

CABINET MEETING COMMUNIQUE
MEETING OF AUGUST 30, 2005

Present: Crew, Dilworth, Hanson, Jones, Moulton, Pierce, Webb

- Dr. Webb provided information pertinent to priorities assigned by the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System to Northwestern's capital outlay requests. The Board of Regents will assign priorities for projects requested by all public colleges and universities in the state.
- Dr. Webb asked Mr. Dilworth to chair a committee of the Cabinet to report on Northwestern's specific role relative to providing a disaster shelter on campus and serving the needs of evacuees.
- Dr. Webb provided information regarding initiatives that Bossier Parish Community College and Northwestern are considering including in a Title III co-op proposal, with BPCCC serving as the lead institution.
- The Cabinet discussed current preliminary enrollment figures for the fall semester and budgetary implications.
- Dr. Hanson reported that Hurricane Katrina, which recently caused extensive damage in the New Orleans area, affects Northwestern in ways other than providing shelter for evacuees: (1) Several of our students in the Louisiana National Guard have been mobilized; (2) There is some inconsistency in internet connections, since Baton Rouge serves as a telecommunications hub; and (3) The Leesville/Fort Polk campus at this time has only local telephone service.
- Mr. Dilworth pointed out that Dr. Norann Planchock wants to demolish the Nursing Annex in Shreveport. Mr. Jones recommended that this be discussed with state officials, since this is an academic building.
- Mr. Pierce said that relocation of Health and Human Performance class relocations to Prather Coliseum seem to be going well. This was done in order to accommodate evacuees in the PE Majors Building.