



White Paper Recycled

White paper recycling containers are collected at 7 a.m. on the third Friday of each month. These are the large green containers on wheels located throughout campus that are labeled “white paper recycling and IESI.”

The containers must be moved to the roadside for pickup. If anyone needs assistance moving a container, contact Bob Prejean in Custodial Services at ext. 5014. For information on the white paper recycling program, call Debet Denny in Maintenance at ext. 5891.

Fall Back

Daylight Saving Time Ends Nov. 1



12.....	Freshman Orientation
12.....	General Faculty Meeting
13.....	Late Fall Registration Begins
17.....	Fall Classes Begin
17-21.....	Howdy Rowdy Week
28-Sept. 25.....	Annual Faculty Art Exhibition

September

7.....	Labor Day Holiday
21.....	Career Fair
30-Oct. 4.....	Theatre <i>The Imaginary Invalid</i>

October

1.....	Wind Symphony Concert
8.....	Chamber Singers Concert
11-17.....	Homecoming Week
15.....	Homecoming Parade, Pep Rally, Fireworks
17.....	Homecoming 2009 Cowboy Q&A Day
22.....	Jazz Concert
28.....	Percussion Concert

November

2.....	Teacher Fair
8.....	Official Ring Ceremony
10.....	Band Spectacular Concert
11.....	Grad Fest
11-15.....	Theatre <i>The Long Christmas Ride Home</i>
17.....	MSU Choirs Concert
23-27.....	Thanksgiving Holidays

December

2.....	Study Day
3-8.....	Final Exams
4.....	Student Holiday Sale
12.....	Commencement
21-Jan. 1.....	Christmas and New Year's Holidays

The United Way Campaign kicks off this fall and employees are encouraged to support this worthy cause through their pledges and donations.



CONTACT INFORMATION

President's Hotline Ext. 5587

Web Site Information

- Group Benefits Program www.groupbenefits.org
- State Travel Regulations www.doa.louisiana.gov/osp/travel/traveloffice.htm
- University of Louisiana System www.ulsystem.net
- Louisiana Board of Regents www.regents.state.la.us

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MCNEESE UPDATE

Employee and Dependent Tuition and Fee Policy Changes

Full-time employees need to be aware of several changes to the Employee and Dependent Tuition and Fee Policy as of July 1.

There is no longer a waiting period for employees and the employees' dependents before they can take courses. The only requirement is that a faculty or staff member be employed on a full-time basis.

MSU employees and their dependents may enroll in undergraduate or graduate courses at a reduced tuition, plus certain applicable fees.

Full-time employees may register for up to six hours per semester for a reduced charge of \$25 per credit hour, not to exceed \$150, for any undergraduate or graduate level courses.

Spouses and children of full-time employees receive reduced tuition of \$25 per credit hour, not to exceed \$300 for full-time enrollment. Only undergraduate courses taken by undergraduate students are eligible for the reduced tuition.

Shared Leave Programs Running Low

A Shared Sick Leave Pool program for unclassified employees and a Crisis Annual Leave Pool program for classified employees that allow co-workers to donate leave time to assist fellow care offered employees who have insufficient sick or annual leave balances to cover their absence from work during a time of crisis.

However, the time available in both leave pools is running low and several employees have requested leave from the pools. Employees who have leave time available and are within the guidelines to donate are being asked to consider making donations.

Policies and procedures for the two programs can be found on the Human Resources Web site at www.mcneese.edu/hr under General University Policies. Donation forms can be downloaded off the Web site or can be obtained in Human Resources.

For more information, contact Charlene Abbott or Benita Malbrough in Human Resources at ext. 5362.

2009-2010 Budget Update

After two successive years of state appropriation funding at the SREB average, McNeese begins this academic year with a 13 percent reduction in state appropriations compared to August 2008. Due to a downturn in state revenue, public higher education was cut \$119 million. The total McNeese budget cut, including the mid-year cut, is \$5.6 million.

“Through significant reductions to all areas of the budget, holding merit raises and 70 vacant positions, we are not eliminating any academic programs, we are not planning layoffs of full-time faculty, nor salary reductions or unpaid furloughs for support staff this year,” said McNeese President Dr. Robert Hebert.

“Ultimately, our goal was to protect the academic core, which is our primary mission, and to protect the most valuable asset, our faculty and support staff,” says Dr. Hebert.

Reductions to the budget include:

- operating services
- supplies
- equipment purchases
- student work-study jobs
- non-teaching graduate assistantships
- part-time instructors
- funds for general maintenance
- facility repairs
- athletics

The University will increase undergraduate and graduate tuition and out-of-state fees this fall to raise revenue to cover unfunded, mandated, costs and the shortfall in state budget dollars.

Energy conservation and other cost saving initiatives have already been implemented, such as eliminating paper and envelopes for direct deposit payroll information, printing fewer catalogs, eliminating the printed copies of the class schedule and using the Web and McNeese portal to deliver information.

Employees can make a difference by turning off lights in unused offices and classrooms, conserving supplies and shutting off computers and monitors at the end of each work day.