



REGENTS RECAP

Regents to Enhance Academic Program Reviews

In an effort to enhance efficiency and effectiveness in Louisiana's higher education institutions, the Board of Regents today approved an enhanced academic program review, adding a self-sufficiency component to the upcoming review.

Consistent with prior academic programs reviews, Regents will review low completer programs, focusing on productivity and unnecessary duplication of existing programs. However, this year's review is adding an analysis of costs and revenues across program inventory.

"Given the current budget situation that higher education is facing, it's incumbent upon Regents to strengthen the review of academic program productivity and costs to ensure that all students in Louisiana are receiving a high quality education," said Board of Regents Chairman Bob Levy. "We look forward to working with the systems and campuses right away as we implement these enhanced standards."

After programs are examined for duplication, viability, and self-sufficiency, Regents will recommend appropriate action. Options may include termination of the program; consolidation with another program on campus; development of a consortium or collaborative with another campus; or continuation with an action plan to increase productivity. The enhanced academic program review will formally begin in early January and is scheduled to be completed in April.

"The enhanced statewide academic program review will allow for the evaluation of existing programs to contribute to making higher education more efficient, sustainable, and valuable to the State of Louisiana and its citizenry," said Commissioner of Higher Education, Dr. Jim Purcell.

In 2010-11, 456 programs that were not meeting the viability thresholds for average number of graduates were reviewed for both productivity and regional duplication. As a result, 109 academic programs were terminated outright, and 189 were consolidated into new or revised program offerings. Another 107 programs were granted conditional maintenance with plans for improved productivity.

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Regents Nominates 2013 Officers

The following individuals were nominated to serve in various capacities for the Board of Regents in 2013. The board will formally elect and install its officers at a special meeting on January 10, 2013.

Board Officers:

Clinton Rasberry, Jr. - Chairman (Shreveport)

Joseph Wiley - Vice Chair (Gonzales)

Charlotte Bollinger - Secretary (Lockport)

Executive Committee:

Joe Farr (Monroe)

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In addition to Board Officers:

Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission:

Ray Brandt (Metairie)

Larry Tremblay (Board of Regents Staff)

Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission:

Richard D'Aquin (Lafayette)

Chris Gorman (Shreveport)



Clinton Rasberry, Jr.
Chairman

"While there are a number of critical issues ahead of us, my plan is to be relentless in our focus and our commitment to the work ahead. I am pleased to have the opportunity to serve in this important position during this critical time for higher education."

*~ Clinton Rasberry, Jr.
2013 BoR Chairman*



Joseph Wiley
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Joint Regents/BESE Meeting



(L to R) Superintendent John White and Commissioner Jim Purcell deliver remarks during the Joint Board of Regents/BESE meeting today.

The Louisiana Board of Regents held its annual joint meeting with the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education today.

Several presentations which impact both the higher education and K-12 community were delivered, such as the Louisiana Education Quality Trust Fund Annual Report, made by State Treasurer John Kennedy and Assistant State Treasurer John Broussard, a preview of Louisiana State Jobs, by Charles Moniotte, Chairman, Workforce Investment Council, Louisiana Workforce Commission, and an update regarding Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) by John White and E. Joseph Savoie, President, ULL.

Also, Superintendent White and Commissioner Purcell delivered remarks focused on the necessity of collaboration between higher education and K-12, while highlighting current partnerships.



Additional GRAD Act Targeted Measures

The Board of Regents today approved new Targeted GRAD Act measures, further strengthening the institutions Agreement. GRAD Act institutions must enter into Agreements with their management boards, and the Board of Regents, committing to meet specific performance objectives, elements, and measures (Targeted, Tracked, and Descriptive) in exchange for increased tuition authority and eligibility to participate in certain autonomies.

The GRAD Act Agreement requires that Tracked Measures, baseline and actual data, be reported in the first two annual reports. After year two, the Tracked Measures are to be examined and converted to Targeted Measures. Targeted Measures are those items that include a baseline number and annual goals that must be met for successful outcomes. Common measures such as retention rates, graduation rates, and completers were established in the original Agreements, and during this month's Board of Regents meeting a menu of new Targeted Measures was approved.

Each institution is now required to choose at least one additional Targeted Measure for each Performance Objective. Performance Objectives are divided into four main areas: Student Success, Articulation & Transfer, Workforce & Economical Development, and Institutional Efficiency & Accountability. Amended campus GRAD Act agreements will be submitted to the Board of Regents during the January meeting. The new agreements will reflect the selected additional Targeted Measures, their corresponding annual benchmarks, and end-of-Agreement targets. For a list of the GRAD Act new Targeted Measure Options click here:

http://www.regents.doa.louisiana.gov/assets/docs/Board/Agendas/2012/PRP_Agenda_Items_-_2012_1205.pdf

*LSU Health Science Centers, LSU and SU Law Centers are specialized institutions with unique Targeted Measures and no Tracked Measures; they are not included in this process.

Regents' Highlights

The Board of Regents approved the following items:

- ✓ Support Fund Plan and Budget for FY 2013-2014
- ✓ New members to the Louisiana Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) Committee
- ✓ New Targeted Measures of the GRAD Act
- ✓ Updated TOPS report
- ✓ Response to Senate Concurrent Resolution #17 of 2012 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature
- ✓ Small Capital Projects listed below:
 - LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center
 - ULM Hanna Hall
- ✓ 2013 Legislative Agenda
- ✓ Authorization of the Commissioner and Chairman to act on its behalf on legislative issues that may arise during the 2013 Regular Session

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Board of Regents Officer
Installation

January 10, 2013

Regular Board Meeting

January 23-24, 2013

Happy Holidays!

Regents' Academic Actions

The Board of Regents approved the following academic items:

- ✓ Initial license for the University of Wyoming
- ✓ License renewals for:
 - Arkansas State University
 - Baton Rouge College
 - Grantham University
 - Herzing University
- ✓ License renewals of the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission
- ✓ Enhanced Academic Program Review Process
- ✓ UNO – Request for Reauthorization: Advanced Materials Research Institute
- ✓ SUBR – Request for Reauthorization: The International Center for Information and Development
- ✓ SUNO's Letter of Intent- B.S. in Forensic Science

About Regents

The Board of Regents, a state agency created by the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, coordinates all public higher education in Louisiana. The Board of Regents believes that a robust public postsecondary education system is critical in order to enhance Louisiana's social and economic environment. Through statewide academic planning and review, budgeting and performance funding, research, and accountability, Regents strives to ensure that all students have access to high-quality educational opportunities.