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July 31, 2014

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Dr. Sandra Woodley President University of Louisiana System 1201 North Third Street, Suite 7-300 Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Dear Dr. Woodley:

The University of Louisiana at Lafayette requests the following:

- approval to change the name of the unit currently referred to as University College to University Connection
- approval to change the name of the College of General Studies to University College
- realignment of the Honors Program and the newly renamed University Connection, both interdisciplinary programs, to house them within University College

Neither the name change nor the alignment will have budgetary impact other than the required budget reorganization. The organization chart for the revised unit is attached.

The College of General Studies was approved by the Board of Regents in 1980 and confers the Bachelor of General Studies degree with concentration blocks in arts and humanities; natural sciences; behavioral sciences; and applied sciences. The College also includes the Department of Special Services which administers four programs, referred to as TRIO, funded by the U.S. Department of Education to provide services to economically disadvantaged, first-generation college students: Students Support Services, Upward Bound and Educational Talent Search, Veteran's Upward Bound, and the Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Achievement Program. The Department will remain in the College.

The mission of the unit to be renamed University Connection (currently University College) is to extend access to educational opportunities to those individuals who want to take courses for academic credit without seeking a degree. Considered the gateway to higher education for non-traditional students, the unit administers a variety of programs including High School Dual Enrollment, DOORS (Diversified Opportunities for Older and Returning Students) -- which provides services to non-degree seeking applicants who are 21 years of age or older, education contract courses, and other outreach initiatives.

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Founded in 1968 to "provide opportunities for intellectual and cultural enrichment for gifted students," the University Honors Program offers undergraduate students a series of opportunities for excellence and creativity in the form of exceptional courses, independent study, colloquia, research, and internships. Today approximately 1,000 students find their place among a large but intimate community of scholars in every discipline.

The realignment brings together units across the University who offer multidisciplinary programs, and the name change will more clearly reflect the interdisciplinary nature of the College. Although not part of the current proposal, the University will follow the approval of this name change for the College of General Studies with a reconsideration of the Bachelor of General Studies degree to better reflect the interdisciplinary nature of the course work required to earn the degree.

Thank you for your consideration of these requests.

Sincerely,

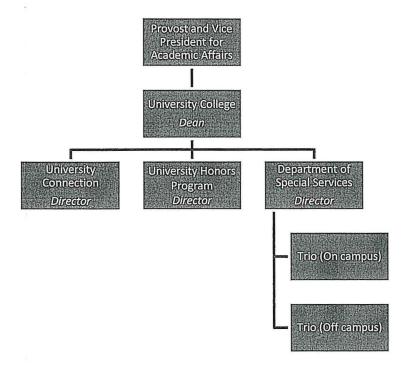
E. Joseph Savoie

President

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Attachment

## The University of Louisiana at Lafayette (Partial Organization Chart)



9/12/14 Copy to Jerry LeBlanc; Copy of letter, 14 & 15 to James Henderson; Copy of to Robert McKinney; Copy of letter and of letter, Items G.14, 15, 16 & 17 and



Layzell letter and Items E.7 & 9, G.13, letter, Layzell letter and Items G.14 & 15 Items G.16 & 17 to Scott Farmer; Copy Layzell letter to Julie Falgout

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August 29, 2014

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Dr. E. Joseph Savoie, President University of Louisiana at Lafayette Lafayette, LA 70504 Office of the President

Dear Dr. Savoie:

On August 22, 2014, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System approved the following requests from University of Louisiana at Lafayette:

- 1. Request to change the names of the following: (1) University College to University Connection and (2) College of General Studies to University College; and to realign the Honors Program and the newly named University Connection to be housed in the University College.
- 2. Request for approval of 2014-15 Promotions in Faculty Rank and Recommendations for Tenure.
- 3. Request for approval of Fiscal Year 2015-16 Capital Outlay Budget Request and Five-Year Capital Outlay Plan.
- 4. Request to appoint Dr. Mary J. Farmer-Kaiser as Acting Dean of the Graduate School effective July 1, 2014.
- 5. Request to split the SLEMCO/LEQSF Professorship in Art & Architecture into The SLEMCO/LEQSF Professorship in Art & Architecture I and The SLEMCO/LEQSF Professorship in Art & Architecture II.
- 6. Request to split the SLEMCO/LEQSF Professorship in Nursing III into The SLEMCO/LEQSF Professorship in Nursing III and The SLEMCO/LE QSF Professorship in Nursing IV.
- 7. Request for approval of a contract with Mr. Jay Johnson, Assistant Football Coach/Offensive Coordinator, effective June 1, 2014.
- 8. Request for approval of a contract with Mr. Mitch Rodrigue, Assistant Football Coach/Offensive Coordinator, effective June 1, 2014.
- 9. Request for acceptance of Fiscal Year 2012-13 Financial and Compliance and Federal Award Programs Representation Letters.
- 10. Request for approval of Fiscal Year 2014-15 Operating Budget, including organizational chart, undergraduate/graduate mandatory attendance fees, and scholarships, and System Shared Costs.

Enclosed for your records are the Executive Summaries with the resolutions that were approved by the Board as well as the approved personnel actions. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Karla Hughes, Ph.D

**Executive Vice President and Provost** 



# BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM

### ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

August 22, 2014

Item E.7. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to change the names of the following: (1) University College to University Connection and (2) College of General Studies to University College; and to realign the Honors Program and the newly named University Connection to be housed in the University College.

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

University of Louisiana at Lafayette is seeking approval to change the name of the unit currently referred to as University College to University Connection. As well, the University proposes to change the name of the College of General Studies to University College and place the existing Honors Program and newly renamed University Connection in the University College.

Currently, the College of General Studies confers the Bachelor of General Studies degree with concentration blocks in arts and humanities; natural sciences; behavioral sciences; and applied sciences. The College also includes the Department of Special Services. The mission of the unit to be renamed University Connection is to extend access to educational opportunities to those individuals who want to take courses for academic credit without seeking a degree. The unit administers a variety of programs including High School Dual Enrollment, Diversified Opportunities for Older and Returning Students, education contract courses, and other outreach initiatives. The University Honors Program offers undergraduate students a series of opportunities for excellence and creativity in the form of exceptional courses, independent study, colloquia, research and internships.

The realignment will join units across the University that offer multidisciplinary programs, and the name change will more clearly reflect the interdisciplinary nature of the College. Neither the name change nor the alignment will have budgetary impact other than the required budget reorganization.

#### 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 hereby approves University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request to change the names of the following: (1) University College to University Connection and (2) College of General Studies to University College; and to realign the Honors Program and the newly named University Connection to be housed in the University College.