

CABINET MEETING COMMUNIQUE
MEETING OF NOVEMBER 17, 2005

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

- Dr. Webb disseminated a copy of HB 156, which passed the House, and now goes to the Senate, with the additional cuts originally planned for colleges and universities now removed.
- The Cabinet discussed yesterday's special meeting of the Board of Supervisors. The Board approved designating the Chairman of the Board, the System President, the Chairman of the Finance Committee, and the Student Member as representatives in the ongoing discussions regarding the future of higher education in light of the catastrophic effect of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.
- Dr. Hanson said he met with the Faculty Senate this week, to keep members informed of matters of interest to the faculty, including budget cuts and expectations. He informed them of the need for faculty to become more engaged in obtaining additional sources of revenue, including grants and contracts and private funds raised from individuals and corporations. He also told them of the importance of involvement in student recruitment and retention.
- Dr. Webb shared a copy of a draft statement to all faculty and staff. He will send it out later today, following a 3:00 p.m. press conference in Baton Rouge. It will include minor modifications recommended by Cabinet members. He asked that vice presidents continue to keep their employees informed and to seek their input.