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**#21**

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EXTRACT OF THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE PARISH OF ST. BERNARD, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE ST. BERNARD PARISH GOVERNMENT COMPLEX, 8201 WEST JUDGE PEREZ DRIVE, CHALMETTE, LOUISIANA ON TUESDAY APRIL 15, 2025 AT THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

On motion of Mr. Randall, seconded by Mrs. Mones, it was moved to **adopt** the following resolution:

## **RESOLUTION SBPC #2449-04-25**

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT UNIVERSITY OF NEW ORLEANS (UNO) AND RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANT ROLE OF THE UNIVERSITY IN OUR REGION AND URGE STATE LEADERS TO PROTECT THE ACADEMIC INTEGRITY OF THE UNO MISSION AS AN URBAN RESEARCH INSTITUTE.

**WHEREAS**, UNO plays a critical role in providing affordable, high-quality education to students from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds; and,

**WHEREAS**, the research and scholarship of UNO faculty enhance our region, state, and nation as outlined in the attached declaration; and,

**WHEREAS**, UNO is the only urban public research university in the Metro area; and,

**WHEREAS**, UNO faculty and staff are engaged and vital members of our regional community; and,

**WHEREAS**, UNO's contributions to workforce development, economic impact, and social mobility strengthen the State of Louisiana and enhance our long-term prosperity; and,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the St. Bernard Parish Council, the governing authority, does hereby support University of New Orleans (UNO), recognize the important role of the University in our region, and urge State Leaders to protect the academic integrity of the UNO mission as an Urban Research Institution.

The above and foregoing having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereupon resulted as follows:

**YEAS:** Cusimano, Moran, Meyer, Randall, Mones

**NAYS:** None



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**ABSENT:**        McCloskey


The Council Vice-Chair, Mr. Everhardt, cast his vote as **YEA**.

And the motion was declared **adopted** on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025.

## CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a motion adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Council of the Parish of St. Bernard, held at Chalmette, Louisiana, on Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

Witness my hand and the seal  
of the Parish of St. Bernard on  
this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025.

  
ROXANNE ADAMS  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

## Declaration of UNO Faculty and Staff Contributions

The University of New Orleans (UNO) is the only public research university in the greater New Orleans area, serving the needs of our city, region, state and nation. With its undergraduate tuition of less than \$10,000 per year, UNO remains a uniquely affordable local choice for students. UNO is the sole public institution within the greater New Orleans area offering both undergraduate and graduate degrees in many high-demand areas, both in STEM fields and those related to our region's crucial cultural economy. UNO makes a major impact: a 2016 study estimated that every \$1 in support for UNO generated between \$3 and \$4 in benefit to the local economy.

Over the last 63 years, UNO has educated more than 80,000 students and is widely credited with building the region's middle class. UNO ranked #102 nationally in the CollegeNet Social Mobility Index. Graduates leave UNO with the lowest average debt load of any public or private university in the state. Offering a full slate of university majors, UNO has educated many of the area's school principals, business leaders, medical professionals, engineers and artists. Notable graduates include tech entrepreneurs like Sal Kahn and James Clark, Major League Baseball coaches and managers like Brian Snitker and Paul Mangieri, and cultural figures ranging from local culinary icon Tom Fitzmorris to the Macarthur Fellow and Pulitzer Prize-winning writer Jericho Brown.

Every UNO college has programs that stand out. The Dr. Robert A. Savoie College of Engineering is the only one in the metro area and features one of only three Naval Architecture programs in the country. The Computer Science Department has maintained its ABET accreditation since 1987 — far longer than, for example, LSU or Tulane. The School of the Arts offers music students unique opportunities such as playing with renowned professionals at Jazz at the Sandbar, prepares students for careers in the thriving local film industry and features the only NAST-accredited theater program in the New Orleans area. The Health Care Management program is the only one in the state with both AACSB (Business) and AUPHA (Health Care Administration) accreditations.

As a Carnegie R2 "High Research Activity" Designated University, UNO is home to research focused centers including the Advanced Materials Research Institute, the Center for Hazard Assessment and Response Technology, the UNO Cyber Center, the Hospitality Research Center, the Midlo Center for New Orleans Studies, the Austrian Marshall Plan Center for European Studies, the UNO Transportation Institute (UNOTI), and the Pontchartrain Institute for Environmental Studies (PIES), among others.

UNO professors conduct research important to our region, state, and the nation:

- Researchers in the Robert A. Savoie College of Engineering use its towing tank to test scale models of ships, offshore structures, and ocean engineering vehicles.
- Faculty in the Lester E. Kabacoff School of Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Administration participated in the French Quarter Accessibility Project, collecting data to improve the Super Bowl LIX experience for guests and residents.
- Research by faculty in the Henry Bernstein College of Business Administration (COBA) explores Health Care Policy and Management strategies surrounding menopause, mental health and the workplace.

- The Annual Real Estate Outlook Seminar, hosted by COBA faculty, guides New Orleans area industry professionals as well as stakeholders in business and government.
- Historians from UNO's College of Liberal Arts and Education founded the National WWII Museum, a TripAdvisor top ten US museum and the #1 tourist destination in New Orleans.
- A UNO Education faculty member serves as a consultant for a new PBS Kids education program focused on helping children explore future career options in developmentally appropriate ways.
- The UNO Transportation Institute (UNOTI) is conducting research under a grant from the Louisiana Transportation Research Center to identify solutions to the state's truck parking shortage, a current threat to the national supply chain.
- The new UNO Heritage Management and Preservation Hub will house archaeological collections from the region and coordinate field research projects that educate students in cultural resource management and historical preservation.
- UNO psychology professors are researching the neurobiology of social connection in the elderly, seeking to develop new forms of elder care and improve longevity.
- Computer science and psychology faculty at UNO are studying how to understand and predict behavior in autistic children and enhance autism care.
- Computer Science faculty are working with the US Army Corps of Engineers to enhance levee monitoring using autonomous vehicles and AI methods to significantly improve early detection of structural problems
- A UNO mathematics professor is working with others on a National Science Foundation funded initiative to develop the technological capacity to harness the quantum properties of energy and matter for practical uses.
- The Beach at UNO is an award-winning University research park that will house the Louisiana Future Energy Center, which will put Louisiana at the forefront of clean energy.

UNO faculty are deeply embedded in the community, serving in organizations and on boards that help guide policy and economic development. UNO hosts K-12 programs that inspire and prepare new generations for careers in STEM, business, education and the arts.

The University of New Orleans remains committed to providing high-quality education at an affordable cost, producing talented graduates who strengthen the region's workforce, conducting innovative research that addresses critical societal needs, and engaging with the community in meaningful ways. Recognizing and supporting the University's mission is crucial to ensuring its continued success and influence.