Crawford Begins First Six-Year Term

Shreveport native Edward Crawford was sworn-in today for his first six-year term on the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System.

Crawford, who represents District 4, has been on the Board since last April when Governor Bobby Jindal appointed him to take over the remainder of Michael Woods term.

He is a managing partner of Atco Investment Company and currently serves as vice-president of the Board of Trustees for Centenary College of Louisiana, on the Board of the Community Foundation of Shreveport-Bossier, on the Board of Southfield School, and on the Board of the Shreveport Symphony.

Alluding to his public service experience, Crawford joked, “I think I’ve been sworn-in more than anyone else on this board.”

McNeese Focuses on Access and Success

McNeese State University Vice President for Academic Affairs Jeanne Daboval updated the Board of Supervisors Special Committee on Access and Success regarding their efforts to improve student enrollment, retention, and graduation rates.

Explaining access and success is integral to the university’s mission and core values, Daboval said the university has targeted fiscal and human resources on initiatives such as flexible course delivery, collaboration with K-12, identifying and supporting at-risk students, increasing scholarships, and including advising evaluations in faculty reviews.

Special programs created specifically for access to success include the Write to Excellence Center that provided 2,430 tutorials over the last year and Freshman Foundations, which uses upperclassmen to teach and mentor freshmen.

UL System Student Board Member and McNeese SGA President Morgan Verrette served as a peer mentor for the Freshman Foundations program.

“IT was rewarding to teach students how to succeed in college, about our traditions at McNeese and what makes us unique,” said Verrette.

Such efforts have already started yielding benefits. According to the National Survey of Student Engagement, McNeese scored above the national average on how students work to meet instructors’ expectations and how students positively rated their relationships with faculty member and administrative personnel and offices.

“We are blessed for the programs we have. Our professors and advisors always have their doors open to students because they want you to succeed,” said Verrette.

To see the full McNeese presentation and learn more about the UL System’s Access and Success Initiative, visit www.ulsystem.edu.

Edward Crawford, III

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ULS Employee Earns Online Degree from NSU

Northwestern State University President Randy Webb (left) congratulates Brooke Crum on her completion of the Master’s Degree Program in Educational Technology. Crum, a University of Louisiana System employee, earned her degree online while working for the University of Louisiana System.

“We are very proud of Brooke,” said UL System President Randy Moffett. “She’s such a dedicated member of our staff that she chose to stay in Baton Rouge and work instead of attend her graduation at Northwestern. Every graduate should have an opportunity to take her picture with the university’s president.”

Board Action

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

Academic and Student Affairs

- UL Lafayette: Award an Honorary Doctor of Fine Arts degree to Mr. George Rodrigue at Spring 2009 commencement exercises
- UL System: Board RULE revision: Chapter II. Students, Section IV. Academic Status, C. Academic Suspension

Athletic

- Northwestern: Contractual agreement with Mr. Bradley Dale Peveto, Head Football Coach, effective January 1, 2009

Facilities Planning

- LA Tech: Enter into a lease agreement between Louisiana Tech University and the Executive Board of the Louisiana Baptist Convention ("Board")

Finance

- Nicholls: Student referendum to increase a self-assessed fee to support cheerleader and band operations
- UL System: Establish LEQSF (8g) Endowed Professorships/ Scholarships as follows:

A. Grambling

1) The Ralph J. Bunche Endowed Professorship in Political Science
2) The Marie Maynard Daly Endowed Professorship in Chemistry
3) The E. Franklin Frazier Endowed Professorship in Sociology
4) The Fannie Lou Hamer Endowed Professorship in Political Science
5) The Benjamin A. Quarles Endowed Professorship in History
6) The Mary Elizabeth Carnegie Endowed Professorship in Nursing
8) The Thurgood Marshall Endowed Professorship in Criminal Justice
9) The Whitney M. Young Endowed Professorship in Social Work
10) The Frederck C. Hobdy Endowed Professorship in Kinesiology

B. Louisiana Tech

1) Harrelson Family Endowed Professorship 2 in Engineering
2) Cajun Contractors Endowed Professorship in Engineering
3) Eva J. Cunningham Endowed Professorship in Engineering
4) Francis J. Mangham Endowed Professorship in Business
5) Homer T. Rogers Endowed Professorship in Forestry
6) Gladys Lawson Rogers Endowed Professorship in Liberal Arts

C. McNeese

1) Terry and Vic Stelly Endowed Professorship in Health & Human Performances
2) John B. and Patricia Scofield Endowed Professorship
3) Shirley Kidd Hunter Professorship in Health & Sciences
4) Daniel and Ellen Goos Professorship

D. Nicholls

1) The Goldring Family Foundation Endowed Professorship in Nursing
2) The Donald Pettier Endowed Professorship in Education
3) The Grace Gueydan Endowed Professorship in Nursing

E. Northwestern

1) Willis-Knighton Health Care System Endowed Professorship in Nursing #4
2) Poindexter Foundation Endowed Professorship #2
3) Kenneth L. Durr Endowed Professorship in Accounting
4) Clifton M. Alford Memorial Endowed Professorship in Music
5) Clifton M. Alford Memorial First Generation Endowed Scholarship

F. Southeastern

1) The Bruce Dugas Endowed Professorship in Business
2) The Knights of Babylon Endowed Professorship in Communication Sciences and Disorders
3) The Viola Brown Endowed Professorship in Visual and Performing Arts
4) The Joseph H. Miller Endowed Professorship in Business
5) The Joyce Junghans Endowed Professorship in Management
6) The Dorcas and H.N. Capron, Jr. Endowed Professorship in Supply Chain Management
7) The Dorcas and H.N. Capron, Jr. Endowed Professorship in Marketing
8) The Joyce Junghans Endowed Professorship in Finance
9) The Joyce Junghans Endowed Professorship in Accounting

G. UL Lafayette

1) College of Engineering/ BORSF Endowed Professorship in Bioprocessing I
2) College of Engineering/ BORSF Endowed Professorship in Bioprocessing II
3) Mr. and Mrs. E.P. “Pat” Nalley/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Business Administration 2008
4) Paul A. Callais Memorial/ BORSF Endowed First Generation Scholarship
5) First-Generation Endowed Undergraduate/BORSF Scholarship Program II
6) Phillip and Jean Piccione/ BORSF Endowed Professorship in Statistics VI.

Personnel Committee

- Grambling: Appoint Dr. Rama Tunuguntla as Acting Dean of the College of Professional Studies effective January 5, 2009

UL Monroe: Appoint Dr. W. Greg Leader as Interim Dean of the College of Pharmacy effective January 12, 2009