

AGENDA
ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM
10:00 a.m., Thursday, December 8, 2016**
Room 100, "Louisiana Purchase Room"
Claiborne Conference Center
1201 North Third Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

MEMBERS:

Mr. Edward Crawford, Chair
Ms. Pamela Egan, Vice Chair
Mr. E. Gerald Hebert
Mr. Alejandro "Al" Perkins
Mr. Mark Romero
Mr. Robert Shreve
Mr. Antonio Torres

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. **Consent Agenda:**

Board Agenda Item E.1.

Grambling State University's request for approval to award an Honorary Baccalaureate Degree in Management to Mr. Scott Cameron Miller.

Board Agenda Item E.2.

Nicholls State University's request for approval to award an Honorary Doctorate in Science to Dr. Kevin Kit Parker at the Fall Commencement Exercises.

Board Agenda Item E.3.

University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to move its gerontology program (MA in Gerontology and PBC in Gerontological Studies) and associated faculty from the College of Health and Pharmaceutical Sciences, School of Health Professions to the College of Business and Social Sciences, School of Behavioral and Social Sciences.

- D. Other Business
- E. Adjournment

**** Executive Session, pursuant to R.S. 42:17, may be required.**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE
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Item E.1. Grambling State University's request for approval to award an Honorary Baccalaureate Degree in Management to Mr. Scott Cameron Miller.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Grambling State University requests approval to award an Honorary Baccalaureate Degree in Management to Mr. Scott Cameron Miller. Mr. Miller distinguished himself through his professional leadership, commitment and dedication to excellence in education and service to the community.

Mr. Miller served as the business owner, licensed funeral director and community relations specialist for The Miller Companies. Also, Mr. Miller managed another family business, Reliable Insurance Company. He was affiliated with 100 Black Men of Greater Monroe. Mr. Miller's vision and focus on building connections among local communities contributed to increased levels of educational attainment and socio-economic mobility among the citizens of the greater North Louisiana region.

The support provided by Mr. Miller and The Miller Companies, including monetary contributions, in-kind services and internships, continues to positively impact Grambling State University. Mr. Miller distinguished himself as a leader and community advocate who cultivated a lasting relationship with the University.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the following resolution be adopted:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Grambling State University's request to award an Honorary Baccalaureate Degree in Management to Mr. Scott Cameron Miller.



Office of the President

November 16, 2016

**MEMORANDUM TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM**

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO AWARD AN HONORARY
BACCALAUREATE DEGREE IN MANAGEMENT
TO MR. SCOTT CAMERON MILLER**

Grambling State University requests approval to award an Honorary Baccalaureate degree in Management to Mr. Scott Cameron Miller, business owner, licensed funeral director and community relations specialist for The Miller Companies, at the Fall 2016 Commencement Exercises.

Mr. Miller distinguished himself through his professional leadership, commitment and dedication to excellence in education and service to the community. His vision and focus on building connections among local communities and along the I-20 corridor has indelibly contributed to increased levels of educational attainment and socio-economic mobility among the citizens of the greater north Louisiana region.

The support provided by Mr. Miller and The Miller Companies, including monetary contributions, in-kind services and internships, continues to positively impact Grambling State University, its students and the academic program at the institution. A distinguished leader and community advocate, Mr. Miller cultivated a lasting relationship with the Grambling State University family and surrounding areas.

Your favorable consideration of this request is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Gallot, Jr., JD
President

Scott Cameron Miller

Scott Cameron Miller was a principal in a very successful funeral home and life insurance business. One of the oldest and most successful operations of its kind in Louisiana, the business was originally started by Scott's grandfather, who passed the business down to Scott's father, Joseph H. Miller (a graduate of Talladega College and Howard University Law School). For many years, Scott was the brain-trust of the family owned and operated funeral enterprise known as Miller Funeral Home and Reliable Life Insurance Company of Monroe, Louisiana. The company operates funeral homes in the Louisiana cities of Bastrop, Columbia, Rayville, Tallulah, Ruston, and Minden. In addition, they own the Dubisson Funeral Home and Eagle Life Insurance Company of Little Rock, Arkansas.

