



Office of the President

**Statement from Frank G. Pogue, Ph.D.
President, Grambling State University
2009-2014**

The Board of Supervisors of the University of Louisiana System confirmed my appointment as interim president of Grambling State University on December 15, 2009. After serving in this capacity for six months, the board changed my title to president on July 1, 2010. I was thrilled to accept the invitation to serve this historic and most visible institution of high quality education.

At the time of my official appointment, I promised the system president, the ULS board, faculty, staff, students, alumni and others that I would serve five years. I am in that fifth year as president.

On Wednesday (April 2), I informed Dr. Sandy Woodley, president of the University of Louisiana System, that I would retire from my position as president of Grambling State University, effective June 30.

Many wonderful things continue to happen at this 113-year-old institution, where seven of my presidential predecessors served notable terms and left Grambling State University a better place than they found it. I promise to continue this tradition.

There is much to be done, and my commitment is to work even harder during the remaining months -- with Dr. Woodley and all university constituents and stakeholder -- to ensure that Grambling State University is prepared for new presidential leadership.

Let's continue working together to convert all challenges into opportunities and to prepare Grambling State University for the illustrious future it deserves. That's what has been done for more than 100 years. There's no reason to stop now. Let's continue with these upcoming celebrations:

- * ***The President's Black Tie Scholarship Gala – April 11 and 12***
6:00 p.m. – Conrad Hutchinson Performing Arts Center
- * ***TigerPalooza – April 7-11***
- * ***Spring Convocation – April 22***
11:00 a.m. – T. H. Harris Auditorium
- * ***2014 Spring Commencement – May 9***
10:00 a.m. – Fredrick C. Hobdy Assembly Center