Academic Summit and Journal Continued

“We will have a comprehensive research journal that will be valued nationally,” said Yarbrough. “I would like to express gratitude to the system office and the Board for its support.”

On April 19 and 20, the UL System will hold its first Academic Summit on the campus of McNeese State University.

“This will be the first time to bring faculty, staff, and students together from all nine of our universities to celebrate art, service-learning, and undergraduate research,” said UL System Board Chair Wayne Parker.

Key dates coming up for the Academic Summit can be found to the left and at www.ulsystem.edu/AcademicSummit.

“Dr. Moffett, his staff, and our universities are to be commended for pulling together such wonderful collaborative endeavors. It is just another example of how our system works together for the betterment of our employees, students, and the communities we serve,” said Parker.

This April, the University of Louisiana System will unveil two new initiatives: the Journal of Service-Learning in Higher Education (JSLHE) and an Academic Summit. JSLHE is a new, peer-reviewed online journal for scholarly publishing about service-learning. Created by the system’s Service-Learning Council, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette’s Dean of Community Service, David Yarbrough, serves as the Executive Editor. The review board is composed of UL System faculty and staff representatives of various disciplines as well as esteemed service-learning practitioners from across the country. A current call for manuscripts is out with a March 1 due date. The journal plans to publish its inaugural edition in mid-April at www.ulsystem.edu/JSLHE.

UL System Promotes Academic Summit and the Journal of Service-Learning in Higher Education

UNO President Fos Updates the Board on His First 23 Days in Office

New University of New Orleans President Peter Fos may technically be on his 23rd day on the job, but he has accomplished many months worth of work already.

“I have met with community members, faculty, staff, students, the media, and I am just getting started,” said Fos. “We have many challenges in front of us, but I come to work every day with a smile on my face.”
Endowed Professorships/ Chairs

Louisiana Tech University
1. Dr. Jason C. Owen Endowed Professorship in the College of Education
2. Terrill & Henry Families Endowed Professorship in the College of Engineering
3. Lucius D. McGehee Endowed Chair in Entrepreneurship

Nicholls State University
1. Jock H. Cenac First Generation Scholarship
2. Jack J. Cenac First Generation Scholarship

Northwestern State University
1. Willis-Knighton Health Care System Endowed Professorship in Nursing #5
2. Willis-Knighton Health Care System Endowed Professorship in Nursing #6
3. Danny and Lenn Dohmann Prince Endowed Professorship in Music
4. Danny and Lenn Dohmann Prince Endowed Professorship in Vocal Education

Southeastern Louisiana University
1. The Marcia K Galatas Endowed Professorship in the College of Education and Human Development
2. The James Ernest, May Hemby, and Holman Hemby Morgan Endowed Professorship in the College of Education and Human Development
3. The Doug Douglas Endowed Professorship in Innovative Teaching
4. The Hammond Jaycees First Generation Endowment
5. The James Ernest, May Hemby, and Holman Hemby Morgan First Generation Endowment
6. The Clausen Family First Generation Endowment

UNO Update Continued

One of the first items Fos is working to address is improving communications. “I’m starting a President’s blog to update the campus community on what I am doing. I’ve never blogged before,” said Fos.

He plans to have monthly meetings with student leaders and has begun a series of emails to students. He is also starting weekly meetings with top administrators, bi-weekly meetings with other administrators, and monthly meetings with the Faculty Senate President and Staff Council President.

Top on Fos’ list of projects is working towards one centralized location for enrollment services. He also wants to improve recruitment efforts, retention strategies, and is reaching out to local community colleges such as Delgado and Nunez to cultivate partnerships to enhance enrollment and matriculation. “In a few years, we should be closer to 14,000 or 15,000 students,” said Fos.

Fos told the Board he will be back to propose some reorganizing of the campus current organizational structure and has already obtained permission from UL System President Randy Moffett to advertise for a Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs as well as a Vice President for Student Affairs. Currently, those positions are one and the same.

In regards to athletics, Fos is still gathering information before making a recommendation. He told the Board that he would prefer to compete at the NCAA Division I level but is unsure if it is feasible for the university. He will come back to the Board when he is ready to make his recommendation.

UL System President Randy Moffett praised the new UNO leader. “Dr. Fos is an exceptional person to work with. He goes to work every day with a positive attitude believing it is going to be a good day, and then he puts in the time to make it so. We are lucky to have him.”

Other Board Action

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

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

- UL Lafayette: a Proposal for a Bachelor of Arts degree program in Music.
- UL Lafayette: a Letter of Intent for a Master of Science degree program in Accounting.

ATHLETIC

- Southeastern: a contractual agreement with Head Football Coach, Mr. Ron Roberts, effective December 18, 2011.
- UL Monroe: an amendment to the contractual agreement with Head Football Coach, Mr. Todd Berry, effective January 1, 2012.

AUDIT

- McNeese: two modifications to the University Internal Audit Charter.

FINANCE

- Grambling: enter into separate Affiliation Agreements with the Grambling University Foundation, Inc., the Grambling University Athletic Foundation, Inc., and the Black and Gold Facilities, Inc.
- La Tech: allow its student body to conduct a self-assessment referendum to fund various projects.
- Nicholls: conduct a self-assessment referendum to fund student activities.
- UL Monroe: ratification of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the University and the YMCA of Northeast Louisiana.
- UL Monroe: allow the student body to vote on a referendum to institute a Bayou Park Recreational Facility Fee and a Natatorium Renovation Fee.
- UL Monroe: allow the student body to vote on a referendum to renew the Student Support Fee.

PERSONNEL

- UL System: establish LEGSF (8g) Endowed Professorships/Chairs/First Generation Scholarships (see sidebars)
- UL System: the 2012-13 Undergraduate and Graduate Mandatory Attendance Fees and Non-Resident Fees and Schedule as required by LA GRAD Act.

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-UNO at Lafayette
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1. Ken Ardoin & Dave and Jill Ardoin/BORSF Endowed First Generation Business Scholarship
2. Maurice & Rosalie Bienvenu/BORSF Memorial Endowed First Generation Scholarship in Business
3. Maurice & Rosalie Bienvenu/BORSF Memorial Endowed First Generation Scholarship in Engineering
4. The Yenter Family/BORSF Memorial Endowed First Generation Scholarship in Business
5. Paul A. Callais/BORSF Memorial Endowed Professorship in Economics & Finance
6. Jamie & Thelma Guelbeaux/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Business Administration
7. Thomas L. Allen/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Nursing
8. J. W. McCauley/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Business Administration
9. Charlie R. McIvor/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Engineering
10. Donald C. Moes/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Business Administration
11. University of Louisiana at Monroe
12. Bela Alpha Psi Eta Sigma (DAPES) Excellence Endowed Professorship in Accounting