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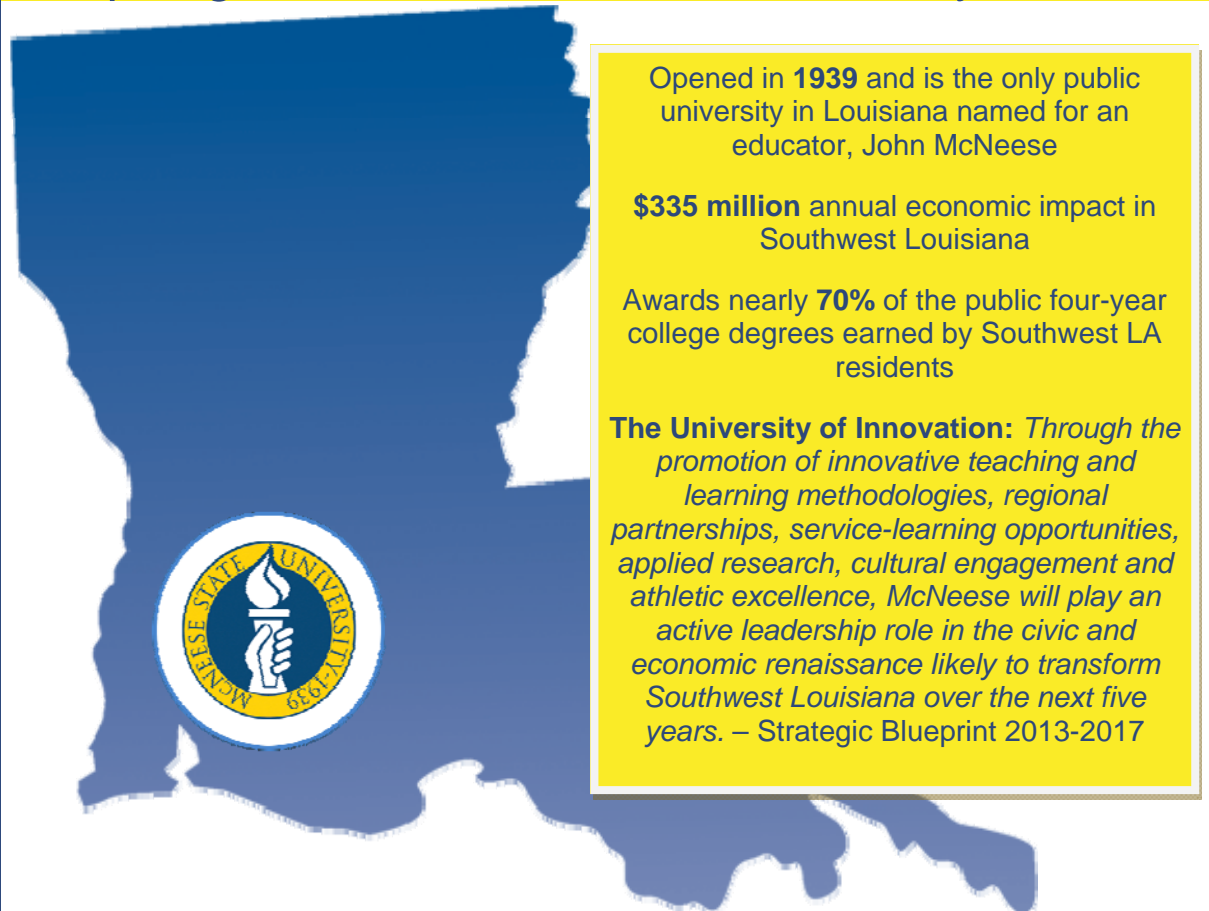
May 3, 2013
Nicholls Presidential Search Meetings
Thibodaux

May 13, 2013
Connecting Students, Universities & Business
Baton Rouge

June 25, 2013
ULS Board Meeting
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Spotlight on McNeese State University



Opened in **1939** and is the only public university in Louisiana named for an educator, John McNeese

\$335 million annual economic impact in Southwest Louisiana

Awards nearly **70%** of the public four-year college degrees earned by Southwest LA residents

The University of Innovation: *Through the promotion of innovative teaching and learning methodologies, regional partnerships, service-learning opportunities, applied research, cultural engagement and athletic excellence, McNeese will play an active leadership role in the civic and economic renaissance likely to transform Southwest Louisiana over the next five years. – Strategic Blueprint 2013-2017*

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University of Louisiana at Monroe
University of New Orleans



Spotlight on McNeese State University

Board Passes Resolutions on Legislative Bills

The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System today passed three resolutions addressing bills in the 2013 Regular Legislative Session: Senate Bill 16, Senate Bill 204, and House Bill 194.

