

CABINET MEETING COMMUNIQUE
MEETING OF AUGUST 29, 2008

Present: Crew, Steve Horton vice Tom Hanson, Carl Jones, Marcus Jones, Pierce, Webb, Williams

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss and implement plans in preparation for the potential impact of Hurricane Gustav on Northwestern State University's service area and other portions of the state. The University has posted a banner on its Website that is connected to the Governor's Office and through which interested faculty, staff, students, and parents can obtain updated information about the storm, including easy access to a tracking map provided through the National Hurricane Center. The University will issue a news release regarding preparations and means of obtaining information over the weekend and next week. This news release will be disseminated via email to Northwestern faculty, staff, and students.

During the meeting, the University of Louisiana System Office called and requested the President's participation in a system-wide conference call. Requests were made for student volunteers to oversee pets at a shelter center near Shreveport; possible Food Stamp distribution centers; and bilingual faculty or students to communicate with evacuees.