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Nine Universities Strong

- Grambling State University
- 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
- University of New Orleans

Student Board Member Dearmon Sworn-In

Louisiana Tech University Student Government Association President William Dearmon began his one-year term by taking the oath of office at today's meeting.

"From the moment I was elected SGA President at Louisiana Tech my goal was to serve on the UL System Board. This is a huge honor and privilege to represent the best system in the state," said Dearmon.

His plans for the year include communicating

with fellow SGA presidents in the system and accurately portraying the needs of all 94,000 students.

"I can already tell Will is going to be an active member of this Board and a true advocate for students. It will be a pleasure to work with him," said UL System Board Chair Wayne Parker.

A native of Winnfield, Dearmon is a senior political science major.

Bond Refinancing to Save \$200,000 Each Year: \$3 million Total

The Board of Supervisors approved refinancing of bonds at four universities that is estimated to save a combined \$200,000 each year.

Louisiana Tech University will save \$40,000 each year and a total of \$400,000 for the refinancing of its outstanding Series 2002 Bonds in the current par amount of \$3.82 million. The savings will come from an expected reduction of the interest rate from 4.8% to 2.7%.

Southeastern Louisiana University will save \$53,000 annually and a total of \$470,000 from refunding a 2001 lease revenue obligation of \$4.9 million. The savings will come from an interest rate drop from 5.25% to 2.59%.

The University of Louisiana at Lafayette will save \$45,000 each year and a total of \$974,773 from refunding its outstanding Series 2002 bonds not to exceed \$17 million.

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UL System Board Thanks Outgoing Provost & VP Academic/Student Affairs Brad O'Hara

"Dr. O'Hara will be very difficult to replace. He's not only a friend and colleague...it will be like losing a right arm. I am eternally indebted for his leadership and work," said UL System President Randy Moffett.

"Thank you Brad for all your years of service. This Board likes to have things done right and you have done that better than anyone. I admire your work during presidential searches. You were always calm, cool, and collected," said Chair Wayne Parker.

"Dr. O'Hara is the most knowledgeable, courteous, friendly person to work with. He will be sorely missed," said Paul Aucoin.

"We're going to miss your ability to switch hats and work in multiple areas," said Andre Coudrain.

"I deeply admire your work and friendship," said Jimmy Long, Sr.

"Brad's talented, articulate, and fun to work with. He's always on top of everything and the most dapper dresser in the system," said Russell Mosely.

Refinance Continued

The University of New Orleans is expected to save \$80,000 annually and \$1.28 million total for the refinancing of 1998 bonds in the amount of \$12.5 million. Projected savings will come from a lowering of the 5.0% interest rate to 3.38%.

Finance Committee Chair Edward Crawford commended the universities for taking advantage of the market to save much-needed monies for the university and state.

"I asked the staff why we were not refinancing everything and the answer is there are certain

windows of opportunity for each instance. Our campuses are approaching us as the opportunities arise and will keep pursuing savings. That's good business practice," said Crawford.

Estimated Bond Refunding Savings:

- ⇒ La Tech: \$40,000 annually; \$400,000 total
- ⇒ SLU: \$53,000 annually; \$470,000 total
- ⇒ ULL: \$45,000 annually; \$974,773 total
- ⇒ UNO: \$80,000 annually; \$1,280,000 total

TOTAL: \$218,000 annually; \$3,124,773 total



Board Thanks Outgoing UL System Provost

The Board of Supervisors and meeting guests gave two standing ovations to retiring UL System Provost and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs Brad O'Hara. After seven years at the system office and 25 years in higher education in Louisiana, O'Hara is returning to his native Canada where he will serve as Vice President Academic and Provost for Langara College.

Members lauded his many accomplishments for the system and wished him the best.

"It is very humbling and bittersweet to sit here," said O'Hara. "I am a very lucky person to have worked over the last seven years with nine great and distinct institutions and alongside the smallest, yet most dedicated system staff. You are all talented and dedicated people from board members and presidents to faculty and staff members."

For Board Member quotes about Dr. O'Hara, look to the left column.

Other Board Action

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

ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS

- **Northwestern:** approval of a Proposal to offer a Post Baccalaureate Certificate (PBC) in English as a Second Language.
- **UL Lafayette:** approval to rename the Department of Kinesiology to the *School of Kinesiology*.
- **UL Lafayette:** approval of a Proposal for a Master of Science degree program in Criminal Justice.
- **UL Lafayette:** approval of a Proposal for a Master of Science degree program in Kinesiology.
- **ULM:** approval of a Proposal for a Post Baccalaureate Certificate (PBC) in Accounting.
- **ULM:** approval of a Proposal for a Post Baccalaureate Certificate (PBC) in Occupational Health, Safety and Toxicology.
- **ULM:** approval of a Letter of Intent for a Bachelor of Sciences in Pharmaceutical Sciences.
- **ULM:** approval to name the School of Nursing the *Kitty DeGree School of Nursing* in honor of Mrs. Kitty DeGree.
- **UNO:** approval of its (a) Policy on Hazing and (b) Grievance Procedures for Faculty and Staff.

