



## Huey P. Long Restoration Project

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### **Update Notes**

**November 17, 2008**

Since this summer, several more meetings with the LSU Deans and head of facilities development have taken place.

Progress:

1. The LSU Facility director (Emmet David) is working to get us a realistic dollar amount for a "Feasibility Program". (In other words--how much it will cost to know how much it will cost). This "program" would cover all aspects of the a)building; b)pool; and c)empty space conversion. It would be split up into three components in order to determine the cost of each "part".
2. LSU Facilities has asked Tipton and Assoc Architectural firm to provide this request. Facilities is estimating it will be a \$45k-\$50K cost for such a program with renderings.
3. The **LSU Academic Support Group** (comprised of Dean Fleener, Chad Geautreux, and Wayne Miller for College of Education; Gil Reeve for Kinesiology; Dean Molidor and Vicki King for School of Social Work)--is facilitated by Dean Fleener--and she has also proposed working with a company to provide a "fundraising feasibility study" to determine the potential for fundraising for the project. This was done with the Rural Life Museum project and was deemed advisable. (proposed cost of this "program" is from \$20K??)
4. It has been determined that we will move forward with "SaveHPL Project" as a "Privately Funded" project since any public monies from the state of Louisiana would create a much longer timeline for moving forward; also the possibility of HPL moving up on the State and University "priority list" is non-existent according to LSU facilities.
5. Also discussed was the formation of an official "Volunteer Support Organization" (VSO), for LSU. This is so LSU can insure that any volunteers follow certain fundraising protocols. LSU has an official document describing the protocol for such organizations (forwarded to Carolyn and Lenore)...but found out last week that this document was never "officially" approved. So, that is apparently being passed by the board of supervisors this week....and then "Friends of Huey P. Long" will be recognized as an official organization with permission to raise funds on behalf of LSU, and be obligated to LSU protocol regarding raising such funds.  
It was determined that this organization is separate from the LSU staff. I am officially representing the VSO---and I am officially the first member. I have recruited a wonderful volunteer who will head up my marketing--Cindy Rice. (So, the VSO is officially at 2 members).

\*\*\*Important FHL info\*\*\*\*\*

At this last meeting it was asked if FHL would fall under this VSO title---I advised LSU that FHL does NOT fall under this status since FHL is already it's own non-profit organization. LSU is trying to argue that since FHL raised money on behalf of LSU without permission, they need to "turn that money over". Obviously it is in the best interest of this project, and of FHL if this money remains with FHL until which time it is determined how best these restricted funds will benefit the HPL project.(Also since no LSU fund officially exists yet). Eventually there will need to be some official communication regarding FHL's desires with this project.

Going forward:

The following is a list of my next steps towards this project:

1. The next meeting will be between "**Friends of HPL**" and the **Academic Support Group** on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and will cover the items below:
  - a. Determine that LSU has in fact opened an official account for this fundraising.
  - b. Officially filing VSO papers, and applying for specific fundraising events and getting them approved and on the books so we can begin promoting them
  - c. Determining the timing of beginning to officially "fundraise" so as not to wear out the initial interest in this project.
2. I will be meeting with my VSO staff (Cindy Rice) the week before to
  - a. lay out some official looking documents describing the "Friends of HPL" mission and objectives
  - b. as well as listing some specific fundraising activities we would like to organize in 2009.
  - c. (Any help with either of these tasks would be greatly appreciated. Please email me at [aschmitt1@aol.com](mailto:aschmitt1@aol.com))
3. Follow-up with facilities regarding costs of "Feasibility Study" from LSU Facilities.
4. Adding members to the "Friends of HPL" VSO.

The following may be items that FHL will want to address:

1. FHL may need to prepare an official "position" on
  - a. supporting the saveHPL project.
  - b. How they are a separate entity from the VSO.
  - c. How their monies will be utilized.

Any additional interest or information would be greatly appreciated.

**Remember you can support this project by purchasing a SaveHPL  
t-shirt from FHL for \$20**