Scott was also affiliated with the 100 Black Men of Greater Monroe. He attended Howard University and later Grambling State University, where he earned a 3.33 grade point average (GPA) in the Fall of 2005 and a 3.67 GPA in the Spring of 2006, after which he had to devote more time to the family business.

Scott, through unparalleled service and active community involvement, touched the lives of many students, faculty, staff, and alumni of Grambling State University as well as the general public. Every community along the Interstate 20 corridor, an integral region of the GSU network, has been positively impacted by Scott Cameron Miller and the Miller Funeral Home enterprise.

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Item E.2. Nicholls State University's request for approval to award an Honorary Doctorate of Science to Dr. Kevin Kit Parker at the Fall Commencement Exercises.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Nicholls State University requests approval to award an Honorary Doctorate of Science to Dr. Kevin Kit Parker at the Fall Commencement Exercises. Dr. Parker has a Bachelor of Science degree in Biomedical Engineering (Boston University), a Master of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering (Vanderbilt University), and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Applied Physics (Vanderbilt University).

Currently, Dr. Parker is a lieutenant colonel and paratrooper in the United States Army Reserve. Also, he is the Tarr Family Professor of Bioengineering and Applied Physics at Harvard University. Dr. Parker is a member of many programs including the Systems Biology Program at Harvard Medical School, the Harvard Stem Cell Institute, and the Harvard-MIT Health Sciences and Technology Program.

Dr. Parker's research includes cardiac cell biology and tissue engineering, traumatic brain injury, and biological applications of micro- and nanotechnologies. The focal point of his research at Harvard was heart muscle cells. Later, he became interested in researching traumatic brain injuries. Other research efforts include designing camouflage using skin cells of cuttlefish and the use of the cotton candy machine to make dressings for wounds.

Dr. Parker's achievements and recognition in the field of bioengineering warrant the granting of a Doctor of Science degree. Nicholls State University seeks to award this honorary doctorate to Dr. Kevin Kit Parker for his outstanding contributions.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the following resolution be adopted:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Nicholls State University's request to award an Honorary Doctorate of Science to Dr. Kevin Kit Parker at the Fall Commencement Exercises.

Office of the President

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November 14, 2016

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Dr. Daniel Reneau, Jr.
Interim President
University of Louisiana System
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Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Dear Dr. Reneau:

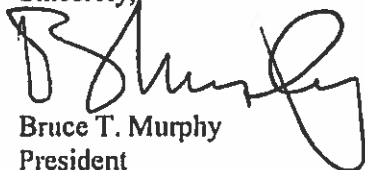
Nicholls State University requests consideration and approval of the following to be placed on the agenda for the December 8, 2016, meeting of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System:

*To award an honorary Doctorate of Science to Dr. Kevin Kit Parker
at the Fall Commencement Ceremony on December 17, 2016*

The recommendation has been made by the members of the University Honorary Degree Committee. A copy of the nomination form and Dr. Parker's resume are attached for review.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

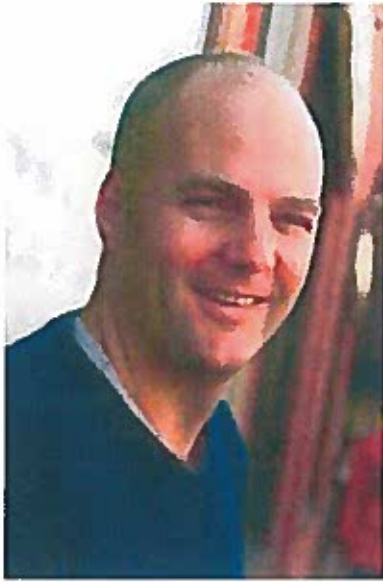


Bruce T. Murphy
President

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Attachment

pc: Dr. Lynn Gillette, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dr. Todd Keller, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dr. Eugene Dial, Vice President for Student Affairs
Dr. Neal Weaver, Vice President for University Advancement
Mr. Terry Braud, Vice President for Finance and Administration
Mr. Alex Arceneaux, Chief of Staff
Mrs. Stacy LeJeune, Internal Auditor
Dr. Michael Jeffress, Faculty Senate President/ Faculty Association Representative
Mrs. Renee Hicks, Executive Director of Planning and Institutional Effectiveness