Senate Bill 16 by Gerald Long would allow higher education to maintain the current employer contribution rate of 5.7% for members of the Optional Retirement Plan. The resolution states "...this would not

incur additional costs for the institutions but would provide institutions flexibility in their efforts to attract quality faculty."

Senate Bill 204 by Robert Adley would allow the Louisiana Community and Technical College System to issue bonds for \$251 million in new capital construction circumventing the Board of Regents' capital outlay review process and incurring an estimated \$20 million in annual state general

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Board Thanks Student Member for His Year of Service

The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System today thanked Student Member William Dearmon for his year of service on the Board.

"I have been so very impressed with this young man," said Board Chair Wayne Parker. "Will has been an exceptionally engaged board member while also managing his time as a student."

Dearmon, who will graduate in May from Louisiana Tech University, served on the

university's presidential search committee and participated in the UL System Presidential Search. As SGA President he implemented Leadership Louisiana Tech, a professional development program that educates students on a variety of topics while also connecting them to community leaders.

"One thing our system excels in is not just educating, but also developing our students into leaders of the future," said Dearmon.

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fund direct appropriations. The resolution states "...passage of Senate Bill 204 could likely equate to an annual budget reduction for all colleges and universities in order to fund selected new construction projects which have not been objectively evaluated in the context of the highest and best use of state dollars."

House Bill 194 by Walter Leger shifts tuition pricing authority from the Legislature to the management boards within the guidelines of the Board of Regents' Tuition and Fee Policy. The resolution states "...management boards are in the best position to assess the need for increased tuition at

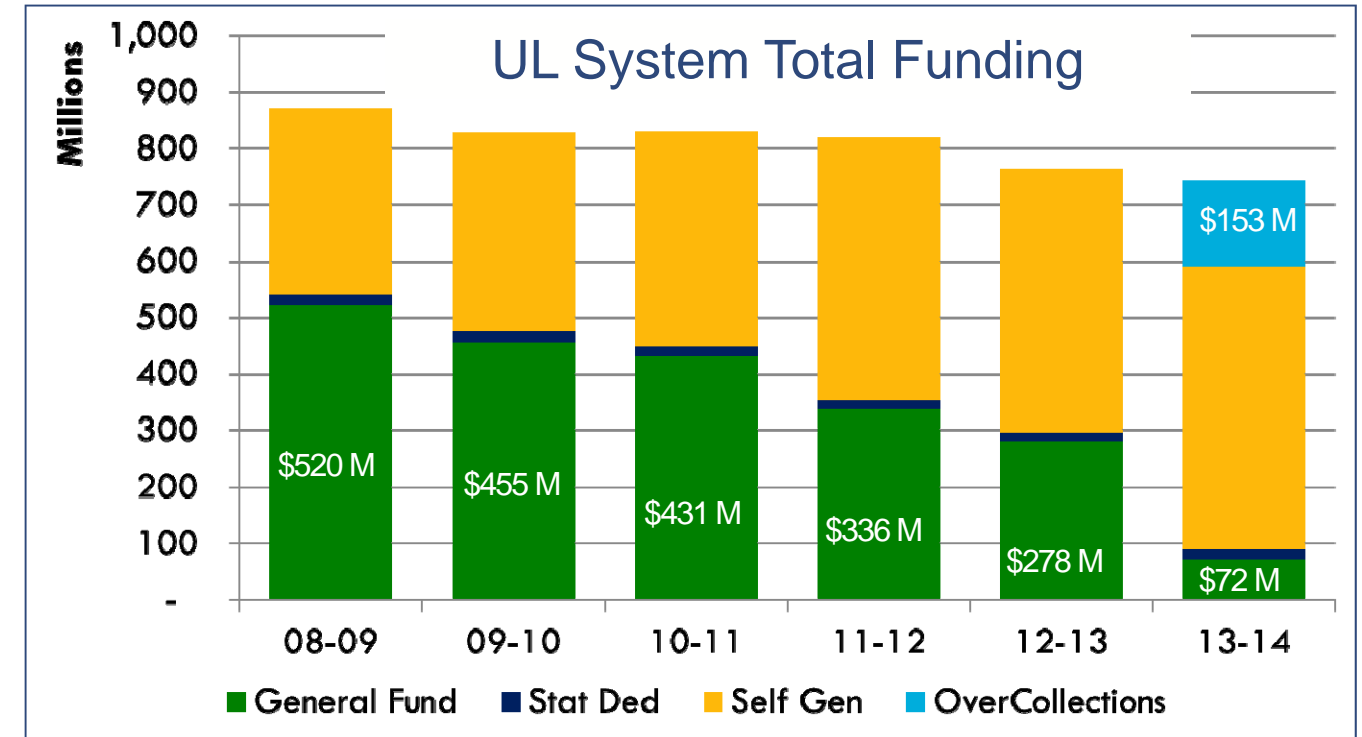
any of their member institutions...this bill will provide some relief for the deficit in funding for Louisiana's public institutions of higher education."