ATHLETIC

- **GSU:** approval of a contract with Mr. Douglas Williams as Head Football Coach, effective March 1, 2011.
- **UNO:** approval of a contractual agreement with Mr. Derek Morel, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics, effective July 1, 2012.

AUDIT

- **UL System:** approval of System Universities' Fiscal Year 2012-13 Internal Audit Plans.

FACILITIES PLANNING

- **Louisiana Tech:** approval to demolish nine buildings.
- **Louisiana Tech:** approval to name two galleries in the F. Jay Taylor Visual Arts Center in memory of Professors Elizabeth Bethea and Mary Moffett.
- **Louisiana Tech:** to name the Memorial Gymnasium the *Scotty Robertson Memorial Gymnasium* in memory of Mr. Scotty Robertson and to name the refurbished gymnasium floor the *Scotty Robertson Court*.

- **Louisiana Tech:** approval to name the weight room in Lambright Sports and Wellness Center the *Billy Jack Talton Fitness Room* in honor of Dr. Billy Jack Talton.
- **McNeese:** approval to demolish the Pine Haven Married Student Housing Complex.
- **McNeese:** approval to enter into a land lease with the MSU Foundation for use of land adjacent to MSU.
- **Nicholls:** approval to name the gymnasium in the Harold J. Callais Memorial Recreation Center the *Michael A. Childs Gymnasium* in memory of Michael A. Childs.
- **UL Lafayette:** approval to enter into an Act of Exchange with the City of Lafayette regarding a portion of the approximate 99-acre tract commonly known as the Horse Farm.
- **UL System:** report on 2012 Regular Legislative Session, Act 236 to transfer certain state property in Lincoln Parish to Grambling State University and Louisiana Tech University.

FINANCE

- **Louisiana Tech:** approval to refund Series 2002 Bonds.
- **Louisiana Tech:** approval of its 2012-13 Undergraduate and Graduate Mandatory Attendance Fees.
- **Nicholls:** approval to convert the John Brady Endowed Chair in Computer Science to two endowed professorships: (1) the John Brady, Sr. and Pat Brady Endowed Professorship in Business and (2) the John Brady, Sr. and John Brady, Jr. Endowed Professorship in Biological Sciences.
- **Southeastern:** approval of documentation with respect to refunding the 2001 lease revenue obligations issued in connection with an Energy Services Agreement with Honeywell International Inc., as successor in interest to Sempra Energy Services Company.
- **UL Lafayette's** approval to refund the Lafayette Public Trust Financing Authority Revenue Bonds Series 2002.

- **ULM:** approval to establish an LEQSF (8g) Endowed Professorship as follows: The John and Rosemary Luffey Professional In-Residence Endowed Professorship.

- **UNO:** approval of an Affiliation Agreement between the University of New Orleans and the University of New Orleans Foundation.

- **UNO:** approval of a Funds Management Agreement between the University of New Orleans and the University of New Orleans Foundation.

- **UNO:** request for approval of an Affiliation Agreement between the University of New Orleans and the University of New Orleans Research and Technology Foundation.

- **UNO:** approval of its revised Scholarships and Fee Exemptions for the 2012-13 academic year.

- **UNO:** approval to refund 1998 bonds for the University of New Orleans Wellness Center.

- **UL System:** approval of payments made by nonprofit organizations to employees of the University of Louisiana System during Fiscal Year 2011 in accordance with provision of Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 17:3390(F).

- **UL System:** approval of a proposed revision to Chapter IV. Finance and Business, Section V. Student Fees, I. Vehicle Registration Fee.

PERSONNEL

- **Grambling:** approval to continue the appointment of Dr. Kenoye Eke as Interim Vice President for Advancement, effective July 1, 2012.

- **Grambling:** approval to continue the appointment of Dr. Rama Tunuguntla as Interim Dean of Professional Studies, effective July 1, 2012.

- **Grambling:** approval to continue the appointment of Dr. Evelyn Wynn as Interim Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, effective July 1, 2012.

- **Louisiana Tech:** approval to reorganize its leadership structure.

- **Nicholls:** approval to appoint Dr. Leslie Jones as Dean of the College of Education, effective July 1, 2012.

- **ULM:** approval to appoint Dr. Eric Pani as Vice President for Academic Affairs, effective July 1, 2012.

- **UNO:** approval to appoint Dr. Brett Kemker as Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, effective July 1, 2012.

- **UNO:** approval to appoint Mr. Kevin McLin as Vice President for Communications, Marketing and Public Relations, effective July 1, 2012.

SYSTEM PRESIDENT

- **UL System:** approval of Personnel Actions .

- **UL System:** approval of Act 419 Implementation Plan for Collaboration.