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ULS Welcomes New Board Members

Newly appointed board member E. Gerald “T-Boy” Hebert of Kenner was sworn in as a member at large during the Board’s October 24 meeting.

Hebert is the owner and president of Patriot Services Corporation, specializing in oil and gas well-drilling products. He is an active member in his community, serving in organizations such as CODOFIL, a program that seeks to inform and encourage the retention of the French language and Acadian history. He is an active supporter of University of Louisiana at Lafayette athletics, and has committed to fund an endowed chair in the Moody School of Business for academics at UL Lafayette. Hebert received his B.S. in Education with a concentration in Biology at UL Lafayette.

He joins other recent additions to the Board, Gregory Hamer, Sr. and Carl Shetler, who were sworn in as members of the UL System Board Of Supervisors during the impromptu "Committee of the Whole" Board Meeting in August.

Hamer of Morgan City represents the 3rd Congressional District. He is the owner and CEO of B&G Food Enterprises, LLC and its affiliates, which operates 50 Taco Bell and KFC restaurants in Louisiana and Texas. Hamer has served in numerous elected and appointed offices such as the Louisiana Tourist Development Commission. He is a graduate of Louisiana State University with a BA in Business Administration.

Carl Shetler, reappointed from Member at Large to the 7th District seat due to the passing of Robert Hale on September 5, is a former chair of the UL System Board and is the owner of Shetler Lincoln-Mercury, Ltd. in Lake Charles.

Shelter received his B.S. in Business Administration from Auburn University and an M.S in Administration and Supervision from McNeese State University.

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SLU Presidential Search Updates

The Southeastern Presidential Search Committee approved an advertisement and basic timeframe at its meeting Friday in Baton Rouge.

Since July, when Randy Moffett took over the helm of the UL System, members of the committee began the process of selecting a new leader for the Hammond campus.

The search webpage also provides background information on the university’s demographics, rich history and institutional review.

You can view this page by visiting the UL System’s website at www.ulsystem.edu and clicking on the Southeastern search icon.

The UL System website, www.ulsystem.edu has a page dedicated to the SLU search process.

There you can find updates on upcoming meetings, news releases, news stories, and even videos of previous meetings and forums posted YouTube.
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Communicating the Power of Eight

Recently, the UL System worked collaboratively with its eight campuses to provide the Board of Regents with a report card of progress on core initiatives throughout the system. The slide below displays advancements made by the system statewide.

Communicating the power of eight not only involves demonstrating the success of the system, but providing statistical evidence that higher education equals power. Did you know college graduates:

- Earn more than high school graduates
- Pay more in taxes
- Cost the public less in social programs
- Are more productive in the work place and contribute more to the economy

New Board members Gregory Hamer (left) and Gerald Hebert follow the action in the October Board meeting Friday.
Congratulations Dr. Nick Bruno

The National Association of College Auxiliary Services (NACAS) will present Dr. Nick Bruno with a lifetime achievement award at its conference in Chicago in November. The NACAS is the largest auxiliary services support organization serving higher education. It is an international group that includes colleges and universities throughout the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Ireland, and Australia. Bruno was nominated by his peers for his expertise both system-wide and nationally.

Southeastern Institutional Review

The independent review of Southeastern Louisiana University, released Friday, lauded the university’s success at recruiting a better prepared student population and recommended the campus work to implement more selective admissions and ensure that more students succeed and graduate. Listed below are other key observations and findings from the Keeling & Associates review.

Shared Optimism

“We were impressed by the many expressions of a shared sense of community and ubiquitous optimism for the future. It’s not that (people) cannot see or refuse to acknowledge the existence of problems...they do — but they have confidence that the University will, in time, address and solve those problems.”

Teaching Top Priority

“We find at Southeastern an exceptionally strong faculty corps dedicated to teaching as job number one and appropriately engaged in pertinent scholarship, research and service to the campus and regional community.”

With more than 15,000 students, Southeastern is Louisiana’s third largest public university. It was recently named “a great college to work for” by the Chronicle of Higher Education.

Board Action

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

Academic and Student Affairs

- LA Tech: Combined Letter of Intent/Proposal for a Bachelor of Science degree program in Sustainable Supply Chain Management
- Nicholls: Award an Honorary Doctor of Letters degree to Dr. Alfred Delahaye at the Fall 2008 commencement exercises
- Northwestern: Approval of a Letter of Intent for a master of Social Work degree program
- UL Lafayette: Approval to award an Honorary Doctor of Fine Arts degree to Mr. Zachary Richard at the Fall 2008 commencement exercises

Athletics and Audit

- Grambling: Approval to appoint Mr. J. Lin Dawson as Athletic Director effective October 13, 2008
- UL Monroe: Approval to extend the contractual agreement with Mr. Robert Staub, Athletic director, effective October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2011
- UL System: Report on internal and external audits submitted for the period August 16 through October 13, 2008
- Grambling: Acceptance of its Fiscal Year 2007-08 Financial and Compliance Representation Letter
- Southeastern: Acceptance of its Fiscal Year 2007-08 Financial and Compliance Representation Letter
- UL System: Report on internal and external audits submitted for the period August 16 through October 13, 2008
- Southeastern: Approval of the form and authorization to execute a Ground Lease Agreement and Agreement to Lease with Option to Purchase with University Facilities, Inc. (UFI) to demolish, renovate, and expand the Student Union and other facilities to develop a Center for Student Excellence and other student support functions, including food services and bookstore
- Northwestern: Status report regarding the proposed lease property in Desoto Parish totaling 366.98 acres
- UL System: Discussion of Fiscal Year 2007-08 fourth quarter interim financial reports and ongoing assurances
- UL System: year-end report on third-party projects
- UL System: report on the financial status of alternatively financed projects
- UL System: Approval of delegation of authority to the University Presidents or their designees for research subcontracts in amounts up to $100,000

Chairman’s Business

UL System: Approval of a proposed revision to Board RULES, Chapter III. Faculty and Staff, Section II. Personnel Actions, G. Reemployment of State Retirees

UL System: Approval of a proposed revision of Board RULES, Chapter III. Faculty and Staff, Section IV. Role, Contractual Arrangements, Benefits, Expenses, and Evaluations of Presidents, C. Presidential Expenses