

Presidential Search Updates

The McNeese State University Presidential Search Committee will begin advertising nationally next month with an eye towards interviewing semi-finalists on campus in April, and the Grambling State University Presidential Search Committee decided to pause search activities to allow time for its interim president to continue to stabilize the university. Both committees met in Baton Rouge this week.

To learn more about the searches, visit www.ulsystem.edu/McNeeseSearch or www.ulsystem.edu/GramblingSearch.



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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

Spring Enrollment is Up

The University of Louisiana System remains the state's largest higher education system in terms of enrollment with approximately 74,000 students in classes this spring. Combined, the eight universities had an overall growth of 2.34 percent over last spring.

The 1,500 increase in students does not reflect the spring enrollment of Louisiana Tech University, which is on a quarter system. Their enrollment number will not be finalized until next month.

| Institution | 2009 | 2010 | % +/- |
|------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Grambling | 4,945 | 4,636 | -6.25% |
| La Tech* | 8,511 | 8,511* | * |
| McNeese | 7,696 | 8,099 | 5.24% |
| Nicholls | 6,429 | 6,495 | 1.03% |
| Northwestern | 8,452 | 8,761 | 3.66% |
| Southeastern | 13,446 | 14,117 | 4.99% |
| UL Lafayette | 15,035 | 15,193 | 1.05% |
| UL Monroe | 7,987 | 8,185 | 2.48% |
| UL System | 72,501 | 73,997 | 2.34% |

Nicholls and Southeastern Increase Admissions Standards for Fall 2010

The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana today approved requests by Nicholls State University and Southeastern Louisiana University to implement higher admissions standards starting Fall 2010. This is a full year ahead of the Fall 2011 deadline approved by the Board for all eight universities in October 2009.

"We applaud and support Nicholls and Southeastern for moving aggressively in raising standards. It is a key indicator in improving academic success of students," said UL System President Randy Moffett.

Both universities conducted considerable analysis on impacts to enrollment and projec-

Endowed Professorships/Scholarships

Louisiana Tech University

- Howard (Connie Martin) Professorship in the College of Architecture
- Harrelson Family Endowed Professorship in Engineering
- Waller Professional Aviation Endowed Professorship

McNeese State University

- Citgo Petroleum Professorship in Engineering #5

Nicholls State University

- The Mack Thomas Nolen Endowed Professorship in History
- The Norman Swanner Memorial First Generation Endowed Undergraduate Scholarship
- The George Picou Memorial First Generation Endowed Undergraduate Scholarship

Northwestern State University

- Family and Consumer Science Endowed Professorship
- Demon Regiment Endowed Professorship in Military Science
- Richard I. Davis First Generation Endowed Scholarship

Southeastern Louisiana University

- The Lillie Abels Maurin Endowed Professorship in Secondary Education

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tions on how successful students would be under these new standards.

“This move to enhance admission standards clearly reflects the increasing quality of our student applicants. Nicholls is a strong academic institution as reflected in this change,” said Nicholls President Stephen Hulbert.

Southeastern’s new standards go slightly beyond minimum standards set by the board.

“With this increased importance being placed on graduation rates, we intend to sharpen our focus on recruiting students who possess the academic preparation to succeed in a university environment,” said Southeastern President John Crain.

| Nicholls New Admissions Standards | Southeastern New Admissions Standards |
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| <p>Completion of Regents Core AND Require no more than one developmental course AND Have a minimum HS GPA of 2.0 AND Meet at least one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACT composite of 21 or greater OR • HS GPA of 2.35 or greater OR • HS graduation rank top 50% | <p>Completion of Regents Core AND Require no more than one developmental course AND Have a minimum HS GPA of 2.0 AND Meet at least one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACT composite of 21 or greater OR • HS GPA of 2.5 or greater OR • HS graduation rank top 25% |

120-Hour Degree Standard to be Implemented

University of Louisiana System Provosts will be hard at work paring down the number of hours required to earn a four-year degree at our eight universities. This week, the Council of Vice Presidents of Academic Affairs endorsed a move to initiate a system-wide 120-hours degree requirement standard.

