

## Upcoming Meetings



### WHAT: Sixth Annual UL System Service-Learning Conference

WHEN: 10 a.m.—3:30 p.m., Thursday, March 17, 2011

WHERE: Favrot Student Union, Grambling State University, Grambling, Louisiana

MORE INFO: [www.ulsystem.edu/conference](http://www.ulsystem.edu/conference)

### WHAT: First Annual UL System Undergraduate Research Day

WHEN: 9 a.m.—5 p.m., Friday, March 18, 2011

WHERE: Friedman Student Union, Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, Louisiana

MORE INFO: <http://researchday.nsula.edu>

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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 Approves Rules and Policy Changes to Provide Flexibility for Budget Cuts

The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System today unanimously approved changes to Board Rules on tenure and termination as well as a policy on academic program discontinuance in order for its eight universities to respond to deep budget reductions.

The changes were initially introduced in August 2010 but went through a series of revisions as UL System President Randy Moffett and staff met with campus administrative personnel and the system's Faculty Advisory Council (FAC) to strive for common ground.

"We have worked diligently to reach this point. Our presidents need this flexibility to help balance their budgets should deep cuts occur," said Moffett.

Total state support for the UL System has been reduced by almost 20 percent since 2008, and the current budget includes \$95 million in federal stimulus funds that will not be available after June 30, 2011.

Nicholls State University President Stephen Hulbert voiced his reluctant support for the

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## Resolution Supports Governor's Review of Statutory Dedications

Today, the UL System Board of Supervisors unanimously passed a resolution in support of Governor Bobby Jindal's push for the Legislature to review all statutorily dedicated funds.

Jindal announced on Feb. 21 that his three initiatives would increase the authority to cut certain dedicated funds, allow for the reallocation of interest earnings generated by certain dedicated

funds for the express purpose of deficit reductions and require the sunset of all dedicated funds with few exceptions.

Today's resolution urges and requests the Legislature to support "efforts that provide expanded options when dealing with budgetary shortfalls that would result in a more equitable allocation of available state resources."

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## Board Member Comments Regarding Rules and Policy Changes

“No one enjoys making these types of decisions, but we have to address the financial health of our institutions.”  
-Paul Aucoin

“Agreement is probably not possible. We do not have the money to do everything we want to do. We have to have the tools that we hope we don't have to use. These are the fiscal realities.”  
-Edward Crawford

“We feel for the faculty, but we have to do what we have to do.”  
-E. Gerald Hebert

“Regarding comments that your voice hasn't been heard, I strongly disagree. I spent yesterday reading a huge binder that included comments and proposed changes and revisions and came here today prepared to listen.”  
-Jimmy Faircloth, Jr.

## Changes Continued

changes. “I am here to support this policy, not because I like it, but because of the dramatic funding changes we have faced and continue to face. We may need these flexibilities in order to protect the financial integrity of our institution.”

The approved change to the board rule on termination included the provision of a shorter notification period for both non-tenured (one month) and tenure-track (three months) faculty in the event termination is recommended as a result of program discontinuance.

The approved change to the board rule on tenure was an inclusion of program discontinuance as an action to initiate termination of tenured faculty.

The approved Policy on Program Discontinuance included an abbreviated notification period to tenured faculty (essentially one semester) under specific financial conditions (15 percent or more reduction in state appropriations for the subsequent budget year or 7.5 percent in the existing budget year). This policy also includes a two-year sunset on its authority.

Though the FAC went on record opposing the changes, FAC Chair Donna Rhorer acknowledged the budgetary challenges the Board faces. “We can understand the frustration you feel when confronted with the current economic situation,” said Rhorer. She also articulated that a review of the proposed changes by the FAC should not be considered an endorsement.

*Board Member comments can be viewed in the margins of this newsletter.*

## Resolution Continued

“We all know higher education and health care are not protected when the state has declining resources. I applaud and support Governor Jindal in this effort, and we will work steadfastly to provide the Legislature with information on this issue,” said UL System President Randy Moffett.