Kit Parker

Harvard University

Tarr Family Professor of Bioengineering and Applied Physics

Kit Parker researches cardiac cell biology and tissue engineering, traumatic brain injury, and biological applications of micro- and nanotechnologies.

He is involved in projects ranging from creating organs-on-chips to developing nanofabrics for applications in tissue regeneration. Through funding from the National Institutes of Health and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, he is currently helping develop a "heart-lung micromachine" that will accelerate drug safety and efficacy

testing.

Parker is the Tarr Family Professor of Bioengineering and Applied Physics in the Harvard John A. Paulson School of Engineering and Applied Sciences and a Core Faculty Member at the Wyss Institute for Biologically Inspired Engineering at Harvard University.

At SEAS, he is the director of the Disease Biophysics Group whose research focuses on mechanotransduction in neural and cardiovascular systems. He is also a member of the Systems Biology Program at Harvard Medical School, the Harvard Stem Cell Institute, and the Harvard-MIT Health Sciences and Technology Program.

The Disease Biophysics Group (DBG) at Harvard University is an interdisciplinary team of biologists, physicists, engineers and material scientists actively researching the structure/function relationship in cardiac, neural, and vascular smooth muscle tissue engineering.

We seek to quantify cellular mechanotransduction at the single-cell and tissue level to understand the effect on electrophysiology and disease states.

Specifically, we are interested in how extracellular matrix and cytoskeletal architecture potentiate and modulate the activation of mechanochemical and mechanoelectrical signaling pathways and genetic programs in cardiac, neural, and vascular smooth muscle cells and tissues.

In order to study these mechanisms at different spatial scales, we use cellular and tissue engineering techniques that allow us to build custom-designed tissue constructs as experimental preparations.

See:

<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/where-science-meets-war-kit-parkers-lab/>

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- Item E.3.** University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to move its gerontology program (MA in Gerontology and PBC in Gerontological Studies) and associated faculty from the College of Health and Pharmaceutical Sciences, School of Health Professions to the College of Business and Social Sciences, School of Behavioral and Social Sciences.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The University of Louisiana at Monroe requests approval to move its gerontology program and associated faculty from the College of Health Sciences and Pharmaceutical Sciences, School of Health and Professions to the College of Business and Social Sciences, School of Behavioral and Social Sciences. At present, the School of Behavioral and Social Sciences encompasses the following fields of study: criminal justice, organizational leadership, political science, public administration, psychology, and social work.

The proposed move would better align gerontology with degree programs more similar in nature. Historically at ULM gerontology has been affiliated with psychology and social work, and collaborations have occurred among those faculty rather than with faculty in the College of Health Sciences and Pharmaceutical Sciences. In addition, the content of the courses required of both gerontology degree programs is more sociological and psychological in nature than physiological in nature. Students would not be impacted by the proposed change and there would be no modifications to the existing MA in Gerontology and PBC in Gerontological Studies.

The deans and school directors involved in the proposed change are supportive of the move. ULM believes that now is a good time to make the change because one full-time faculty member's appointment is ending at the close of this semester and the other faculty member resigned to take a position at another institution. Thus, the campus is in the process of hiring new faculty and would like for their interests to align with the new administrative structure. If approved, the proposed change would become effective January 1, 2017.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the following resolution be adopted:

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the University of Louisiana at Monroe's request to move its gerontology program (MA in Gerontology and PBC in Gerontological Studies) and associated faculty from the College of Health and Pharmaceutical Sciences, School of Health Professions to the College of Business and Social Sciences, School of Behavioral and Social Sciences.*



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November 10, 2016

Dr. Daniel D. Reneau, Interim President
University of Louisiana System
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Dear Dr. Reneau:

The University of Louisiana at Monroe (ULM) requests permission to move its gerontology program (MA in Gerontology and PBC in Gerontological Studies) and associated faculty from the College of Health and Pharmaceutical Sciences, School of Health Professions to the College of Business and Social Sciences, School of Behavioral and Social Sciences. If approved, this change would become effective January 1, 2017.