With \$489 million dependent on overcollections, the FY 2013-14 Executive Budget will reduce higher education's general fund dollars from \$1.42 billion in 2008 (excluding TOPS) to \$229.3 million or a total reduction of \$1.24 billion (84.5%).

In the UL System general fund dollars would go from \$520 million in 2008 to \$72 million in FY 2013-14, an 86% reduction with \$153 million dependent on overcollections. (Illustrated in chart on page 4)

"We have a growing workforce demand in our state for university graduates at a time when the resources are simply too scarce to meet all the needs. The resolutions the Board passed today highlight the continuing urgency to find additional flexibility on self-generated revenue and retirement benefits and to protect Louisiana against unbalanced resource shifts that could directly result in the state's inability to also meet the workforce demands for university graduates in such fields as engineering, computer science, and health professions," said UL System President Sandra Woodley.

Electronic copies of all three resolutions can be found at www.ulsystem.edu.



...Board Thanks Student Member Continued



A political science major from Winnfield, Louisiana, Dearmon plans to pursue a law degree.

"It has been a tremendous honor to serve as your student board member. It was an eye-opening experience, and I've learned a great deal. I wish it wasn't coming to an end. Perhaps we will see each other again," said Dearmon.

"I predict he will be the next Governor from Winnfield," said Parker.

UL System President Sandra Woodley and Board Chair Wayne Parker present William Dearmon with an award for his year of service as Student Board Member.

Other Board Action

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

ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS

- **Louisiana Tech:** Proposal to offer a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Business Foundations.
- **McNeese:** Award an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree to Mr. Joseph T. Miller, Sr. at the Spring Commencement Exercises.
- **McNeese:** Proposal to offer a Graduate Certificate Program in Business Administration.
- **McNeese:** Proposal to offer a Graduate Certificate Program in Academically Gifted Education.
- **McNeese:** Proposal to offer a Graduate Certificate Program in Immersion Education.
- **Nicholls:** Proposal to terminate the Master of Arts in Teaching degree program (Elementary Education and Special Education Mild/Moderate Grades 1-5).
- **Nicholls:** Proposal to terminate the Master of Arts in Teaching degree program (Middle School Education and Special Education Mild/Moderate Grades 4-8).

- **Nicholls:** Proposal to terminate the Master of Arts in Teaching degree program (Secondary Education and Special Education Mild/Moderate Grades 6-12).
- **Southeastern:** Proposal of Vision 2017 Strategic Plan.
- **Southeastern:** Contractual agreement with Mr. James Yarbrough, Men's Head Basketball Coach, effective April 1, 2013.
- **UL Lafayette:** Contractual agreement with Mr. James Willis, Assistant Football Coach, effective February 9, 2013.

FINANCE

- **Northwestern:** Renewal Agreement for Bookstore Services with Barnes & Noble College Booksellers, LLC.
- **Southeastern:** Revised Affiliation Agreement with University Facilities, Inc.
- **ULM:** Change the following approved Endowed Professorships to Endowed First Generation Scholarships
 - James E. Cofer, Sr. Endowed First Generation Scholarship
 - Deborah J. Cofer Endowed First Generation Scholarship
- **UNO:** Lease Agreement with Follett Higher Education Group, Inc. for the operation of the University Bookstore.
- **UL System:** Campus Housing and Meal Plan Rates, Auxiliary Rates, Energy Surcharge, and Non-Governmental Charges for Academic Year 2013-2014.

ATHLETIC

- **Louisiana Tech:** Contractual agreement with Mr. Michael White, Men's Head Basketball Coach, effective April 1, 2013.

- **ULM:** Amendment to a contractual agreement with Mr. Todd Berry, Head Football Coach, effective May 1, 2013.

FACILITIES PLANNING

- **Louisiana Tech:** Rename Room 209 in George T. Madison Hall the *Dennis E. Minor Technical Writing Lab*.
- **UL Lafayette:** Implementation of the Athletic Facilities Master Plan utilizing Ragin' Cajuns Facilities, (RCI) Inc., a 501(c)3, not-for-profit, corporation, including an initial authorization of Tier I of the Athletic Facilities Master Plan.

LEGISLATION

- **UL System:** Resolution for Senate Bill 16.
- **UL System:** Resolution against Senate Bill 204.
- **UL System:** Resolution for House Bill 194.

SYSTEM PRESIDENT

- **UL System:** Personnel Actions and Summer School appointments.

BOARD CHAIR

- **UL System:** Certification of campus LA GRAD Act reports for 2012-13.