## Other Board Action

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

### ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS

- La Tech: Letter of Intent and Proposal to establish a Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Communications Systems.
- Nicholls: award an Honorary Doctor of Letters to Ms. Tresha Mabile.
- Northwestern: Letter of Intent for a Bachelor of Applied Science degree program in Allied Health.
- UL System: revisions to Board Rule Chapter III. Faculty and Staff, Section XI. Tenure; and Board Rule Chapter III. Faculty and Staff, Section XV. Termination and associated Policy and Procedures Memorandum (PPM) Academic Program Reduction and/or Discontinuance, FS-III.XV.B.-1a.

### JOINT ATHLETIC & AUDIT

- La Tech: contractual agreement between Golf Coach, Mr. Jeff Parks, Louisiana Tech University, and the Louisiana Tech University Foundation.
- Northwestern: extension of a contract with Head Football Coach Bradley Dale Peveto.
- UL Lafayette: enter into a contractual agreement with Mark Hudspeth as Head Football Coach.
- UL Monroe: amended contract of Head Football Coach Todd Berry.

### FACILITIES PLANNING

- La Tech: rename the old Visual Arts Building University Hall.
- Northwestern: enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Office of State Parks, for the purpose of providing to the State Parks 4.25 acres of the designated property to be used for its District 4 Regional Office site.
- Northwestern: transfer facilities to Louisiana Office of State Parks.
- Southeastern: demolish North Campus Classroom Building.
- UL Lafayette: change the name of the Cecil

J. Picard Center for Child Development to Cecil J. Picard Center for Child Development and Lifelong Learning.

- UL Lafayette: Act of Transfer of property from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Property Foundation.
- UL Monroe: accept donation of property from the University of Monroe Foundation.
- UL Monroe: enter into a Ground Lease Agreement and Agreement to Lease with Option to Purchase with University of Louisiana at Monroe Facilities Corporation, for the purpose of acquiring and installing scoreboards at various athletic sites on the University's main campus.

### FINANCE

- La Tech: per credit hour fee for Murphy Oil employees' participation in the joint education agreement.
- McNeese: proposed student fee referendum.
- UL Monroe: proposed student fee referendum.
- UL System: establish LEQSF (8g) Endowed Professorships/Scholarships
- UL System: 2011-12 Undergraduate and Graduate Mandatory Attendance Fees and Non-Resident Fees and Schedule

### PERSONNEL

- McNeese: reorganization of administrative offices for the academic year 2011-12.
- Nicholls: appoint Larry Howell as Interim Executive Vice President effective January 19, 2011.
- Nicholls: appoint Michael Naquin as Interim Associate Vice President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer effective January 19, 2011.
- Southeastern: appoint Dr. Ann Carruth as Interim Dean of Nursing and Health Sciences effective January 14, 2011.
- UL Lafayette: appoint Scott Farmer as Interim Athletic Director effective January 17, 2011.

### SYSTEM PRESIDENT

- UL System: approve resolution in support of state budget flexibilities.

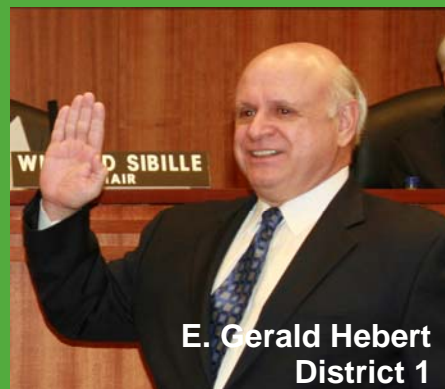
## Board Member Comments Regarding Rules and Policy Changes

“The comments today and input over the last six months have been carefully considered, and I assure you the actions of this Board are not taken lightly. I support this because it is necessary to address budget challenges.”  
-Andre Coudrain

“We have hired very competent people to run our universities. We have to defer to the wisdom of the campus leaders and they will be held responsible for their actions.”  
-Jimmy Faircloth, Jr.

“We must empower our CEO's to perform battlefield triage.”  
-David Guidry

“Our overriding responsibility is to serve the 83,000 students of this system. That means ensuring the financial stability of our universities.”  
-Winfred Sibille



**E. Gerald Hebert  
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**Jimmie "Beau" Martin, Jr.  
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**David Guidry  
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**Louis J. Lambert  
At Large**

## Newly Appointed Members Take Oath of Office