

### Presidential Search Updates

The Grambling State University Presidential Search came to a close today with the naming of Dr. Frank G. Pogue as the University's eighth president.

The University of Louisiana at Monroe Presidential Search just began with the naming of a 13-member search committee and the appointment of Dr. Stephen Richters as Interim president.

To learn more about the searches, visit [www.ulsystem.edu/ULMSearch](http://www.ulsystem.edu/ULMSearch) or [www.ulsystem.edu/GramblingSearch](http://www.ulsystem.edu/GramblingSearch).



Dr. Frank G. Pogue is Grambling's Eighth President



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Dr. Randy Moffett  
President



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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

## Multiple Programs Eliminated Due to Budget Cuts

The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System today approved requests from three universities to eliminate degree programs due to current and pending budget reductions.

Northwestern terminated nine degree programs, five concentrations and twelve minors. Southeastern terminated bachelor's degrees in French and French Education. UL Monroe terminated the Associate of Science degree in Care and Development of Young Children.

Prior to voting in committee and in the full board meeting, much discussion ensued

about the harsh realities of state budget cuts.

"It's not just an article in the paper. It's not just a piece of legislation. It's real cuts sinking in today," said Board Member Paul Aucoin.

"None of us are excited, pleased and want to be where we are, but the reality is we have to work with a 40 percent reduction of state funding," said Moffett. "Our faculty and students are very important to us, but at the end of the day we will not be able to operate our universities at the level of funding and staffing we were able to do 24 months ago."

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## Richters Appointed Interim President at ULM

University of Louisiana at Monroe Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Stephen Richters was today named Interim President of the university.

"I am honored to serve the university, and I pledge to be a good steward and ease the transition to the next president. The university will continue to build upon the progress of the last eight years. Even during budgetary

challenges, it is critical for ULM to move forward," said Richters.

Richters has worked at ULM since 1994 and served as the second ranking leader since 2002. He holds an associate's degree from Northwestern Connecticut Community College, a bachelor's degree from Vassar College, and a master's degree and a Ph.D. from Brown University.

## They Said It

“None of us like the situation we’re facing in this state. The challenge is that we don’t always have control of our revenue. We cannot raise tuition and fees like other states can.”

- Randy Moffett

“It’s death by a thousand cuts. It is time for the citizens of this state to determine what kind of higher education they want. There ought to be a sense of outrage by our citizens, and we just don’t see it.”

- Paul Aucoin

“The proposal has nothing to do with quality of program or performance. No administrator wants to lose strong academic programs or faculty. It is an unfortunate reality of our budgetary situation.”

- Randy Webb

“Our presidents have been logical, reasonable, and responsible in their review of program reductions and prioritization of dwindling revenues.”

- Randy Moffett

## Program Reductions continued from page 1

Northwestern’s nine eliminated programs are undergraduate degrees in heritage resources, physics, physics education, chemistry, chemistry education, journalism, sociology, political science and a master’s in heritage resources. The minors eliminated are geology, physics, chemistry, journalism, sociology, German, historic preservation, French,

philosophy, political science and food and nutrition.

**To see comments made about program discontinuations by university presidents and board members, look at the side bars of this newsletter.**

## Board Says Farewell to Hebert and Cofer

The Board of Supervisors thanked outgoing presidents Robert Hebert of McNeese State University and James Cofer of the University of Louisiana at Monroe.

Hebert, the longest-serving president of McNeese, is retiring this month after 23 years at the helm. Among his numerous accomplishments as president, Hebert coined the motto “Excellence with a Personal Touch.”

“I am honored to have served for so long; I would have been honored to have served only one year as president. The university will always mean a

great deal to me,” said Hebert.

Cofer will start Aug. 1 as the new president of Missouri State University. During his eight years as president of ULM, he transformed the campus physically, academically and financially.

“The best accomplishment any president can have is to leave the institution better than when you arrived. I believe we have achieved that. I am proud of the many accomplishments, but I am most proud of what you don’t see easily—that’s the improvements in the classroom,” said Cofer.



Kay Kirkpatrick congratulates new student board member Brook Sebren after he takes the oath of office. Pictured with Brook are (left) Jim and Deborah Cofer and (right) his mother, Diana Guidry.

