Lombardo Begins Service on UL System Board

Nicholls State University Student Government Association President John Lombardo was sworn in today, beginning his one-year term as a student board member.

“I am really excited to learn, understand and help the system grow,” said Lombardo.

Elected by peer SGA Presidents in the UL System each year, the student board member serves from June until May with all the rights and responsibilities of the members appointed by the Governor.

Lombardo is a senior Government major and has served in the SGA throughout his tenure at Nicholls. He is a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity and the Circle K International Service Organization. He has completed over 1,500 hours of community service since high school, has worked for the LA 1 Coalition and the BP Petroleum Preservation and Maintenance Facility. He is serving as an intern for Congressman Jeff Landry this summer.

Lombardo will serve on the Academic and Student Affairs, Athletic, Grievance and Legislation committees.

UL System Addresses UNO Transfer

In the recent Legislative Session, the Louisiana Legislature enacted law to transfer the management of the University of New Orleans from the LSU System to the University of Louisiana System. The transfer is pending approval by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACS-COC) in December.

“We welcome the University of New Orleans to the University of Louisiana System, and over the next several months we will work closely with UNO and our colleagues in the LSU System to make the transition as smooth as possible,” said UL System President Randy Moffett.

To facilitate business and legal issues that may arise over the next several months, the Board passed a resolution authorizing President
UNO Transfer Committee

Members:
1. ULS Board Member Andrea Coudrain of Hammond, UNO Transfer Committee Chair
2. ULS Board Member Paul Aucoin of Thibodaux
3. ULS Board Member David Guidry of Harvey
4. ULS Board Member E. Gerald Hebert of Kenner
5. ULS Board Member Renee Lapeyrole of New Orleans
6. ULS Board Member Russell Mosley of Baton Rouge

Ex-officio members:
7. ULS Board Vice Chair Wayne Parker of Choudrant
8. ULS Board Chair Winfred Sibille of Sunset

Non-voting, advisory members:
9. UNO Acting Chancellor Joe King
10. UNO SGA President John Mineo
11. UNO University Senate Representative
12. UNO Alumni Association Representative
13. Community Representative
14. Community Representative

UNO Continued

Moffett to act on its behalf for specific transition issues. The resolution is similar to one passed by the LSU System Board last month.

To assist Moffett, Chair Sibille created a UNO Transfer Committee and appointed 10 of the 14 members. (Committee appointments are listed in the margins of this newsletter.)

“The makeup of the UNO Transfer Committee is consistent with how we structure presidential search committees, which includes a good mixture of board, campus and community representation,” said Sibille.

According to Moffett, next steps will be to finalize the transfer committee, develop an intercampus operating plan with the LSU System, work with UNO to submit transfer documentation to SACS-COC, as well as identify transfer issues, prioritize, develop action plans and implement the transfer.

The Board also heard from UNO officials including Acting Chancellor and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs Joe King.

“This is a journey that’s taken us where we want to be. We’re looking forward to working with your universities to enhance the educational opportunities in Louisiana,” said King.

In closing, Moffett announced the UL System Board may hold its next meeting on the UNO campus on August 25-26, 2011.

We are very pleased to be working with UNO and are excited to learn more about our soon-to-be newest system member,” said Chair Sibille.

A copy of the Board resolution can be found at www.ulsystem.edu.

Other Board Action

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

• Southeastern & UL Lafayette: proposal for a joint offering of a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree program.

ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS

• McNeese: reorganize the administrative structure in the Burton College of Education.

• McNeese: enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the State of Louisiana and the McNeese State University Foundation for the purchase of a facility to enhance academic offerings in the College of Health and Pearl Drip’s Department of Agricultural Sciences.

• Northwestern: proposal for a Bachelor of Applied Science degree program in Allied Health.

• UL Lafayette: Letter of Intent/Proposal for a Bachelor of Science degree program in Health Services Administration.

• UL Lafayette: Graduate Certificate in Non-Public Schools: Administration.

• UL Monroe: Letter of Intent for a Master in Occupational Therapy.

ATHLETIC

• Tech: contract with Mr. Michael White, Head Men’s Basketball Coach, effective April 1, 2011.

• McNeese: contract with Ms. Brooks Donald-Williams, Head Women’s Basketball Coach, effective July 1, 2011.

• McNeese: contract with Mr. David Simmons, Head Men’s Basketball Coach, effective July 1, 2011.

• McNeese: contract with Mr. Bernard M. Viator, Head Football Coach, effective July 1, 2011.

• Nicholls: contract with Mr. J.P. Piper, Head Men’s Basketball Coach, effective April 1, 2011.

• Nicholls: agreement among Nicholls State University, the Colonel Athletic Association, and J.P. Piper, Head Men’s Basketball Coach.

• Southeastern: contract with Mr. Clyde Langlois, Head Softball Coach, effective June 1, 2011.

• Southeastern: contract with Mr. Jason Hayes, Head Women’s Tennis Coach, effective June 1, 2011.

• Southeastern: contract with Mr. James Sean Brady, Head Track & Field Coach, effective June 1, 2011.

• UL Monroe: contract with Mrs. Mona Martin, Women’s Basketball Coach, effective May 1, 2011.

AUDIT


• UL System: System Universities’ Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Internal Audit Plans.

• UL System: payments made by nonprofit organizations to employees of the University of Louisiana System during Fiscal Year 2010 in accordance with provision of Louisiana Revised Statute 17:3390(F).

FACILITIES PLANNING

• Tech: execute a land swap agreement.

• Tech: rename the Enterprise Center the “Robert H. Rawle Enterprise Center.”

• Tech: name the Tech Bookstore atrium the “Virgil Orr Bookstore Atrium.”

• UL Monroe: renaming the “Colonel William T. Hemphill Aviation and Computer Science Building” the “Colonel William T. Hemphill Hall.”

• Nicholls: enter into a 10-year lease agreement for the university’s bookstore operation with Barnes and Noble Bookellers.

• Northwestern: addendum to the Barksdale Air Force Base MOU.

• Northwestern: refund Wellness, Recreation, and Activity Center Bonds.

New Student Board Member John Lombardo (right) shakes hands with UL System Legal Counsel Linda Law Clark after taking the Oath of Office.