

Presidential Search Updates

The University of Louisiana at Monroe Presidential Search is underway. A priority application date of September 24 has been established.

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Eight Universities Strong

- Grambling State University
- Louisiana Tech University
- McNeese State University
- Nicholls State University
- Northwestern State University
- Southeastern Louisiana University
- University of Louisiana at Lafayette
- University of Louisiana at Monroe

Board Defers Action on Policy and Rule Changes

The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System today deferred action on proposed policy and rule changes that would extend program elimination to include academic program reductions and shortened notifications to impacted personnel.

When the changes were introduced last June, UL System President Moffett met with the Faculty Advisory Council (FAC) to solicit their input. Today, members of the FAC and other faculty members addressed the committee as well as submitted written feedback asking for more time

to come up with alternative solutions.

"We empathize with the Board and officers of the system as we know on a small level the struggle you have with the budget. Over the summer we were willing to work with you. We ask now that you postpone the changes and send it back to the faculty so we may help find workable solutions," said FAC Chair Donna Rhorer .

After much discussion, the board voted to defer the item to a future meeting so system staff can work with legal counsel to consider faculty feedback.

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Hebert Named President Emeritus of McNeese

Applause interspersed with the clanging of cow bells celebrated the naming of Robert Hebert as President Emeritus of McNeese State University.

The Board bestowed their highest honor on Hebert who retired in June after serving 41 years at McNeese and 23 of them as president. He is the longest-serving president of the university.

"I am extremely grateful. This is a great honor, and I would like to honor my wife, Lilly Ann, too. She deserves recognition for her many years of supporting me. Further, I cannot accept this award without mentioning not only the current staff, but also the many former staff members who worked so hard at McNeese," said Hebert.



LA Teachers of the Year with UL System Degrees

LA Teacher of the Year

Julia Williams
Lafayette High School
(UL Lafayette graduate)

Elementary Teacher of the Year

Jenny Blalock
A.E. Philips Lab School
(LA Tech graduate)

Middle School Teacher of the Year

Debbie Davis Reed
Broussard Middle School
(UL Lafayette graduate)

High School Teacher of the Year

Julie Bartlett Stephenson
Ruston High School
(LA Tech graduate)

Board Approves Shared Costs for System Office

In preparation for meeting with the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget, the Board formally approved the long-standing practice of cost-sharing for work of the UL System Office on behalf of its eight universities.

Act 11 of the 2010 Legislature requires the UL System to seek approval from the JLCB to proceed with Inter-Agency transfer of shared costs. It calls for the amount of \$2 million, which equates to 0.2 percent of campus budgets.

These funds cover services provided by the UL System such as coordination of academic, student, finance, facilities and legal services that are both specific to the institution and for the benefit of all campuses collectively.

Since the first budget cut to higher education in December of 2008, the UL System Office has undergone reductions to its budget at the same percentage as its eight universities. This was prior to an additional 30 percent reduction given to governing boards this past Legislative Session. The end result was a reduction of \$1.6 million of state funding or 55 percent.

As a result of the most recent reduction, the office lost five staff members and issued furloughs to its remaining 17 employees. Furloughs range from six to 20 days based on pay scale.

At today's meeting, two campus presidents spoke on behalf of the assessments.

"There is not a week that goes by that I don't seek advice or counsel from this Board. I can not imagine this Board not having enough staff or enough resources to function effectively. I strongly support the assessments," said Louisiana Tech University President Daniel Reneau.

"I've worked at four other systems across the country and campus assessments are routine. However, we typically see an increase in assessment amounts when there are cutbacks in state budgets, but the UL System is simply trying to maintain. I appreciate what they do and fully support these charge-backs to the campus," said Nicholls State University President Stephen Hulbert.

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While several speakers considered the proposed changes to be an assault on tenure, several Board members addressed their concerns.

"No one on this Board has in mind this is a threat to tenure. We do want to preserve that. However, considering previous budget cuts, there's not a whole lot of other places to cut in the future," said Andre Coudrain.

Other Board Action

The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System approved the following requests:

ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS

- Southeastern: eliminate the Associate of Arts degree program in Criminal Justice
- Southeastern: reorganize academic departments in two of its Colleges
- UL System: the System Universities' 2010-11 Promotions in Faculty Rank and Recommendations for Tenure
- UL System: revision to Board Rule, Chapter II. Students, Section VIII. Baccalaureate Degrees Requirements

ATHLETIC

- UL System: acceptance of Fiscal Year 2009-10 Financial and Compliance Representation Letters for Grambling, McNeese, Southeastern, UL Lafayette, and UL Monroe

FACILITIES PLANNING

- McNeese: the authorization of system staff and legal counsel to continue negotiations with the United States Department of Justice to become in compliance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
- UL System: the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Capital Outlay Budget Request and Institutions' Five-Year Capital Outlay Plans

FINANCE

- UL System: the Fiscal Year 2010-11 Operating Budgets, including organizational charts, undergraduate/graduate mandatory attendance fees, and scholarships

UL System President Randy Moffett wrapped up the discussion with thanks and cautionary words.

"Unfortunately, we cannot afford the enterprise that exists today. I appreciate the faculty's willingness and openness to discuss options to our fiscal challenges. However, I caution that the solutions will not be easy."

- UL System: ratification of nonresident fee increases at University of Louisiana System institutions

PERSONNEL

- Grambling: appoint Mr. Leon Sanders as Interim Vice President for Finance and Administration
- Nicholls: appoint Dr. J. Steven Welsh as Acting Dean of College of Education
- UL Lafayette: appoint Dr. Robert Twilley as Vice President for Research
- UL Lafayette: continue the appointment of Mr. Kenneth Ardoin as Interim Vice President for University Advancement
- UL Monroe: appoint Dr. Eric Pani as Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

SYSTEM PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS

- UL System: the LA GRAD Act Performance Agreements and associated campus autonomies
- UL System: the 2010-11 Shared Cost Schedule
- UL System: grant Robert Hebert the title of President Emeritus of McNeese State University



LA Principals and Superintendent of the Year with UL System Degrees

Elementary School Principal of the Year

Mary Ellen Donatto
East Elementary School
(UL Lafayette graduate)

Middle School Principal of the Year

Margaret Goode
Maplewood Middle School
(McNeese graduate)

High School Principal of the Year

David Thrash
Bossier High School
(Northwestern graduate)

Superintendent of the Year

John Bourque
Acadia Parish
(UL Lafayette grad)