

UL System News

Recap of Official Business of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System

Dr. Sally Clausen
President

Board Endorses Proposed Tuition Policy, Aid for Pharmacy School at ULM

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Grambling State University

Louisiana Tech University

McNeese State University

Nicholls State University

Northwestern State
University

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University

University of Louisiana at
Lafayette

University of Louisiana at
Monroe

The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System endorsed legislation to make tuition increases more predictable and consistent with similar universities in the Southeast. The measure would use some new tuition revenues to fund scholarships for low-income students.

"This measure would allow us to increase tuition in a business-like, rational way to set tuition that's affordable but still ensures the level of quality required for our colleges and universities," Finance Committee Chair André Coudrain said.

The board also endorsed a measure to provide financial resources to the UL Monroe School of Pharmacy to bring it in line with national accrediting standards. (See more about the Pharmacy School on page 2.)

In other action, the board approved the following university requests:

Academic/Student Affairs

- Grambling: approval to move from a one-semester to a two-semester summer school session beginning summer 2006
- Louisiana Tech: approval of a combined letter of intent and proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Technical Writing and Communication through distance learning technology starting fall 2005
- McNeese: approval of a revised Mission Statement

- Nicholls: approval of revised statements of Mission, Vision and Values

- Nicholls: approval to award an honorary Doctorate of Arts degree to Mr. Glen Pitre

- Northwestern: approval of a partially online degree status for the Master of Arts in Art program

Joint Athletic and Audit Committee

- UL Monroe: approval of the employment contract and agreement of Robert H. Staub, director of athletics

- UL Monroe: approval of the appointment of Orlando Early, Head Coach, Men's Basketball

Facilities Planning

- La. Tech: approval to lease 10 acres of land to the Webster Parish Fire Dept.

- La. Tech: approval to sell the D'Arbonne Camp property located in Union Parish on D'Arbonne Lake

- McNeese: approval to construct an addition to the Holbrook Computer Lab in accordance with the provisions set forth in Act 959

- Southeastern: approval to name the baseball diamond in honor of Pat Kenelly

- UL Lafayette: approval to construct the Cade Research Center, Tanzania Residence, in accordance with provisions set forth in Act 959

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- UL Monroe: approval to proceed with the process of developing an intermodal transit/parking facility and the surfacing/resurfacing of parking lots utilizing a 501(c) 3, not-for-profit corporation

Finance and Legislation

- Grambling: acceptance of FY2005 Financial and Compliance Questionnaire

- Northwestern: approval of a student referendum to establish the Organizational Relief Fund Fee

Personnel

- Nicholls: approval to appoint Dr. Shawn Mauldin as Dean of the College of Business Administration effective August 2005.

- Northwestern: approval to appoint Dr. Thomas Hanson as Acting Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Professor for the period of March 19, 2005 through December 31, 2005

- UL Monroe: approval to appoint Dr. Ronald Lynn Berry as Dean of the College of Business Administration effective April 15, 2005

University Spotlight - Nicholls State University

N Beyond Borders: Students Trade Beach for Nicaraguan Service



Celeste Robichaux, a Nicholls State University Family and Consumer Sciences freshman from Raceland, delivers food to a grateful family in the barrios of Grenada, Nicaragua. Robichaux was one of dozens of Nicholls students who participated in the humanitarian service learning project during spring break. Nine students from the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences spent their time working with disadvantaged families, orphans and children living on the streets. The group visited with families to learn about life in a third-world country and took an afternoon to serve food at a soup kitchen. They brought clothes, hygiene products, school supplies and educational materials to distribute to the people they met.

Other Nicholls students participating in related projects in Grenada came from the Department of Nursing and the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Student Center.

University Spotlight – University of Louisiana at Monroe

Preparing a New Breed of Pharmacists

The world of pharmacy is changing, and the School of Pharmacy at the University of Louisiana at Monroe is changing along with it.

Gone is the day when pharmacists merely dispensed medication. Today's pharmacists are now part of the patient care team. They must have knowledge in health care finance, drug outcomes and evaluation, disease management and advanced therapeutics.

They also must keep up with the proliferation of new drugs and the associated complex drug interactions.

Since ULM's program began in the mid 1950s, it has been a popular course of study at the university. Today, 13 percent of the student body is enrolled in the pre-professional and professional school.

To address the changing demands of the health-care industry, ULM moved the primary degree from the Bachelor of Science to the Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) in 1998.

Areas of practice now include not only the retail pharmacy stores and hospital pharmacy services, but also clinic practices, geriatric medicine, nutrition support, oncology and pediatrics just to name a few.

The Pharmacy School is exploring the possibility of creating satellite phar-

macy campuses at LSU Health Sciences Centers in Shreveport and New Orleans.

The university offers masters and Ph.D. degrees in Pharmacy, Pharmacy Administration, Pharmacaceutics, Medical Chemistry, Pharmacology, and Toxicology tracks. Graduates from these accredited degree programs may be found in all sectors of our country's top industries.

The School of Pharmacy within the College of Health Sciences also provides specialty services for the entire state through the actions of the Louisiana Drug and Poison Information Center (handling over 85,000 calls per year), the Louisiana Institute of Toxicology, and affiliation with

ULM School of Pharmacy

- Louisiana's only publicly-funded pharmacy school
- Highly competitive: accepts 1 out of every 6 applicants (all Louisiana residents)
- Avg. GPA of applicants: 3.5
- Annual research and contract funding: \$5 million
- Graduates about 90 pharmacists per year
- Avg. starting salaries: \$95,000

the State Department of Health and Hospitals' Medicaid program.