ULM Survey Results Show Strong Campus Support

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Baton Rouge—Students, faculty, staff, and alumni have resoundingly positive perceptions of the University of Louisiana at Monroe according to survey results submitted to the University of Louisiana System office.

The survey, which was designed to measure campus perceptions, indicated that 97 percent agreed ULM is moving forward, 96 percent believe ULM students receive a high quality education, 94 percent believe the University fosters an atmosphere of collegiality, and 96 percent were proud of their association with the University. The results also yield positive perceptions about diversity at the institution. Ninety-seven percent believe ULM embraces students, faculty, and staff from different races, cultures, and beliefs while 91 percent agree diversity in the classroom is an important part of a college education.

“We have much of which to be proud: the pride everyone has in ULM, the quality of the education received, our faculty’s commitment to student learning, the recognition of how important diversity is in the classroom, our embrace of that diversity, and the commitment of our alumni in giving back to the university,” said ULM President James Cofer. “The outstanding faculty, staff, students and alumni at ULM are working together and doing a remarkable job preparing Louisiana’s future leaders.”

Results also showed high levels of satisfaction with the university’s leadership with 88 percent confidence in the administration, 91 percent confidence in the President, and 93 percent confidence in the staff. Furthermore, 91 percent believe the leadership of the university has the courage to make difficult decisions and 95 percent of staff agree ULM is a good place to work.

“These are positive results on all levels,” said University of Louisiana System President Sally Clausen. “I applaud President Cofer for initiating this type of feedback from his campus constituents. It is no secret that great things are happening at the University of Louisiana at Monroe – from the remarkable physical transformation of the campus, to student and faculty successes, to the pride felt throughout the community. Congratulations to the entire ULM campus on their great work.”

The survey was conducted from Oct. 9 through Nov. 21 to gauge perceptions of the university as part of the institution’s SACS reaffirmation process. The survey was posted on ULM’s website and yielded over 2,000 participants (733 alumni, 240 faculty, 315 staff, and 758 students).

The survey results can be found at www.ulm.edu/sacs2009/survey.html.

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