Gerontology has been affiliated historically at ULM with psychology and social work and collaborations have occurred among those faculty rather than with faculty in the health sciences. Furthermore, the content of the courses in both degree programs is more sociological and psychological than physiological. Now is a good time to make the change because one full-time faculty member's appointment is ending at the close of this semester and the other has resigned to take a position at another institution. Thus, we are in the process of hiring new faculty and would like for their interests to align with the new structure. Students would be unaffected by the change, and all deans and school directors involved support it. Organizational charts showing the current and proposed structures are attached for your reference.

Please let me know if you have questions about this request. Otherwise, thank you for considering it.

Sincerely,

Nick J. Bruno, Ph.D.
President

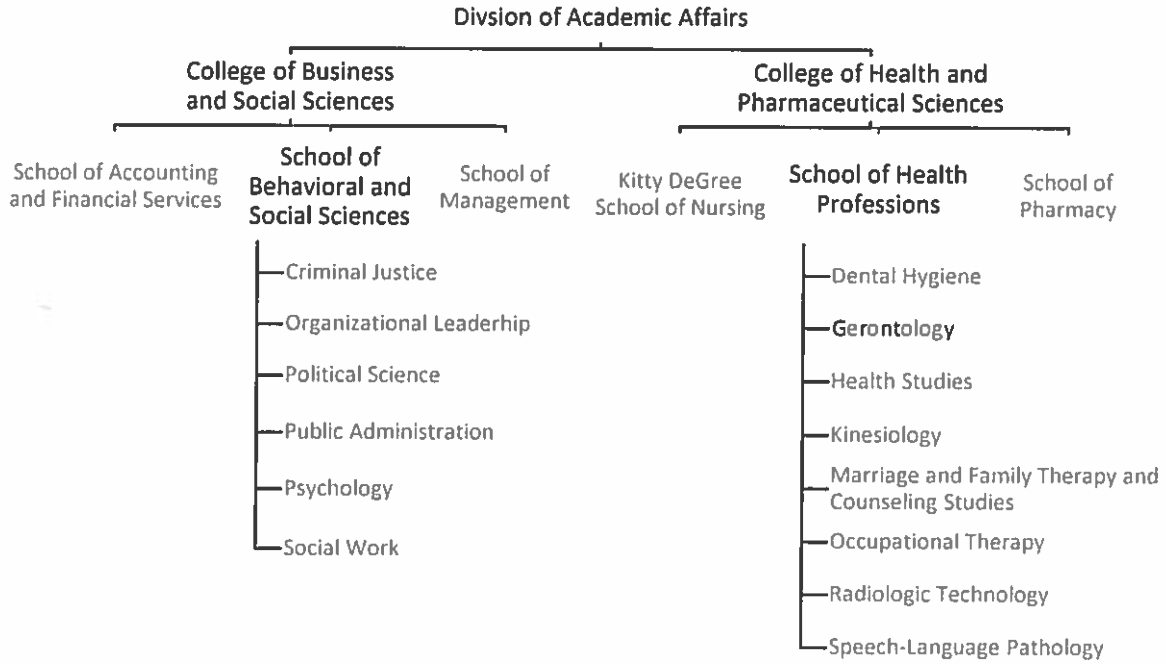
Attachment

xc. Dr. Eric Pani

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART (SELECTIVE)

Colleges of Business and Social Sciences and Health and Pharmaceutical Sciences
University of Louisiana at Monroe

Current Structure



Proposed Structure

