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July 15, 2008

Dr. Randy Moffett, President
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Dear Dr. Moffett:

As you know, the Board of Regents is in the process of drafting a new Master Plan. As part of that process, the Board will be reviewing and revising the role, scope and mission statements of all institutions. At this time I am asking all systems, in consultation with their respective campuses, to review and make suggestions to the role, scope and mission statements for the units in the System as they appear in the current Master Plan.

I expect that some adjustments will be necessary due to the changes that have occurred since publication of the Master Plan in 2001. For example, the SREB classifications of McNeese, Nicholls and Southeastern have changed and Southeastern now offers a doctoral program in cooperation with UL Lafayette.

Outside of the above mentioned revisions to statements for the colleges cited above, if the University of Louisiana System wishes to recommend a major change to an institution's role, scope and mission (changes in institutional classification, etc.), please provide answers to the following questions:

1. How would these changes alter the current campus institutional classification (Carnegie, SACS/CoC, etc.)?
2. What are the current conditions (range/breadth/depth of academic programs/units/ and research endeavors) at the affected campus which support a change in role, scope, and mission and/or institutional classification?
3. What are the campus/system short- and long-term developmental plans which necessitate a change in role, scope, and mission and/or institutional classification?
4. Do these plans call for the implementation of new academic programs/units/research endeavors? If so, what types and levels of new

programs/units/research endeavors are anticipated for this campus? Please provide a timeline for such changes.

- a. Please provide an assessment of existing faculty/staff/infrastructure resources that will be utilized and an estimate of new faculty/staff/infrastructure resources that will be required for new program/unit enhancements.
 - b. How will the system and institution fund the associated additional costs? If internal system reallocations or additional state funds are anticipated, how would this affect state support for existing academic programs/units/research endeavors?
5. In your estimation, how would such changes in role, scope, and mission and/or institutional classification affect current assignments/responsibilities of other, particularly proximate, state colleges and universities?

All of the current statements follow a format that I would like to continue. Attached to this letter is an electronic copy of the current role, scope and mission statements for the units of the University of Louisiana System for your use. Please submit your revised statements to my office by Friday, August 8th. Once staff has reviewed your response, I will be in contact with your office for further discussion on the suggested statements.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter

Sincerely,

Sally Clausen
Commissioner of Higher Education

Attachment

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July 16, 2008

Dear Randy:

First, thank you for carving time out of your very busy schedules to meet with our consultant, Dr. Gordon Davies. Your input is very important to us and I certainly appreciate you making this extra effort.

My assistant has attempted to schedule a System Heads' meeting, but it seems that July is a busy time for all of us. Thus, I am forwarding some documents to you for your careful consideration and response.

Dual Enrollment

Attached is a memorandum that outlines the Board of Regents' interpretation of Senator Cassidy's bill. We are receiving numerous calls from parents, high schools, and universities on this topic and ask that you circulate this information to your campuses as soon as possible (see Attachment A).

Role, Scope and Mission

Part of the process of drafting the new Master Plan is the revision of the role, scope and mission statements of all campuses. As you can see from the attached memorandum, I am asking that all systems, in consultation with your respective campuses, review and make suggestions for the units as they appear in the current Master Plan (see Attachment B).

Recommendations for Performance Indicators for your campuses

In your opinion, what particular two or three assessment measures would be valid indicators of each affected campus' success in fulfilling its assigned role, scope, and mission? Please elaborate on the type of measures to be utilized, how such measures would be taken, and how measurements scores would be rated.

I would appreciate receiving your responses to the matters above by August 11, 2008. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you.

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From: Randy Moffett [RMoffett@uls.state.la.us]
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Office of the President

Joe:

Attached is a letter from Dr. Clausen that outlines a time-sensitive request to update our role, scope, and mission statements as well as answers to important clarifying questions. Current role, scope and mission statements are included.

In a related vein, we have also been asked to generate two or three assessment measures that would be valid indicators of campus success in fulfilling your role, scope and mission. Please elaborate on the types of measures to be used, how such measures would be taken and how measurement scores would be rated. As I understand that related implications could be somewhat daunting, my intention at this time is to use your suggestions to initially provide several possible system-wide indicators for consideration by the Regents.

We have been asked to provide this material to the Board of Regents by Monday, August 11th -- please forward your drafts to me by noon on Tuesday, August 5th so we can review and discuss with you further. Rest assured that your response will not be forwarded until we have completed our discussions. I know that this requires a quick turnaround and appreciate your attention to this important aspect of the State's Master Plan for Higher Education.

As our staff receives other information, we will keep you updated. In the interim, please feel free to call if you have any questions.

Thank you!

Randy

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