

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM**

JOINT ATHLETIC AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

June 25, 2004

Item G.3: University of Louisiana at Monroe: preliminary report on Intercollegiate Athletic Program.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The ULS Board of Supervisors appointed Dr. James Cofer as President of ULM in 2002. Under Dr. Cofer's strong leadership effective administrative changes have been made, student enrollment has increased, and significant construction projects are underway.

One last area that is being addressed by Dr. Cofer is the ULM athletic program. The program is facing serious challenges. It must comply with stringent NCAA rules, adhere to conference guidelines, and do so within a constrained budget. Carr Sports Associates (CSA) was commissioned to study and report on the challenges facing the athletic operations. The summary draft, "*Assessment of ULM Athletics Operations*" from CSA is attached for your review. The report provides a brief, yet complete analysis to assist Dr. Cofer as he leads the University in deciding on the appropriate direction for its Athletics Department.

Mr. Bill Carr of CSA will attend the committee meeting and present the report. The ULS is studying the challenges facing the athletic operations of its universities. ULM is the first to receive this assessment.

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 accepts the report by Carr Sports Associates, Inc., on ULM's Intercollegiate Athletic Program."

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Dr. Cofer is encouraged to use the report as a resource in making decisions regarding the ULM Intercollegiate Athletic Program."