Board Approves Tuition Increases for 2013-14

The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System today approved 10 percent tuition increases for its nine universities contingent upon meeting performance measurements. The increases would go into effect in Fall 2013.

While Louisiana law requires approval by the state legislature to raise tuition and mandatory fees, Act 741 of the 2010 Regular Session, commonly known as the Granting Resources for Autonomy and Diplomas (GRAD) Act, allows schools to raise tuition by 10 percent each year if they meet certain performance benchmarks.

Average annual tuition for the UL System will go from $5,467 to $6,013, which is almost 20 percent cheaper than peers in the southern region of the country that charge on average $7,390.

“No one wants to raise the price for our students, but it is an unfortunate necessity at this time. Our universities are cognizant of the need...”

Universities Establish Nine Endowed Scholarships

New to this year’s annual request to establish endowed chairs and professorships was a concerted focus on creating endowed scholarships at UL System schools.

Today, nine endowed scholarships for first-generation students were established at Nicholls State University, Southeastern Louisiana University, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, and the University of New Orleans.

Endowments are a fundraising and match program through the Louisiana Board of Regents. Universities must raise 60 percent of the funds and the Regents matches with 40 percent paid out of a state-managed education trust fund.

Universities must raise $600,000 for Endowed Chairs, $60,000 for Endowed Professorships, and $60,000 for Endowed Scholarships. Due to the popularity of this match program and a drop in interest rates, there is currently a backlog of Endowed Professorships pending state matches.

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offset these rising costs in the form of additional financial aid and scholarships,” said UL System President Sandra Woodley.

Today’s Board authorization was just the first of a multi-step approval process. Each university must pass its GRAD Act progress report before it can charge the higher rate. UL System staff says preliminary results indicate all nine schools will pass, but those reports must come before the Board of Supervisors for approval in April and then finally to the Board of Regents in June.

Proposed Undergraduate Tuition Schedule 2013-2014

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Other Board Action

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

**ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS**

- **Grambling:** Proposal to offer a Bachelor of Science degree program in Child Development and Early Literacy.
- **Nicholls:** award an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree to Mr. F. Travis Lavigne, Jr. at the Spring Commencement Exercises.
- **Southeastern:** Letter of Intent/Proposal to establish a Bachelor of Science degree program in Information Technology.
- **UL Lafayette:** offer the Master of Education, Curriculum and Instruction, degree program via distance learning technologies.
- **UNO:** award an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree to Mr. John Larroquette at the Spring Commencement Exercises.
- **UNO:** Post-Baccalaureate Certificate (PBC) in Hazards Policy Studies.

**FACILITIES PLANNING**

- **Louisiana Tech:** transfer a 38,853-square-foot University-owned parcel to the City of Ruston for the purpose of constructing a fire station.
- **Northwestern:** name the Photography Studio the Robert Crow Photography Studio.
- **Southeastern:** demolish Wilson Hall.
- **ULM:** name the School of Nursing Building the Kitty DeGree Hall in memory of the late Mrs. Kitty DeGree.
- **ULM:** demolish a small facility owned by the University.

**ATHLETIC**

- **Louisiana Tech:** contractual agreement between Head Football Coach Louis L. Holtz, Jr., Louisiana Tech University, and Louisiana Tech University Foundation, effective December 14, 2012.
- **Northwestern:** contractual agreement with Mr. Jay Thomas, Head Football Coach, effective January 5, 2013.
- **Northwestern:** contractual agreement with Mr. Hugh Hennesman, Co-Head Women’s Volleyball Coach, effective March 1, 2013.
- **Northwestern:** contractual agreement with Ms. Stephanie Hennesman, Co-Head Women’s Volleyball Coach, effective March 1, 2013.
- **Northwestern:** contractual agreement with Mr. George Van Linder, Head Women’s Soccer Coach, effective February 26, 2013.
- **Northwestern:** amendment to a contractual agreement with Ms. Brooke Steoehr, Co-Head Women’s Basketball Coach, effective February 26, 2013.
- **Northwestern:** contractual agreement with Mr. Scott Steoehr, Co-Head Women’s Basketball Coach, effective February 26, 2013.
- **Northwestern:** amendment to a contractual agreement with Mr. Lane Burnroughs, Head Men’s Baseball Coach, effective February 26, 2013.
- **Northwestern:** contractual agreement with Mr. Donald Pilchert, Head Women’s Softball Coach, effective February 26, 2013.
- **Northwestern:** amendment to a contractual agreement with Mr. Mike McCorrath, Head Men’s Basketball Coach, effective February 26, 2013.
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- **Southeastern:** approval of an Amend-Corresponding Agreement with Regina Coiel Child Devel-opment Center.
- **ULM:** student referendum related to the Student Activity Enhancement Fee.
- **UNO:** affiliation agreement between the University of New Orleans and the University of New Orleans Foundation.
- **UNO:** affiliation agreement between University of New Orleans and Privateer Athletic Foundation.
- **UL System:** establish LEQSF (8g) Endowed Professorships/Chairs/First Generation Scholarships.
- **Nicholls:** convert the Otto Candies Endowed Chair in Information Systems to three “super” professorships, one at $500,000 and two at $250,000.
- **UL System:** 2013-14 Undergraduate and Graduate Mandatory Attendance Fees and Non-Resident Fees and Post-Baccalaureate Certificate (PBC) in Hazards Policy Studies.

**PERSONNEL**

- **Louisiana Tech:** appoint Dr. Lawrence J. Leonard as Dean of the College of Education effective March 1, 2013.
- **UNO:** continue the appointment of Dr. Norman Whitley as Interim Dean of the College of Engineering until December 31, 2014.
- **UNO:** appoint Dr. Steven Johnson as Interim Vice President for Research and Economic Development effective January 1, 2013.
- **UNO:** appoint Dr. Wendy Schluchter as Interim Dean of the College of Sciences effective January 1, 2013.

**SYSTEM PRESIDENT**

- **UL System:** Personnel Actions.

**BOARD CHAIR**

- Charge Board Executive Committee to develop a comprehensive Board Development plan and review/approve GRAD Act campus reports.