consisting of Louisiana, Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Puerto Rico, will be announced on December 6 in Orlando. The Southwestern Channel has won four Emmys and collected 18 Emmy nominations in the past four years. For more information on the nominations please visit http://www.selu.edu/news_media.

**Northwestern:** The Associated Collegiate Press/National College Media awarded Argus, NSU’s campus literary magazine, fourth place in its annual competition. The magazine was recognized for its creativity.

**Nicholls:** The sixth annual Bayou Sales Challenge hosted by the Nicholls State College of Business Administration is a competition designed to see which university’s marketing students make the best salesmen. UL Lafayette, Xavier, UNO and Southern were all represented in the competition. The students were given a hypothetical product and client. They play the role of a salesperson, while a volunteer from business and industry represent the pretend client. Participants are judged via hidden cameras based on criteria such as how well they adapt the product to the client’s needs. The Nicholls team won second place, with Xavier placing first.

**Grambling:** The special event in the annual competition is a competition to teach children about road safety. The GSU Criminal Justice Professor Deliah Dotremont and the GSU Criminal Justice Club are aiding less fortunate children this Christmas by providing them with refurbished bicycles. The bicycles are repaired by lifetime inmates. Last year, the inmates refurbished 125 bikes that were then delivered to the Boys and Girls Clubs of America in time for Christmas. This year, Dotremont is hoping for an even bigger success. The public can drop off bikes at the Grambling State University Police Station at 100 Main St. or the Ruston Police Station at 401 North Trenton St. For more information please contact Delilah Dotremont at (318) 274-3408.

**McNeese:** Students at the Burton College of Education are preparing their students to teach with technology created by Promethean, a British based leader in interactive learning technology. The software has only been available in the U.S. since 2005 and includes interactive whiteboards, software, wireless slates, a camera, projector, laptop computer, speakers, DVD-VCR player and a hand held student response system. McNeese is the only university in the country including this technology in its curricula.

---

**Board Action**

The Board of Supervisors for the UL System approved the following university requests:

**Academic and Student Affairs**

- Grambling: Letter of Intent for a Bachelor of Science degree program in Child Development.

**Athletics and Audit**

- UL System: Campus Complimentary Ticket Policies.

**Facilities Planning and Finance**

- LA Tech: Enter into a ground lease with LA Tech University Alumni foundation to install a new video scoreboard as well as permission to accept a donation from the Foundation for the improvements to the facility upon completion of the installation.

- Northwestern: Re-name the President’s Residence the Arnold R. Kilpatrick President’s Residence.


- UL Lafayette: Proceed to the board of Regents for approval and permission to forward to the Interim Emergency Board a request to address structural damages at the Cajundome.

- Northwestern: Allocate current and future revenues from mineral leases according to the provisions of LAS-R.S. 17:3367.

- Northwestern: Schedule of Unrestricted Scholarships and Fee Exemptions.

**Personnel Committee**

- Nicholls: Appoint Dr. Susan Roark as Acting Dean of the College of Education.

- UL Lafayette: Appoint Dr. DeWayne Bowie as Interim Vice President for Enrollment Management.