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**Eight 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

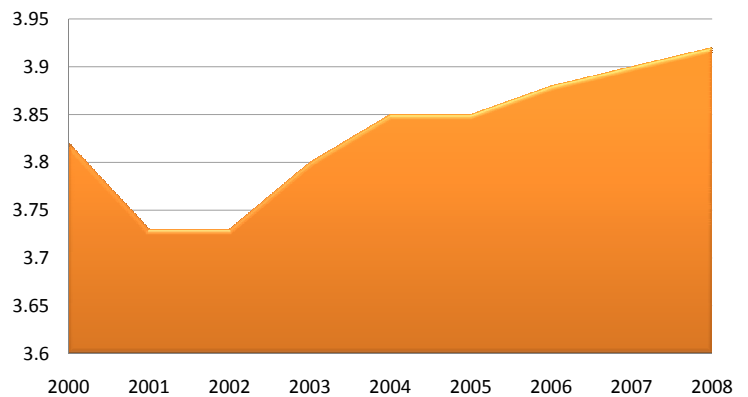
**Students Satisfied with their College Experience**

According to the 2009 ACT Student Satisfaction Survey results University of Louisiana System students are pleased with their overall college experience. This year's score of 3.92 on a five-point scale shows continued improvement and is in line with the national average of 3.93.

UL System schools have participated in the survey since 2000, which assesses students' perceptions of the full range of programs, services, experiences and environmental factors at their home college or university.

Areas where the UL System met or exceeded the national average for 2009 include:

- Student Government,
- Academic advising services,



**UL System Student Satisfaction with Overall College Experience**

- Job placement services,
- Availability of advisor,
- Preparation received for future occupation, and
- Concern for individual student.

"These results are so important because they show our universities are taking care of students' needs. Academic advising and job preparation are essential to our work in providing Louisiana with job-ready graduates," said UL System President Moffett.

**Campus Budgets and Furlough Plans Approved**

Today the UL System Board approved campus budgets for FY 2009-10 that show a system wide net decrease of \$46 million over FY 2008-09. Below is a breakdown:

<b>\$752.4 M</b>	<b>FY 2008-09</b>
<b>-\$19.7 M</b>	<b>Mid-Year Reduction</b>
<b>-\$36.9 M</b>	<b>2009-10 Reduction</b>
<b>-\$10.3 M</b>	<b>Unfunded Mandates</b>
<b>+\$20.9 M</b>	<b>Tuition Increases</b>
<b>\$706.4 M</b>	<b>FY 2009-10</b>

In order to meet the 6.1 percent reduction in total funding, campuses have reduced services,

eliminated or frozen approximately 600 positions and are cutting back on program offerings. Athletics was one of the hardest hit areas with a 13.2 percent reduction in funding.

"These budget plans show that our universities have worked hard to preserve their academic core," said Board Member and Finance Chair Wayne Parker.

Employee furloughs were also part of some campus plans. Southeastern Louisiana University and the University of Louisiana at Monroe received Board approval today to implement furlough plans.

The Southeastern plans calls for furloughs of 506 employees from a range of two to four days during the year based on salary level. Those making under \$40,000 per year are exempt. This is estimated to save the university \$500,000.

ULM was approved to furlough 298 employees between one to four days based on salary level with only the university president taking the maximum amount. Exempt from the furloughs are those employees whose salaries are below \$30,000. ULM is estimated to save \$430,000.

## The Keys to Success According to ULM

The University of Louisiana at Monroe attributes higher retention and graduation rates to long-standing academic and support programs as well as innovative use of technology. ULM presented a snapshot of their efforts to the Board's Special Committee on Access and Success. This was the sixth in a series of presentations by the eight UL System campuses.

ULM's Howard Hughes Medical Institute has brought high-level science activities to eight rural high schools over the past nine years. Over 450 students have participated. Of them:

- 90% enter college,
- 80% enter the health sciences field,
- 30% enrolled at ULM, and
- 92% graduated or still enrolled.

Additional efforts to reach students includes early/dual enrollment, distance learning and adult education.

