

CABINET MEETING COMMUNIQUE  
MEETING OF NOVEMBER 14, 2005

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

- Dr. Webb shared information about budget cuts provided by UL System President Sally Clausen. She has indicated that, if any pool funds are available to her, the priorities for distribution would be helping McNeese (Hurricane Rita), assisting universities with accreditation issues, and making adjustments based on Formula implementation levels. Dr. Webb said he mentioned to Dr. Clausen that Northwestern is in the midst of its quest for reaffirmation of accreditation through COC of SACS.
- Dr. Webb discussed HB 156 from the current special session of the Legislature. It reflects a further cut to higher education, beyond the Governor's actions, of at least 5%.
- Cabinet members considered cost-savings initiatives by Nicholls State and ULL that appeared in newspaper articles.
- The Cabinet agreed to encourage their areas to recommend measures for effecting further economies and recruiting, enrolling, retaining, and graduating eligible students (including students in online classes). As recommended during the recent NCHEMS/Noel-Levitz follow-up review, an emphasis should be placed upon obtaining externally funded grants and contracts and raising private and corporate funds to enhance programs and support scholarships for students.
- There will be a special meeting of the Board of Supervisors this Wednesday, November 16, in Baton Rouge. Dr. Hanson and Mr. Jones will attend.
- Mr. Dilworth said no changes will be made to the custodial services contract before the end of the semester, to ensure there are no problems with Fall Commencement.