The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System unanimously passed a resolution commending Randy Moffett on his work as UL System President over the past four years.

“He has provided outstanding leadership to the University of Louisiana System and its campuses and represented the System with integrity, passion and determination,” said Board Member Andre Coudrain who presented the resolution.

Under his leadership the UL System has raised admission standards at all nine institutions, implemented a 120-hour degree standard, raised retention and graduation rates, and increased the number of degrees awarded.

Moffett guided the search and selection of five university presidents, directed the transition of the University of New Orleans into the UL System, established an annual academic summit, and expanded online course offerings and collaborative degrees.

He is retiring in September after 41 years in higher education.

Also during the meeting, the Board named Moffett President Emeritus of Southeastern Louisiana University, where he worked for 32 years before moving to the UL System.

UL System Presidential Search Continues

Today the Board of Supervisors voted to authorize the system to consider contracting with a search firm as its continues to seek a new UL System President.

“Our goal remains to find the most qualified person as quickly as possible. While we do have some impressive applicants, we would like a larger pool before we begin considering candidates for interviews. Over the next several weeks we may want to consider using a search firm...
and today’s vote gives us that flexibility,” said Board Chair Wayne Parker. Advertisements for the position have run in local and national publications since the end of July when current President Randy Moffett announced his intention to retire. To date, eight educators have applied. They are:

- Dr. Lesley Lovett-Doust, President and Vice-Chancellor of Nipissing University in Ontario, Canada;
- Dr. Walter Johnson, Jr., Computer Information Sciences Department Chair at Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina;
- Dr. Gary M. Lawler, Chancellor of Pennsylvania State University - Hazleton campus in Hazleton, Pennsylvania;
- Dr. Gwyndolyn McClellan, CEO/President of Value-Based Management, Inc., in Sarasota, Florida;
- Dr. Ronald A. Nykel, Dean of the College of Business at Husson University in Bangor, Maine;
- Dr. Martin M. Shapiro, Professor of Marketing, Management and International Business at Berkeley Colleges in New York and New Jersey;
- Dr. Michael A. Wartell, Chancellor Emeritus and Professor of Chemistry at Indiana University-Purdue University in Fort Wayne; and
- Dr. Walter V. Wendler, Director and Professor of the School of Architecture at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

The Board also authorized the system to consider engaging the services of long-time educator Thomas Layzell to work on projects for the Board. “We have the hardest working staff in higher education, but it is also the smallest. Should the presidential search extend past September, it will be helpful to have another seasoned educator on the team,” said Parker.

UL System Board Thanks Retiring President Randy Moffett

“You did a magnificent job. You held your standard and carried much of your higher education through very difficult times,” said Winfred Sibley.

“Not only are you a professional, but you also demonstrate strong character and consistency in all that you do,” saidRussell Mosley.

“You’ve done a wonderful job in difficult times and that’s the true test of leadership in my eyes,” said Edward Crawford.

“You convinced me to go back to school and taught me that people can learn from others no matter their age or experience,” said E. Gerald “T-Bob” Hebert.

“On behalf of the 94,000 students in the system, a simple thank you is not enough. You have been a tremendous role model,” said Student Member Will Dearmon.

“We never realized how lucky we are. We picked the right person at the right time for the right job,” said Paul Aucin.

“You have handled the most difficult times for higher education this state has faced in terms of funding as well as it could possibly be handled. We thank you most sincerely for all,” said Jimmy Long, Sr.

“I tend to hold my judgment to see how people handle being in the trenches. I’ve only seen you in the trenches and you’ve handled yourself admirably,” said David Guidry.

“You have given back with tremendous leadership,” said Jimmie “Beau” Martin.

ULS Search Continued

- McNeese: reorganize the administrative structure in the College of Science.
- ULM: a Proposal for a Master of Occupational Therapy graduate degree program.
- UL System: a Proposal for a Collaborative B.A. in Organizational Leadership.
- UL System: the System Universities’ 2012-13 Promotions in Faculty Rank and Recommendations for Tenure.

ATHLETIC

- NSU: a contractual agreement with Head Baseball Coach, Mr. Lane Burch, effective July 1, 2012.
- SLU: a contractual agreement with Head Track and Field Coach, Mr. James Brady, effective June 1, 2012.
- SLU: a contractual agreement with Head Women’s Tennis Coach, Mr. Jason Hayes, effective June 1, 2012.
- SLU: a contractual agreement with Head Softball Coach, Mr. Clyde “Pete” Langlois, effective June 1, 2012.
- UL: a contractual agreement with Head Baseball Coach, Mr. Jeff Schexnader, effective August 1, 2012.
- UL: a contractual agreement with Head Basketball Coach, Mr. Keith Richard, effective August 1, 2012.
- UL: Revised Complimentary Ticket Policy.

FINANCE

- Louisiana Tech: the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Financial and Compliance, and Federal Award Programs Request for Applications for McNeese, Southeastern, UL Lafayette, UL Monroe, UNO, and UL System.
- FACILITIES PLANNING
- Louisiana Tech: a Proposal for a Master of Occupational Therapy graduate degree program.
- Louisiana Tech: enter into a ground lease with the Louisiana Tech University Foundation to install lighting at the soccer field and to accept donations from the Foundation for the improvements to the facility upon completion of the installation.
- Nicholls: name the Archives in the Ellender Memorial Library the Philip D. Uzee Archives.

- Nicholls: name the Generations Teaching Generations (GTG) classroom the Frank Joseph DeSalvo Room.
- Nicholls: change the name of La Maison du Bayou to the John A. Brady, Jr. Residential Complex.
- Nicholls: name the locker room in the women’s soccer room the Lester S. Bimah Room.
- LSU: petition the Interim Emergency Board to address deterioration in the original Nursing Education Building #07459, 300 Warrington Place.
- LSU Lafayette: renew the terms of a lease with LSU System, Health Care Services Division.
- UNO: a lease between University of New Orleans and the University of New Orleans Foundation for the use of 6401 St. Bernard Avenue, New Orleans, as the President’s Residence.

PERSONNEL

- Louisiana Tech: appoint Dr. Law-rence Leonard as Interim Dean of the College of Education effective September 1, 2012.
- McNeese: appoint Dr. Musa Essay-Yah as the Dean of the College of Business effective August 1, 2012.
- UNO: appoint Dr. Norman Whitley as the Dean of the College of Engineering effective June 1, 2012.
- UL Lafayette: continue the appointment of Mr. Ken Ardoin as Interim Vice President for University Advancement effective July 1, 2012.
- UL Lafayette: appoint Dr. Ramesh Kolluru as Interim Vice President for Research effective August 13, 2012.
- UNO: appoint Dr. Norman Whitley as Interim Dean of the College of Engineering effective June 4, 2012.