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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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-
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Northwestern: authorize the State Mineral Professorship in the College of Science Endowed Professorships/Scholarships.

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

McNeese State University
- Citgo Petroleum Professorship in Engineering #5

Nicholls State University

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: terminate the Associate of Arts degree program in Office Administration.
- UL Lafayette: demolish two buildings located on the main campus to allow for the construction of a new Softball Stadium.
- UL Lafayette: establish a Trustee Endowed Position in the School of Business Administration.

FINANCE
- 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: approve the new Endowed Scholarships.

PERSONNEL
- Grambling: appoint Dr. Karen Eke as interim Executive Assistant to the President/Vice President for Institutional Advancement effective March 1, 2010.
- Northwestern: authorize the State Mineral Professorship in the College of Science Endowed Professorships/Scholarships.
- 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 planned renovation and expansion of the Student Union Complex.

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
- Jack & Glyady Theall/BORSF Endowed Professorship in College of Liberal Arts I
- Jack & Glyady Theall/BORSF Endowed Professorship in College of Sciences

University of Louisiana at Monroe
- Lilian L. and Fred Marx Endowed Professorship in Biology
- Dale Magoun Professorship in Mathematics
- Michelle McEachern Endowed Professorship in Accounting
- The Uphaw Family Professorship for the College of Education and Human Development