The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System re-elected its 2012 Board Officers to a second term. Chair Wayne Parker from Choudrant, Vice Chair Russell Mosely from Baton Rouge, and Parliamentarian Paul Aucoin from Thibodaux will serve again in 2013.

Chair of the Nominating Committee Andre Coudrain said the recommendations for officers were based on past performance. “All three officers have performed admirably, and we would like to see that leadership continue,” said Coudrain.

Parker is a business graduate and former football player for Louisiana Tech University. He retired from Willamette Industries, Inc. in 2002.

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Fourth Doctoral Programs Clear First Hurdle

The UL System Board approved letters of intent for four doctoral programs at three universities.

Northwestern State University is seeking its first doctoral program since 2000, a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP). University and business representatives from Shreveport/Bossier say the program would meet regional workforce needs as the Louisiana State Board of Nursing indicates nurses in north and central Louisiana leave for out-of-state DNP programs.

The University of Louisiana at Lafayette is seeking to establish a Ph.D. in Interdisciplinary Geosciences. According to David Borrok, the Director of the School of Geosciences, the proposed program will capture three concentrations: earth’s energy, environment, and physics.
LA Star Jobs is a resource for career seekers and students

The Louisiana Workforce Commission’s new online database, called LA Star Jobs, is a user-friendly, all-inclusive tool for job-seekers and employers in the state.

Charles Moniotte, chairman of the Louisiana Workforce Investment Council, and Raj Jindal, Director of Information Technology at the Louisiana Workforce Commission, demonstrated the new website to the Board of Supervisors.

According to Moniotte there are currently 129 occupations in Louisiana that require a four-year degree or higher. They hope college career counselors will utilize the tool as well as high school students.

“We plan to demonstrate this tool to high school students and their parents so they can make more informed choices about career and educational attainment. I’m a product of higher education in this state. I truly understand the difference it can make in someone’s life,” said Moniotte.

The Workforce Investment Council is making presentations across the state and is particularly focusing efforts on higher education and K-12 boards.

For more information visit www.laworks.net/Stars.

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“There are very few programs in the nation that combine all three areas,” said Borrok. The University of New Orleans wants to establish two new doctoral programs: a Ph.D. in Advanced Materials and Nanosciences and a Ph.D. in Computer and Information Sciences.

According to UL System Interim Provost Gary Reichard, “the program in advanced materials and nanosciences will provide for collaboration with other programs in the state, build upon strengths of existing programs and faculty, and promote economic development.”

UNO’s computer and information sciences program will offer a focus on biotechnology and it is expected to facilitate immediate growth in a sector of light industry coveted by the Greater New Orleans area. “Information technology and biotechnology have been recognized by Louisiana as two of the key areas that can help diversify the state’s economic base,” said Reichard.

Letters of intent are the first of a two-step approval process for new programs. The second step is approval of a program proposal. Both letters of intent and program proposals must be approved by the UL System Board and the Louisiana Board of Regents. Today’s letters of intent are now headed to the Regents for approval.

Other Board Action

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

ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS
- LA Tech: award an Honorary Doctor of Humanities degree to Benjamin L. Denny at the Fall Commencement Exercises.
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- Northwestern: Letter of Intent for a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree program in the College of Nursing and Allied Health.
- UL Lafayette: Letter of Intent for a Ph.D. degree program in Interdisciplinary Geosciences.
- ULM: Post Baccalaureate Certificate (PBC) in Computer Information Systems in the College of Business Administration.
- UNO: Letter of Intent for a Ph.D. degree program in Advanced Materials and Nanoscience.
- UNO: Letter of Intent for a Ph.D. degree program in Computer and Information Sciences.
- UL System: revisions to Board Rule Chapter II, Students. Section I. Admission.

ATHLETIC
- Southeastern: contractual agreement with Blake Hombuckle, Head Coach Women’s Soccer, effective February 1, 2013.
- Southeastern: contractual agreement with Geno Frugoli, Head Coach Women’s Volleyball, effective February 1, 2013.

FACILITIES PLANNING
- LA Tech: Ground Lease with the Louisiana Tech University Foundation for improvements to the Aquatic Facility and to accept donations upon completion of the lease.
- UNO: adjustment to the overall project costs for the update renovations of Maestri Field located at Privateer Park, in accordance with the provisions set forth in Act 959 of 2003.
- UL System: amend the FY 2013-14 Capital Outlay Budget Request.

FINANCE
- UL Lafayette: First Amendment to the Facilities Lease dated November 1, 2010 with Ragin’ Cajun Facilities, Inc., for the design and construction of the Student Union complex and to request that the project originally approved at $42,000,000 be increased to $53,000,000.

PERSONNEL
- UNO: appoint Dr. Leslie Guice as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs effective January 1, 2013.
- UL System: Personel Actions.
- UL System: revisions to Board Bylaws.
- UL System: Authorize the system president to approve changes in GRAD Act campus measures on behalf of the Board.

BOARD CHAIR
- UL System: appoint Wayne Parker as Board Chair for 2013.
- UL System: appoint Russell Mosely as Board Vice Chair for 2013.
- UL System: appoint Paul Aucoin as Board Parliamentarian for 2013
- UL System: authorizes the system president to pursue claims for the UL System and its universities against British Petroleum and its affiliates or any other entities that may be responsible for damages incurred as a result of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill.

SPECIAL MEETING
- LA Tech: appoint Dr. Leslie Guice as President effective July 1, 2013.

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holds a business degree from Louisiana State University and a Juris Doctorate from the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law School.

Aucoin is a graduate of Loyola University and Loyola University School of Law. He owns a private law practice.

All three will take the oath of office at a Jan. 4, 2013 meeting in Baton Rouge.

Mosely and Aucoin joined the Board in 2007 and are up for reappointment this December. Parker joined the Board in 2003, and his current term runs until 2014.