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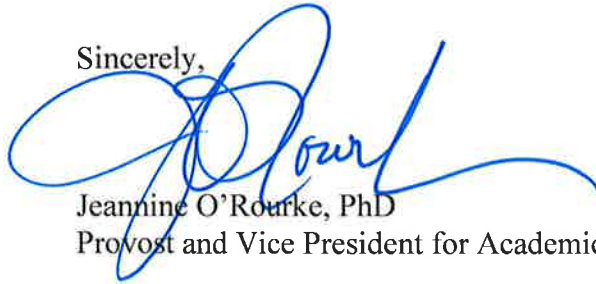
Dear Dr. Johnson:

On December 5, 2024, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System approved the following requests from University of New Orleans:

- F.5. Request for approval of a restructuring plan.
- H.1. Request for approval of its revised Internal Audit Plan.
- I.5. Request to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Ogden Museum of Southern Art, Inc. for the transfer of the Goldring Hall to the Ogden Museum of Southern Art, Inc.

Enclosed for your records are the Executive Summaries with the resolutions that were approved by the Board along with the approved personnel actions. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Jeannine O'Rourke, PhD
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Approved by the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System on 12/5/24.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM**

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

December 5, 2024

Item F.5. **University of New Orleans'** request for approval of a restructuring plan.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The University of New Orleans (UNO) requests approval to implement a restructuring plan beginning in January 2025. The proposed plan will consolidate existing academic colleges and departments as well as leadership positions in upper administration. The proposed plan also includes the creation of a University College that will be dedicated to the academic and personal success of UNO students through a foundation of support services and beyond.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the following resolution be adopted:

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the University of New Orleans' request for approval of a restructuring plan.*

Proposed Restructuring: University of New Orleans

The purpose of the proposed university restructuring is to significantly reduce administrative costs while at the same time enhancing support for student learning and success, protecting our mission, and preserving all our academic programs. While details will be informed through conversations with faculty, staff, and student governance groups in December, changes will be implemented in January 2025 with interim leaders appointed in University College (director), Science & Engineering (dean), and Liberal Arts & Professional Studies (dean). In Spring 2025 we also will begin to implement shared services models for IT support, administrative support, and other back-office functions. Projected annual savings associated with university reorganization is \$2.1M.

	Current	Proposed
Vice Presidents	5 - Enrollment Management - Student Affairs - Finance & Administration - Information Technology - Research (vacant)	3 - Enrollment Management & Student Success - Finance & Administration - Information Technology
Degree-Conferring Units	5 - Business - Liberal Arts & Education - Science - Engineering - Interdisciplinary Studies	2 - Science & Engineering - Liberal Arts & Professional Studies (includes BIS, Interdisciplinary Studies)
Academic Leaders	5 Deans (COBA, COLA-ED, SCI, ENG, Library) 4 Directors (Arts, Education, HRT, Interdisciplinary Studies) 6 Associate/Assistant Deans 23 Chairs	3 Deans (S&E, LA&PS, Library) 3 Directors (Liberal Arts, Business, Education) 4 Associate/Assistant Deans 15 Chairs
Associate Provosts/AVPs	3 - Academic Programs - Faculty Affairs - Graduate School	3 - Student Success and Institutional Effectiveness - Faculty Affairs - Research and Graduate Education
Undergraduate Student Success	Distributed across student affairs, academic affairs, and colleges with limited integration or coordination	Consolidated in an integrated University College , led by Director, reporting to VP for Enrollment Management & Student Success. Academic advising will be centralized, and all offices must use Navigate360 to support retention and student success. Outside of University College the following units will report to the Dean of Students: - Wellness Services (Health, Counseling, Connection & Belonging)

		- Residential Life - Accessibility Services - Student Involvement & Leadership
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Enhancing Undergraduate Student Success:

University College will serve as a gateway into the university, an academic home for pre-majors, and a hub for academic support. Academic advisors will be centralized in University College, organized into clusters or “meta-majors” that share foundational gateway courses, and will be supported by trained peer advisors. Career Services professionals will support each advising cluster to ensure that career planning and development is woven through the entire undergraduate student experience, connecting all majors with opportunities to acquire transferable career-relevant skills through minors, certificates and alternative credentials. University College will house the following areas and initially will be staffed by reorganizing areas aligned with Academic Affairs and Student Affairs:

