



# Regents Recap

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## REGENTS' MASTER PLAN PROGRESS

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BATON ROUGE, La – Commissioner of Higher Education Jim Purcell announced that Louisiana has achieved notable progress towards meeting the three goals outlined in the 2011 Master Plan for Higher Education during a presentation to the Board of Regents today. The first-annual review of the Master Plan—which is designed to be implemented over a 15-year time period—included 97 quantitative measures as well as several qualitative measures.

The three goals of the 2011 Master Plan include:

1. Increasing the Educational Attainment of the State's Adult Population to the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) State's Average of 42% by 2025.
2. Fostering Innovation Through Research in Science and Technology in Louisiana
3. Achieving Greater Accountability, Efficiency and Effectiveness in the Postsecondary Education System.

For Goal #1, of the 54 quantitative measures, Regents' first annual report showed:

- 39 improved
- 14 declined
- 1 was unchanged

For Goal #2, of the 28 quantitative measures, the report showed:

- 15 improved
- 11 declined
- 2 was unchanged

For Goal #3, of the 15 quantitative measures, the report showed:

- 12 improved
- 3 declined

Additionally, Commissioner Purcell noted that Louisiana recently received national recognition in a U.S. Chamber of Commerce report entitled, "Leaders and Laggards" which was released in June, 2012. In the publication, Louisiana received an "A" in the area of Policy Environment which included a review of state goals, outcome-based funding and articulation/transfer policies. The national evaluation noted, "Louisiana's 2011 Master Plan has hard targets for a number of the state's goals. Fifteen percent of any institution's funding is based on six-year performance agreements concerning institution-specific outcomes and Louisiana has a clear articulation policy that includes a course equivalency matrix for individual course transfers."

"This annual, internal Master Plan evaluation gains relevance when we are recognized nationally for the foundational policies and goals that Louisiana has put in place to increase student outcomes," said Commissioner of Higher Education Jim Purcell. "It's important to remember that our institutions are making this progress in a very difficult economic environment that includes a 10% increase in enrollment with a 26% decrease in state funding as well as a 49% increase in tuition and fees since 2008. There is no doubt that higher education is rapidly changing and will require some funding stability moving forward."

## Regents Highlights

The Board of Regents approved a Letter of Intent for a BFA in Digital Media at Louisiana State University-Shreveport.

The Board of Regents conditionally approved the following programs:

- Delgado Community College-AAS in Polysomnographic Technology
- Northshore Technical Community College-AAS in Automotive Technology, AGS & Certificate of General Studies
- Louisiana State University-Alexandria-BS in Medial Laboratory Science
- Southern University and A&M College-Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies
- University of Louisiana at Lafayette-MS in Criminal Justice
- University of Louisiana at Lafayette-MS in Kinesiology

The Board of Regents approved the following programs for the University of Louisiana at Monroe-PBC in Accounting, PBC in Occupational Health, Safety & Toxicology.

The Board of Regents approved an AOS degree for Blue Cliff College (Alex)

The Board of Regents made the following modifications to Existing Academic Programs:

- Grambling State University-MAT in Social Sciences to MA in Social Sciences
- University of New Orleans-PhD in Conservation Biology to PhD in Integrative Biology
- Nicholls State University-PMC in FNP & FPMHNP (Intercollegiate Consortium for the MSN)

The Board of Regents approved the following licenses:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Louisiana Culinary Institute Center for Culinary Management</li> <li>• Minot State University</li> <li>• University of West Florida</li> <li>• Ottawa University</li> <li>• Advance Healthcare Institute, LLC</li> <li>• Blue Cliff College-Alexandria</li> <li>• Cameron College</li> <li>• Central Louisiana Medical Academy</li> <li>• Cyber Academy</li> <li>• Delta College of Arts &amp; Technology</li> <li>• Dental Careers Institute, LLC</li> <li>• Diesel Driving Academy (Baton Rouge)</li> <li>• Eastern College of Health Vocations-Shreveport</li> <li>• God's Way—Project Excel, Inc.</li> <li>• Louisiana Institute of Massage Therapy</li> <li>• Nashville Auto Diesel College</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Horizons Computer Learning Center (New Orleans)</li> <li>• Oak Park School of Dental Assisting</li> <li>• Ouachita Truck Driving Academy, LLC</li> <li>• Promise Pride Career College</li> <li>• Remington College-Baton Rouge Campus</li> <li>• Remington College-Lafayette Campus</li> <li>• Remington College-Shreveport Campus</li> <li>• Southern Medical Corporation School of Ultrasound</li> <li>• Virginia College</li> <li>• Virginia College Shreveport</li> <li>• Southwest Kingston University (conditional)</li> </ul> |
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**Upcoming Meetings:**

**Sept. 26-27**

**Oct. 25-26**

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## Regents Swear-In New Members



**Mark Abraham of Lake Charles (left), serving the 7th Congressional district and Ray Brandt (right) of Metairie, serving the 1st Congressional district take the Regents' oath of office.**

### Board Highlights continued....

The Board of Regents reauthorized the Stephenson Disaster Management Institute for Louisiana State University and A&M College.

The Board of Regents gave a one-year conditional approval to the Energy Law Center at the Louisiana State University Law Center.

The Board of Regents approved the TOPS Equivalency Course Requests.

The Board of Regents approved the transfer of LA GEAR UP from the Board of Regents to the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Aid (LOSFA)

The Board of Regents voted to initiate the process of increasing the annual licensing fee by \$750 as authorized by Act 278 of the 2012 Legislative Session.

The Board of Regents approved Northwestern State University's IEB request.

The Board of Regents approved the following Small Capital Projects:

- Northwestern State University-Synthetic Turf Replacement at Brown-Stroud Field
- Louisiana Tech-Alumni Walkway Extension
- LSU School of Veterinary Medicine-Primary Care Exam Room Renovation
- LSU Ag Center-H.D. Wilson East Wing Food Science Lab Renovations, Dean Lee Research Lab Renovations, Burden Center Trees and Trails Pavilion & Restroom, Audubon Sugar Institute Pilot Processing Plant and Land Acquisition at Lee Memorial Forest
- Louisiana State University and A&M College-O.K. Allen Stair Replacement/Mural Restoration and Athletic Administration Building

The Board of Regents approved the recommendations of the LONI Management Council concerning internet usage and charges.

The Board of Regents approved funding recommendations for the Research Enhancement Awards (REA) Program Component of the LaSPACE Program.

The Board of Regents approved the division of the John Brady Endowed Chair in Computer Science at Nicholls State University.

The Board of Regents approved the nomination of new members to serve on the EPSCoR and BoRSF Planning Committees.