Currently, there are over 451 four-year degree programs across the eight universities, 39 of which

meet this 120-hour standard. The remaining 412 programs will be pared down. Exceptions will be given to programs that for accreditation reasons, require additional hours beyond this standard.

“This move will decrease time to graduation and decrease costs, while not sacrificing quality,” said UL System Provost Brad O’Hara.

Provosts will begin their work immediately on the campuses.

Other Board Action

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

ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS

- Grambling: modify admissions standards for transfer students, non-traditional students, and students seeking readmission effective Summer 2010.
- Nicholls: increase undergraduate admissions standards effective Fall 2010.
- Southeastern: increase undergraduate admissions standards effective Fall 2010.
- Southeastern: terminate the Associate of Arts degree program in Office Administration.

JOINT ATHLETIC & AUDIT

- La Tech: contractual agreement between Head Football Coach Daniel S. Dykes, Louisiana Tech University, and Louisiana Tech University Foundation.
- La Tech: contractual agreement between Athletic Director Bruce E. Van De Velde, Louisiana Tech University, and Louisiana Tech University Foundation.
- UL Lafayette: extension to the contractual agreement with Mr. Rickey Bustle.
- UL Monroe: contractual agreement with Head Men’s Football Coach Todd Berry, effective February 1, 2010.
- UL System: payments made by nonprofit organizations to employees of the University of Louisiana System during Fiscal Year 2009 in accordance with provision of Louisiana Revised Statute 17:3390(F).

FACILITIES PLANNING

- Grambling: name the Assembly Center the “Fredrick C. Hobdy Assembly Center.”
- McNeese: enter into a Local Services Agreement with the SWLA Alliance Foundation, Inc., Calcasieu Parish Police Jury, and the City of Lake Charles involving the development, construction, and operation of the Southwest Louisiana Entrepreneurial and Economic Development (SEED) Center.
- Northwestern: enter into a general agriculture lease for three tracts of land in Desoto Parish totaling 366.98 acres.

- Northwestern: authorize the State Mineral Board to offer for lease two tracts of land in Desoto Parish totaling 110.17 acres
- Northwestern: enter into a Lease Agreement with Northwestern State University Foundation, Inc. to construct a pavilion in an area adjacent to Turpin Stadium and donate the improvements to the University.
- UL Lafayette: demolish two buildings located on the main campus to allow for the construction of a new Softball Stadium.
- UL Lafayette: demolish four buildings located on the main campus to allow for the planned renovation and expansion of the Student Union Complex.

FINANCE

- Nicholls: student referendum to fund operations of the Recreation Center and Activities Program.
- Nicholls: provide an advanced business program via a contractual arrangement with individuals and/or organizations to be named the Executive Master of Business Administration Program.
- UL System: establish LEQSF (8g) Endowed Professorships/Scholarships. (see margins for details)
- UL System: 2010-11 undergraduate and graduate mandatory attendance fees.

PERSONNEL

- Grambling: appoint Dr. Kenoye Eke as Interim Executive Assistant to the President/Vice President for Institutional Advancement effective March 1, 2010.;

Endowed Professorships/Scholarships

University of Louisiana at Lafayette

- Paul A. Callais/BORSF Memorial Endowed Professorship in Economics/Finance
- Dr. Robert & Marjorie Hesse/BORSF Memorial Endowed Professorship in Business Administration
- Mr. And Mrs. E.P. “Pat” Nalley/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Business Administration 2009
- Philip and Jean Piccione/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Statistics VII
- Philip and Jean Piccione/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Statistics VIII
- Jack & Gladys Theall/BORSF Endowed Professorship in College of Liberal Arts I
- Jack & Gladys Theall/BORSF Endowed Professorship in College of Sciences

University of Louisiana at Monroe

- Lillian L. and Fred Marx Endowed Professorship in Biology
- Dale Magoun Professorship in Mathematics
- Michelle McEacharn Endowed Professorship in Accounting
- The Upshaw Family Professorship for the College of Education and Human Development