ULS Approves Intent to Establish Four New Programs

The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System approved three letters of intent and one proposal for new academic programs at its meeting today.

“‘It is important that our universities grow and change with the demands of technology and job markets,’ said UL System Senior Vice President and Provost Loren Blanchard.

Some of the positives of these proposed programs include generating graduates that may obtain highly paid jobs in research, such as Tech’s doctoral program; fulfilling new accrediting requirements for higher credentials, such as Northwestern’s radiologic technology concentrations; and meeting growing industry needs, such as UL Lafayette’s Cinema Studies program.

‘It is equally important that we continue to monitor duplicity of program offerings to ensure the state’s higher education system is efficient,’ said Blanchard.

In addition to approving four new letters of intent, the UL System Board also approved Grambling State University’s request to terminate two of its programs. The Family and Consumer Sciences and Industrial Arts Education Bachelor’s programs were low completer programs, not generating graduates in over five years.

The four new and two terminated programs must now go before the Board of Regents for approval.

$550,000 Available for Service-Learning Grants

Up to $550,000 is available to faculty, staff, and student organizations in the University of Louisiana System to develop service-learning programs focused on hurricane recovery and disaster preparedness.

The funding is part of a three-year $1.2 million grant from the Corporation for National and Community Service’s Learn and Serve America division to the UL System for its “ULS Serves” initiative.

“Civic responsibility is a critical component in the education of our students,” said UL System President Sally Clausen. “Service-learning is the active use of valuable classroom experience to improve our communities, our state, and our world with faculty leading the way. It is a win for everyone.”

Last year, ULS awarded 31 sub-grants totaling over $644,000. While some programs are ongoing, so far they have yielded 3,058 college participants, 261 faculty and staff participants, 121 youth volunteers, 95 community partners, and over 14,000 volunteer hours.

Visit www.ulsystem.net to access the Request for Proposals (RFP) and more information about the grant. Online applications are due Sept. 28.
Board Action
The ULS Board of Supervisors approved the following:

Grievance
- Northwestern: uphold the decision of the University in regards to Mr. Daniel Banguel

Academic and Student Affairs
- Grambling: terminate the Bachelor of Science degree program in Radiologic Science
- Northwestern: a letter of intent for a Bachelor of Science degree program in Industrial Arts Education
- Louisiana Tech: a proposal to establish a Ph.D. program in Industrial/Organizational Psychology
- Northwestern: a letter of intent for a Master of Science degree program in Radiologic Science
- Southeastern: establish the Center for Nursing Research in Education and Practice
- Southeastern: a letter of intent for a Bachelor of Science degree program in Engineering Technology
- UL Lafayette: a letter of intent for a Bachelor of Arts degree program in Cinema Studies
- UL Lafayette: establish the National Incident Management Systems & Advanced Technologies Center
- UL System: System Universities’ 2007-08 Promotions in Faculty Rank and Recommendations for Tenure

Athletic
- Louisiana Tech: employment agreement with Head Men’s Basketball Coach, Mr. Dave Simmons
- UL Lafayette: employment agreement with Head Baseball Coach, Mr. Tony Robichaux
- UL Lafayette: employment agreement with Mr. David Walker as Athletic Director

Audit
- Louisiana Tech: acceptance of Fiscal Year 2006-07 Financial and Compliance Representation Letter
- Northwestern: acceptance of Fiscal Year 2006-07 Financial and Compliance Representation Letter

Facilities Planning
- Grambling: form and authorizing the execution of Ground and Facilities Lease Agreement Involving the financing, design, and implementation of the University’s Phase II comprehensive housing redevelopment plan
- Louisiana Tech: enter into a Ground Lease Agreement with Louisiana Tech Foundation, Inc. to construct improvements to the Thomas Assembly Center and accept donation of said improvements once completed
- Northwestern: demolish the Nursing Annex Building on the Shreveport Campus
- Southeastern: proceed with the process of issuing an RFP to privately design, finance, construct, furnish, own, and operate a full-service hotel to be located on property owned by the University
- UL Lafayette: exercise the option to lease an additional two acres of land to Jackies International, Inc. and Prolmage Property, LLC to expand hotel services
- UL Monroe: demolish the structure at 4502 Bon Aire Drive, Monroe, Louisiana
- UL System: Fiscal Year 2008-09 Capital Outlay Budget Request and Institutions’ Five-Year Capital Outlay Plans

Finance
- McNeese: enter into a ten-year lease agreement for the University’s food service operations and facilities with Compass Group USA, Inc. “Chartwells”
- UL System: Fiscal Year 2007-08 Operating Budgets, including organizational charts, undergraduate/graduate mandatory attendance fees, and faculty and staff pay plans

Board Professional Development Highlights “Where Is The Money?”
- $99 million new funding
- 71% invested in instruction and student support including:
  - $18 million faculty salary increases
  - 193 new faculty
  - Scholarships
  - Student success programs