

President's Cabinet Meeting
Tuesday August 19, 2008
M.P.R./Library

Fall Enrollment

Dr. Rushton Johnson – New Dean of Students

Fl 08 Enrollment: Howell

As of 8/15/08

Currently up by 13-- budgeted for up 1000
40K below budgeted tuition for fall 08

We have more full time students/ down in total number of students but the students we have are taking more credit hours

Total Numbers:

#'s right on for continuing freshmen and sophomore classes

#'s up for continuing juniors

Down in #'s for continuing seniors and graduate students

Down in #'s for dual enrollment students

814 students not activated as of 8/19/08/

Budget Implications:

Need to let dust settle before Budget Statement will be released

NSU – No new dollars from State as we are already at the 100% mark of the formula

Staff and faculty pay increase projected for Spring 09

Occupancy: Dial

857 students in Halls/up 130 from fall 07 (this does not include La Maison du Bayou numbers)

LMDB 377 occupancy = 85%

745 total residents needed to pay bond

Construction: Davis

All new buildings have punch lists made and maintenance is working on completing these lists – target completion is 30 days

A & B buildings are in good shape

Building C issues with lock cores, some thermostat & plumbing problems

UP move to Calecas:

Waiting for Simplex to come and prepare new office with alarm systems and security systems

As soon as UP moves to Calecas old UP building will be demolished to make room for a new convenience store type building – probably not by December Board Meeting.

Old residence hall demolition:

First have to complete asbestos abatement process – goal is to have all buildings down before December 08 Board meeting is held here on campus

Demolition order:

Millet 1st

Zeringue 2nd

Long 3rd

Meade 4th

No plans at this time for the “green space” created by demolition

Stacy Naquin will coordinate new hall tours to coordinate with University Relations’

New Hall Dedication ceremony on September 18, 2008.

Announcements will be forthcoming

Recent lightning strike to campus:

\$225K damage to campus communication system

All telephones and voice mails should be back up and running

All call-boxes and siren system back in full operation

No budget impact – first \$1000.00 was paid by NSU the rest was covered by University Insurance.

Emergency Management Planning (EMP): Clausen

Attended an Active Shooters Conference – lessons on how to deal with these types of situations

Attended a Community Service Response training – Point of Dispensing Committee will be reconvened and will include information from this training

Hurricane Preparedness Plan:

EMP is currently working to complete plan, missing academic departments including Biology and Chemistry

Library plan almost complete – a great deal of planning since the library contains so much information, both physical and cyber.

The Hazardous Material (Haz Mat) building (out by walking path) is cleaned and put back in order for use.

From now on all chemicals delivered to campus will be delivered directly to Haz Mat building instead of receiving department.

President Hulbert:

University Mascot: Professional Development Company created mascot based on information gleaned from several student, faculty, and staff focus groups held on campus in early June 08.

Late September campus will have a viewing of final concepts or prototypes of mascot, voting for favorite will take place at that time

Basic Timeline:

9 concepts developed

4 were chosen as semi-finalists

3 were chosen as finalists

Company will return to campus mid-September to meet with focus groups again for final review and revision

Selection Process:

Finalists presented to Nicholls State University community

Everyone will rank their 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices

NSU will tally the results

Final choice will be presented to Executive Council and the President for final approval before presenting to NSU community

University Relations Department presented a Communications Approval Policy—it was determined that this policy needs to be brought in front of the Executive Committee for further review and discussion.

Nicholls State University 60th Anniversary Celebration this year

September 23, 2008 the official celebration – schedule will be posted for those wishing to purchase tickets

4 day workweek – with current construction and building closures this is not likely for our campus at this time – just do not have the facilities to accommodate all classes for a 4 day week.

This program may be applicable during summer sessions but further review is needed.

Lowering drinking age from 21 to 18 years:

Amethyst Group: group of private university presidents that want to lower the drinking age from 21 to 18 years old.

President Hulbert not in favor of this agenda and is not joining this group/ at this time NO public universities have joined this movement