## Other Board Action

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

### ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS

- Northwestern: termination and redesign of specified degree programs, concentrations, and minors in conjunction with a revision to the organizational structure of its Division of Academic and Student Affairs.
- Southeastern: program terminations and academic departmental redesign.
- UL Monroe: program termination of the Associate of Science degree program in Care and Development of Young Children

### ATHLETIC

- McNeese: contractual agreement with First Assistant Women’s Basketball Coach, Mr. Garry P. Brodhead, for the period May 1, 2010 through April 30, 2011.
- McNeese: contractual agreement with Head Men’s Basketball Coach, Mr. Dave Simmons, for the period May 1, 2010 through April 30, 2011.
- McNeese: contractual agreement with Head Women’s Basketball Coach, Ms. Brooks D. Williams, for the period May 1, 2010 through April 30, 2011.
- Nicholls: supplemental contractual agreements with five assistant football coaches.
- Northwestern: extension of the contractual agreement with Head Softball Coach, Mr. Donald Pickett.
- UL Monroe: contractual agreement with Head Basketball Coach, Mr. Keith Richard.

### AUDIT

- Southeastern: acceptance of FY 2009-10 Financial and Compliance Representation Letter.
- UL System: System Universities’ FY 2010-11 Internal Audit Plans.

### FACILITIES PLANNING

- Grambling: name the foyer of the Fredrick C. Hobby Assembly Center the “Mary A. Hobby Foyer.”
- La Tech: demolish two structures.
- McNeese: offer a small parcel of property for public auction.
- Nicholls: return the donated Rienzi-Levert Plantation House and 7.204 acres of land to the donor.

- Southeastern: reversion of donated land at Port Manchac.
- UL Lafayette: name a residence hall in Legacy Park the “Robert E. Trahan Hall” in honor of the late Robert E. Trahan.
- UL Lafayette: form and authorization to execute a Ground Lease Agreement and Agreement to Lease with Option to Purchase with Ragin’Cajun Facilities, Inc., a 501(c)3, not-for-profit corporation, to finance, design, demolish, renovate and expand the University’s Student Union Complex.

### FINANCE

- La Tech: enter into a lease agreement with Barnes & Noble College Booksellers.
- McNeese: replace the Bank of New York Mellon Trust with Argent Trust, a Division of National Independent Trust Company, as Trustee for the outstanding \$6,000,000 Board of Supervisor Revenue Bonds (McNeese State University Field House Project), Series 2009.
- Nicholls: business, financial, and building design plans, and restated grounds and facilities leases for the Nicholls Student Recreation Center Bond Issue Project.
- Northwestern: include a referendum clarifying “Home Campus” for self-assessed fees on an upcoming SGA ballot.
- UL System: ratification of Auxiliary Rates and Non-Governmental Charges that have been administratively approved for McNeese, Nicholls, Southeastern, and UL Monroe.
- UL System: authorize System staff to approve energy surcharge requests from System universities in accordance with Board of Regents’ guidelines, if applicable, and to develop a policy and procedure memorandum to establish guidelines for administration of the energy surcharge.

### PERSONNEL

- Grambling: appoint Dr. Paul A. Bryant as Interim Vice President for Enrollment Management and Retention.
- Nicholls: appoint Dr. Allayne Barrilleaux as Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs.

### SYSTEM PRESIDENT’S BUSINESS

- Grambling: appoint Dr. Frank G. Pogue as President.
- UL Monroe: appoint Dr. Stephen Richters as Interim President.

## They Said It

“These cuts are difficult in a town the size of Natchitoches. These are mandates by this board and by Board of Regents to deal with low completers and budget reductions. I thank the Northwestern review committee and leaders who have worked so hard to make these very tough decisions.”

- Jimmy Long, Sr.

“For every program at a university there are people with a strong affinity for that program. We went into this review with a full understanding that it would be a difficult process. We are disappointed and regret we have to make these decisions but we have no choice.”

- John Crain

“Please do not take the actions of our universities or board as a reflection on the quality of programs. Unfortunately, we will have to cut several quality programs because of budget realities.”

- Andre Coudrain