- First Year Experience (Orientation, First Year Seminars, Learning Communities)
- Academic Advising and Career Development/Planning
- Student Employment (including on-campus and community-based work study)
- TRIO Programs
- Peer Mentoring and Supplemental Instruction
- Tutoring and Coaching Services
- International Education
- Center for Excellence in Teaching and Experiential Learning
- Honors Program
- University College Faculty (engaged in FYE, experiential learning, oversight for UNIV (first year seminar) curricula
- Student Success Council

University College faculty will be appointed for 2Y (renewable) terms by academic deans and will be critically involved in developing the First Year Experience, improving student success in gateway and general education courses, and overseeing academic policies and practices that are critically important for beginners, transfer students, and degree completers.

While initially the administrative functions within University College will be distributed across multiple locations, an important goal will bring units together in a shared physical location – ideally in or near the Earl K. Long library.

Approved by the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System on 12/5/24.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM**

AUDIT COMMITTEE

December 5, 2024

- Item H.1.** **University of Louisiana System’s** request for approval of revised Internal Audit Charters for the University of Louisiana System’s nine universities and the University of Louisiana System Office.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Internal Audit Charters set forth the purpose, authority, and responsibility of the internal audit activity for the University of Louisiana System’s nine universities and the University of Louisiana System Office. The charters have been modified to reflect Global Internal Audit Standards issued by the Institute of Internal Auditors that are effective January 9, 2025. The campus charters are on file at the System office should any Board Member wish to receive a copy.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the following resolution be adopted:

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Internal Audit Charters for the University of Louisiana System’s nine universities and the University of Louisiana System Office.*

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM**

FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE

December 5, 2024

- Item I.5.** **University of New Orleans'** request for approval to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement ("CEA") and related transactional documents, including but not limited to a mortgage, with the Ogden Museum of Southern Art, Inc. for the transfer of the Goldring Hall to the Ogden Museum of Southern Art, Inc., on terms and conditions acceptable to the Board and for consideration of money and/or services with a stated value not being less than the appraised value. The CEA is accordance with Article VII Section 14(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and Act 485 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The University has been presented with an agreement to acquire Goldring Hall, located at 925 Camp Street near Lee Circle and the National World War II D-Day Museum. The building is state-owned and construction was completed in August 2003, when the University was a part of the Louisiana State University System. The building currently serves as the only operating portion of the Ogden Museum of Southern Art ("OMSA"). The University acquired the property by donation from the University of New Orleans Foundation in 1999. Designed specifically as a museum, the physical structure is six stories and contains approximately 60,000 square feet of exhibition and office space. OMSA is operated by the Ogden Museum of Southern Art, Inc., a private, non-profit corporation established to promote the well-being and advancement of the Ogden Museum of Southern Art.

Goldring and the Patrick F. Taylor Memorial Library, located at 615 Andrew Higgins Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana, were initially envisioned as a downtown arts complex that would serve OMSA and support the teaching mission of the UNO Fine Arts Department. This Agreement will allow OMSA to continue serving the UNO constituency as well as the New Orleans Region by supporting the arts and related educational opportunities through its philanthropic efforts. UNO maintains sufficient other art facilities that support its current needs, including the St. Claude Gallery and the UNO Fine Arts Gallery. UNO has continuously provided for certain utilities, property and casualty insurance for the premises since construction. The current occupant, OMSA desires to acquire title and ownership of the building and maintain a cooperative relationship with the University.

Article VII Section 14(C) further allows for the public bodies to enter into such agreements with non-profit entities that further carry out the mission of the University. Additionally, Act 485 of the 2024 Regular Legislative Session further allowed for the direct transfer of the building and improvements to OMSA for appropriate consideration in compliance with Article VII Section 14 of the Louisiana Constitution.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the following resolution be adopted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of New Orleans' request for approval of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement and related documents providing for the transfer of the property to the Ogden Museum of Southern Art, Inc.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the University of New Orleans has obtained final review from UL System staff, legal counsel, and shall secure all other appropriate approvals from agencies/parties of processes, documents, and administrative requirements prior to execution of documents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the University of New Orleans and/or his designee are hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute this transaction.

AND FURTHER, that the University of New Orleans will provide the System office with copies of all final executed documents for Board files.