The Monroe university also touted its automated degree audit program, which was developed in-house. In addition to tracking student degree progression, students can explore transfer credit applicability. Advisors can

also document communications, providing academic advisors with a complete picture of a student's progression and aspirations.

The program, called Flight-Path, is being modified to address additional student needs.

In aggregate, these programs have dramatically increased retention rates, especially among underprepared students.

Visit [www.ulsystem.edu](http://www.ulsystem.edu) to see the full presentation and learn more about the UL System Access to Success Initiative.

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## Board Action

The Board of Supervisors for the UL System approved the following university requests:

### Academic and Student Affairs

• Nicholls: Terminate the following programs: Associate of Science degree program in Legal Assistant Studies; Associate of Science degree program in Criminal Justice; Bachelor of Science degree program in Agribusiness; Bachelor of Science degree program in Computer Science; Bachelor of Arts degree program in French Education Grades K-12; Bachelor of Science degree program in Manufacturing Engineering Technology; and Bachelor of Arts degree program in French.

• Northwestern: Memorandum of Understanding between Barksdale Air Force Base and Northwestern State University.

• UL Monroe: Terminate the following programs: Bachelor of Business Administration degree program in Economics; Bachelor of Business Administration degree program in Entrepreneurship; Bachelor of Science degree program in Family And Consumer Sciences; and Philosophy Service Area.

• UL System: System Universities' 2009-2010 Promotions in Faculty Rank and Recommendations for Tenure.

### Athletic

• Nicholls: Establish an Athletic Incentive Plan of Head Coaches.

• Southeastern: Appoint Mr. Tim Baldwin as Interim Athletic Director, effective August 10, 2009.

• Southeastern: Employment agreement with Head Volleyball Coach, Ms. Julie Langford, for the period February 1, 2009 to January 31, 2010.

• Southeastern: Employment agreement with Head Softball Coach, Mr. Pete Langlois, for the period June 1, 2009 through May 31, 2010.

### Audit

• UL System: Acceptance of Fiscal Year 2008-09 Financial and Compliance Representation Letters: Grambling State University, Louisiana Tech University, Nicholls State University, Northwestern State University, Southeastern Louisiana University, and University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

• UL System: Audits submitted for the period June 16, 2009 through August 17, 2009.

### Facilities

• Grambling: Name the basketball arena in the Assembly Center the "Fredrick C. Hobdy Arena."

• LA Tech: Proceed with negotiations to develop a cooperative endeavor agreement with the City of Ruston to establish a business relationship for the supply of potable water and to transfer ownership and maintenance responsibility for portions of the existing and new University water distribution system.

• LA Tech: Renovation for research laboratories in the Biomedical Engineering Building in accordance with the provisions set forth in Act 959 of 2003.

• McNeese: Petition to the State Interim Emergency Board to address the most immediate deficiencies cited by the United States Department of Justice.

• Southeastern: Name the strength and conditioning facility the "Naquin Strength and Conditioning Center."

• UL Lafayette: Name the Advanced Computer and Technology Research Building the "James R. Oliver Hall."

• UL Lafayette: Continue the process of renovating and improving the spring sports facilities

utilizing Ragin' Cajuns Facilities, (RCI) Inc., a 501(c)3, not-for-profit, corporation.

• UL Lafayette: Petition to the State Interim Emergency Board to address repairs to Cajun Field.

• UL System: Fiscal Year 2010-11 Capital Outlay Budget Request and Institutions' Five-Year Capital Outlay Plans.

### Finance

• Southeastern: Affiliation agreement with the Institute for Global and Domestic Development.

• UL System: Fiscal Year 2009-10 Operating Budgets, including organizational charts, undergraduate/graduate mandatory attendance fees, and scholarships.

• UL System: Proposed Board Rule Revision to Chapter IV, Finance and Business, Section V. Student Fees, O. Fee Exemption for Faculty, Staff and Dependents.

### Grievance

• Grambling: Upheld university decision on Christian Wallace.

### President's Business

• Southeastern: 2009-10 employee furlough plan.

• UL Monroe: 2009-10 employee furlough plan.