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**Via Electronic Mail**

Chris Maggio, Ph.D.  
Acting President  
Northwestern State University  
Natchitoches, LA

Dear Dr. Maggio:

Per the request of Northwestern State University (NSU) the Board of Supervisors of the University of Louisiana System considered NSU's request for revalidation of the University's Mission Statement and approval of the University's Vision and Core Values Statements at their February 23, 2017 meeting. Specifics relevant to the request are outlined in the 'Executive Summary' accompanying this letter; unanimous approval was granted by the Board.

Please let me know if you require any additional information or documentation regarding this item. Northwestern State University is to be commended for the thoughtful analysis of the University's mission, roles, and functions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JKahn", written over a large, stylized, light-colored graphic element.

Jeannine O. Kahn, Ph.D.  
Vice President for Academic Affairs

cc: Dr. James Henderson, President, University of Louisiana System



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

**ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**February 23, 2017**

**Item E.3.**     **Northwestern State University's request for revalidation of the University's Mission Statement and approval of the University's Vision and Core Values Statements.**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Over the last eighteen months Northwestern State University (NSU) conducted a deliberate, holistic, and thoughtful analysis of its mission, roles, and functions. Through this process the institution developed and published *Strategic Plan 2016-2021*. While NSU's mission remains unchanged since last approved by the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System in February 2003, the institution finds it appropriate to revalidate the mission while simultaneously seeking approval for new vision and core values statements.

**Mission.** Northwestern State University is a responsive, student-oriented institution that is committed to the creation, dissemination, and acquisition of knowledge through teaching, research, and service. The University maintains as its highest priority excellence in teaching in graduate and undergraduate programs. Northwestern State University prepares its students to become productive members of society and promotes economic development and improvements in the quality of life of the citizens in its region.

**Vision.** Northwestern State University will become the nation's premier regional university through the innovative delivery of transformative student learning experiences that prepare graduates for life and career success.

**Core Values.** Our core values capture the guiding principles for how we make decisions and work together. They are the foundation for the type of university community and regional partner we strive to become. Our guiding values are:

**Our students are our priority.** We provide each student with transformational and experiential learning experiences to assist in the development of an ever-growing individual, scholar, and professional.

**Diversity helps define who we are.** We welcome and respect everyone traveling on a journey of knowledge. Differences make us stronger.

**We are future focused.** We do not rest on our laurels, as we are in constant search of individual and organizational improvement. We seek opportunities to improve our students, community, and region.

**Innovation leads the forward edge of change.** We strive to be on the forefront in all we do.

**We honor and respect the ideals of freedom.** We protect the freedom of all members of our community to seek truth and express their views.

**We are careful stewards.** We responsibly and sustainably manage the economic and natural resources entrusted to us.

**Integrity is our cornerstone.** We hold ourselves to the highest ethical standards as educators, scholars, students, and professionals.

**We are a team.** We are a collaborative community that focuses on ensuring the success of every member.

## 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 Northwestern State University's request to revalidate the University's Mission Statement and approve the University's Vision and Core Values Statements.*