Nicholls/Fletcher Partnership a Model

The unique partnership between Nicholls State University and Fletcher Technical Community College was the cornerstone of a presentation about Nicholls to the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System today.

Nicholls Vice President for Academic Affairs Laynie Barrilleaux outlined various initiatives and changes taking place on the Thibodaux campus including rising ACT scores, 100 percent accreditation of all eligible academic programs, an academic reputation that has increased significantly over the past five years, facilities upgrades and construction and more focus on faculty and student engagement and initiatives that address GRAD Act legislation.

"Nicholls is pleased with the challenges and opportunities posed by the GRAD Act. Many of the initiatives we have implemented focus on improving retention, increasing graduation rates and collaborating with our community college to give students greater access to and success in higher education," said Barrilleaux.

Following her presentation were comments from Nicholls President Stephen Hulbert, Fletcher Chancellor Travis Lavigne and

SPECIAL GUESTS
Grambling senior Sparkle Springfield looks to UL System Provost Brad O’Hara during a presentation. Students and graduates of the eight UL System universities were special guests at today’s Board Meeting.

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Board Says Farewell to Student Member Sebren

The UL System Board honored outgoing student member Brook Sebren for his exemplary service over the past year. A senior Entrepreneurship major at the University of Louisiana at Monroe, Sebren juggled many duties including a presidential search on his own campus.

“As a student leader, Brook worked hard this year. He helped welcome ULM President Nick Bruno, was instrumental in bringing Dan Rather
to campus and was a strong advocate for higher education. We wish him the best in his future pursuits,” said Board Chair Winfred Siblee.

“This has been the most rewarding experience of my life—to be 21-years-old and be surrounded by a most talented group who genuinely valued me. If all other boards are as efficient and passionate in all that they do, then higher education is in good hands,” said Sebren.

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Louisiana Community and Technical College System President Joe May, “I am pleased to share with you how proud we are to have a relationship with every single university in the UL System,” said May. “Each relationship is built around uniqueness of the individual community.”

UL System President Randy Moffett complimented all eight universities but said, “Nicholls has been out front in many ways in terms of their collaboration and willingness to work together.” Fletcher and Nicholls cross advertise from billboards to websites to recruitment activities. Classes are taught on Nicholls’ campus by Fletcher faculty and vice versa, students enrolled at either institution can use all facilities and parking passes, making it a seamless partnership.

“A community college chancellor wants to do a lot of things but it takes a university president to come in and lead, and that makes everything possible,” said Lavigne.

UL System Board Member Paul Aucoin complimented the university on its improved academic achievement and reinforced the strength of the community college partnership. “The relationship between President Hubert and Chancellor Lavigne is real. I see it every time I’m on campus. It’s a real, real working relationship that I hope serves as a model for the state.”

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

**ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS**
- McNeese: implement an administrative reorganization that will eliminate the Department of Nutrition and Family Studies and move its degree program to the Department of Agricultural Sciences.
- Northwestern: award an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters to Mr. Terrel Delphin at the Fall Commencement Exercises.
- UL Lafayette: reconfigure the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Management Information Systems degree program to become a Bachelor of Science in Informatics degree program.
- UL Lafayette: implement an administrative reorganization of various units within its Division of Academic Affairs.
- UL Lafayette: conditional (one-year) approval to create the Center for Moving Images Arts.
- UL Lafayette: conditional (one-year) approval to create the Tommy Comeaux Center for Traditional Music.

**JOINT ATHLETIC & AUDIT**
- McNeese: update the McNeese State University policy permitted under the NCAA Bylaw 11.3.2.3 relating to supplemental pay for coaches.
- Nicholls: contract with Mr. Charles Stubbs as head Football Coach, effective March 16, 2011.
- Nicholls: agreement among Nicholls State University, the Colonel Athletic Association, and Mr. Charles Stubbs, Head Football Coach, effective March 17, 2011.
- Northwestern: extension of a contract with Mr. John Michael McConathy, Head Men’s Basketball Coach, effective May 1, 2011.
- Southeastern: contract with Mr. James Yarbrough, Head Men’s Basketball Coach, effective April 1, 2011.
- Southemern: contract with Mr. Gero Frugoli, Head Women’s Volleyball Coach, effective April 1, 2011.
- Southemern: contract with Mr. Blake Hombuckle, Head Women’s Soccer Coach, effective April 1, 2011.
- UL Monroe: contract with Mr. Troy Reffett, Assistant Football Coach/Defensive Coordinator, effective March 1, 2011.
- UL Monroe: contract with Mr. Steve Farmer, Assistant Football Coach/Offerive Coordinator, effective March 1, 2011.

**FACILITIES PLANNING**
- Grambling: name the Baseball Complex the Ralph Waldo Emerson Jones Park and Wilbert Ellis Field.
- Nicholls: Board resolution authorizing Nicholls State University to receive and accept a bid to lease the mineral rights for land at the University Farm.
- Southeastern: sell or demolish two buildings: Region II Service Center (400 West Colorado Street) and Region II Service Center Annex (705 North Pine Street).
- UL System: amend the FY 2011-12 Capital Outlay Budget Request.

**FINANCE**
- Grambling: proposed student fee referendum for Fall 2011.
- (NEW) Louisiana Tech: 2011-12 undergraduate and graduate mandatory attendance fees.
- McNeese: convert two endowed chairs to twenty endowed professorships.
- Northwestern: Barksdale Air Force Base MOU Addendum.
- UL System: Campus Housing and Meal Plan Rates, Auxiliary Rates, and Non-Governmental Charges for Academic Year 2011-12.

**PERSONNEL**
- Grambling: appoint Dr. Connie Walton as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, effective March 1, 2011.
- UL Monroe: appoint Dr. Benny Lee Blaylock as Dean of the College of Pharmacy, effective May 1, 2011.
- UL System: certify campus LA GRAD Act reports for 2010-11.

**PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE**
- UL System: certify campus LA GRAD Act reports for 2010-11.

**SYSTEM PRESIDENT**
- Personnel Actions and Summer School Appointments.

Outgoing Student Board Member Brook Sebren receives an award and standing ovation.