Southeastern Louisiana Uses Technology to Enhance Access and Success

Southeastern Louisiana University presented its approach to improving student access and success to the Board of Supervisors Special Committee on Access to Success. This was the fourth in a series of presentations by the eight UL System campuses.

Interim Provost Tammy Bourg highlighted Southeastern’s four guiding principles:

- Establishing relationships,
- Committing support,
- Communicating expectations, and
- Sharing responsibilities.

The university also uses technology to recruit, advise, and retain students.

An example is the Early Start dual enrollment program that has seen a 103 percent increase in participation with 1,000 students from 34 high schools. The university uses a computer system that tracks student progress and relays information to the university and high school administration.

Advising software assists academic planning and tracks degree progress. In addition, midterm deficiency reports identify at-risk students and initiate faculty and advisor intervention.

Southeastern uses scholarships to assist student success. For example the Progression Scholarship is awarded based on course completion tied to degree attainment. The quicker you progress, the more you are rewarded.

Committee Chair Wayne Parker congratulated Southeastern on their work. “It’s valuable that you have gone beyond instituting initiatives and have begun to measure their success,” said Parker.

Visit www.ulsystem.edu to see the full presentation and learn more about the UL System Access to Success Initiative.
Recap of Official Business of the Board of Supervisors

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