Board Says Farewell to Student Member

The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System today bid farewell to its student member John Lombardo. The Nicholls State University outgoing SGA President who was selected by his peers to serve a one-year term expressed gratitude to the Board for making him “part of the team.”

“I cannot thank you enough for truly making me part of this Board. You were open and friendly from day one. You gave me multiple opportunities to speak and give my opinion, and I learned so much from you, our university presidents, and staff,” said Lombardo.

“April Board meetings are always bittersweet for us because it means we have to say farewell to our student member. We have been blessed over the years with exceptional student members, and John has certainly performed admirably on this Board,” said UL System Board Chair Wayne Parker.

UL System Collaborative Degree One of 11 Programs and Certificates Approved Today

As early as January 2013, all nine universities in the University of Louisiana System will jointly offer a new Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Leadership. This 100 percent online degree targeted for adult learners was just one of 11 programs and certificates approved at today’s UL System Board Meeting. All programmatic actions must also be approved by the Louisiana Board of Regents.

The collaborative BA in Organizational Leadership will consist of two parts. The first is a common core of 10 courses offered jointly with each institution offering at least one course online. The second part will be 10 courses offered by the home (degree granting) institution including a unique concentration. Ideally, coursework regardless of the institution offering it will be through one online management system so that it is seamless.

The nine universities are in the process of submitting proposals for unique concentrations such as financial services, strategic communication, and law enforcement administration.
In total, five program proposals and six program letters of intent were approved today. In addition to the UL System collaborative letter of intent, Grambling State University had one proposal and one letter of intent approved. Louisiana Tech University had one proposal approved. Nicholls State University had one proposal and one letter of intent approved. Nicholls had one proposal approved, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette had one proposal approved, and the University of New Orleans had three letters of intent approved. Specific listings of academic programs approved are in the left margin.

### Degrees Continued

Aimed at returning adult learners, 60 hours of college credit including general education courses will be required to enroll.

"There are over 500,000 adults in Louisiana with some college credit and no degree. This program will fulfill a specific need while sharing costs across institutions," said UL System Provost Brad O’Hara who has spearheaded the effort along with a team from each institution.

"A full-time student could complete this bachelor’s degree in two years and excel in the workforce," said O’Hara.

### Other Board Action

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

#### ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS
- Grambling: Proposal to convert its certification only practitioner teacher programs to Master of Arts degree programs in Teaching (MAT) in Special Education, Elementary Education, and Secondary Education.
- Grambling: Letter of Intent to convert the existing Associate of Science degree program in Child Development to a Bachelor of Science degree program in Child Development and Early Literacy.
- Grambling: Honorary Doctor of Laws (LLD) to Ms. Donna Brazile at the Spring 2012 Commencement Exercises.
- Tech: Proposal for a Ph.D. degree program in Molecular Sciences and Nanotechnology.
- McNeese: Letter of Intent for a Master of Science degree program in Criminal Justice.
- McNeese: Letter of Intent for a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate of Nursing Case Management.
- Nicholls: Proposal for a collaborative Master of Science in Nursing degree program.
- Southeastern: Termination of the Associate of General Studies degree program effective Spring 2014.
- UL Lafayette: Award an Honorary Doctor of Arts Degree to Mr. Joe Stelwagen at the Spring 2012 Commencement Exercises.
- UL Lafayette: Proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL).
- UNO: Honorary Doctor of Engineering Degree to Mr. Mark Hudspeth, Head Football Coach, effective January 1, 2012.
- UL Lafayette: Letter of Intent for an M.Ed. degree program in Education Administration.
- UL System: Letter of Intent for Inter-American Studies.
- UL System: Letter of Intent for a collaborative Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Leadership.

### Farewell Continued

Lombardo will graduate this May from Nicholls with an undergraduate degree in Government. He plans to delay pursuing law school for a year so that he can work on Congressman Jeff Landry’s reelection campaign.

### Programs/Certificates Approved

**Undergraduate**
1. Letter of Intent for Bachelor of Science degree in Child Development and Early Literacy at Grambling
2. Letter of Intent for Bachelor of Science in Community Health at UNO
4. Letter of Intent for Master of Science in Criminal Justice at McNeese
5. Proposal for collaborative Master of Science in Nursing at Nicholls
6. Letter of Intent for Master of Education degree in Education Administration at UNO

**Graduate**
1. Proposal for a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate of Nursing Case Management at Nicholls
2. Proposal for Graduate Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages at UL Lafayette
3. Proposal for Master of Science in Nursing at Nicholls
4. Letter of Intent for Master of Science in Criminal Justice at McNeese
5. Proposal for collaborative Master of Science in Nursing at Nicholls
6. Letter of Intent for Master of Education degree in Education Administration at UNO
7. Proposal for Ph.D. in Molecular Sciences and Nanotechnology at Louisiana Tech
8. Letter of Intent for Ph.D. in Inter-American Studies at UNO

**FINANCE**
- McNeese: contract with Mr. Ronald P. Savoie, Head Women’s Soccer Coach, effective March 1, 2012.
- Northwestern: contract with Mr. George Van Linder, Head Women’s Soccer Coach, effective January 19, 2012.
- UL Lafayette: contract with Mr. Mark Hudspeth, Head Football Coach, effective January 1, 2012.
- UL Lafayette: Award an Honorary Doctor of Arts Degree to Mr. Joe Stewart at the Spring 2012 Commencement Exercises.
- UL Lafayette: implementation of a new model for online delivery of an RN to BSN degree.
- UL Lafayette: student contract for a package price for the Executive MBA Program.
- UL Lafayette: Letter of Intent for a Bachelor of Science degree program in Community Health.
- UNO: Letter of Intent for an M.Ed. degree program in Education Administration.
- UNO: Letter of Intent for a Ph.D. degree program in Inter-American Studies.
- UL System: Letter of Intent for a collaborative Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Leadership.