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Regents Recap

Regents Expresses Concerns about SB 204

During today's board meeting, Regent members expressed their concerns about Senate Bill 204 (SB 204), which authorizes the issuance of bonds to finance capital improvements for the Louisiana Community and Technical College System. "We are extremely concerned about the potential impact on other systems' capital and operational budgets," said Regents Chairman, W. Clinton Rasberry. "This contradicts the constitutionally prescribed process, by which Regents has the legal authority to submit to the Governor and to the legislature the priorities for capital construction for all higher education institutions."

State Treasurer John Kennedy provided remarks during the meeting, warning the Regents about the risks and negative impact associated with the bill. "I support our community colleges, but if they get permission to issue off-the-books debt, we'll have to also let LSU, Southern and the University of Louisiana system schools do it too," said Kennedy. "All this new debt will bust our constitutional debt limit and cause taxpayers to pay a lot more in interest."

Under La. Const. art. VIII, §5, the Board of Regents is authorized "to require that every postsecondary education board submit to it [...] an annual budget proposal for operational needs and for capital needs of each institution under the control of each board." Regents then submits recommendations for the budget for capital construction and improvements to the governor and the legislature. The legislature shall consider the recommendations of the Board of Regents regarding the budget for capital construction and improvements. The recommendations of the Board of Regents shall be considered prior to adoption of the capital construction budget by the legislature for projects from the priority list submitted by the Board of Regents. "These provisions ensure that there is a systematic process, bound by law, for assessing the needs and resources available to higher education on a statewide basis," said Commissioner Purcell.

Given the current fiscal realities, SB 204 will negatively impact the other systems' capital and operational budgets. Should this bill advance as proposed, there will be a debt service requiring state general fund appropriations. This would cause a reduction in available funds for the remainder of the higher education institutions for many years to come.

At the end of the discussion, Regent Roy Martin made the following motion: *While the Regents fully support the Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS) and its initiative for workforce development, with the advice of counsel and the testimony of Treasurer Kennedy, the Regents deem that the process utilized by the LCTCS Board violates Article VIII of the Louisiana Constitution. The LCTCS Board directly submitted capital outlay requests through pending legislation and failed to properly submit a complete capital outlay budget to the Board of Regents as specifically required by Article VIII, §5, thus circumventing the constitutionally established process for Higher Education Budgeting.* Regents unanimously approved the motion.

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Regents Welcomes Pamela Egan

The Board of Regents welcomes its newest member Pamela Egan, of Covington. Egan is the co-owner of Egan Wellness Clinic, where she is a nurse practitioner. She is also the co-owner of Egan Healthcare Services. Egan was appointed to serve as a representative of the 1st Congressional District, as required by statute.



Regent Pamela Egan being sworn in during today's board meeting.

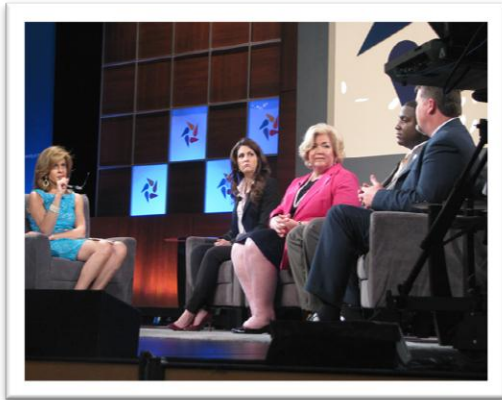
Regents Highlights

- ✓ The Board of Regents conducted the annual evaluation of the Commissioner. Personnel Committee Chair Albert Sam said Purcell had received “stellar” reviews from both internal and external sources during the evaluation.
- ✓ The Board of Regents approved the senior staff recommendations for funding proposal submitted under the Board of Regents Support Fund Competitive and Matching Grants Programs for FY 2012-13.
- ✓ The Board of Regents received a report pertaining to the survey of campus vacancies for previously matched endowed chairs and endowed professorships.
- ✓ The Board of Regents approved the request from Nicholls State University to divide the Otto Candies endowed Chair in Business Information Systems.
- ✓ The Board of Regents approved the funding recommendations for proposals submitted under the Louisiana Systemic Initiatives (LaSIP).
- ✓ The Board of Regents approved the following proposed new academic programs:
 - Bachelor of Science in Elder Care Administration - LSUA
 - Bachelor of Science in Child Development and Early Literacy (GSU)
- ✓ The Board of Regents approved the recommendations from the enhanced academic program review.
- ✓ The Board of Regents approved the following Consent Agenda Item relative to Academic and Student Affairs:
 - Pennington Biomedical Research Center – Request for Reauthorization – Institute for Dementia Research and Prevention (IDRP)
- ✓ The Board of Regents approved the following Consent Agenda items relative to the small capital projects report:
 - LSU AgCenter-Greenhouse Reconstruction-Burden Center
 - LSU AgCenter- Trees and Trails Restroom – Burden Center
 - LSU and A&M- Herget Hall Air Handler Replacement Floors 3-5
 - Northwestern State University – Replacement of Artificial Turf System for Harry “Rags” Turpin Football Stadium
 - Southern University – New Orleans- Design/Construction of Intramural Fields
 - Southern University- Shreveport- Design/Construction Intramural Field and Track
 - University of Louisiana- Monroe- Malone Stadium HVAC Repairs
- ✓ The Board of Regents received an update on the following items:
 - Act 959 Project
 - FY 2013-2014 Capital Outlay
 - College and University Facilities Utilization Report
- ✓ The Board of Regents approved the transfer of five authorized positions from Huey P. Long Hospital to the Paul M. Hebert Law Center.
- ✓ The Board of Regents received updates on the following items from the Legislative Committee:
 - 2013 Legislative Bills
 - Actuarial basis for employer contributions
 - Legal requirement for tuition increases
- ✓ The Board of Regents received an update on the Louisiana Optical Network Initiative (LONI)

Regents' Programmatic Actions

- ✓ The Board of Regents approved the initial license for the Ohio University and University of Denver.
- ✓ The Board of Regents approved the following license renewals:
 - Bryan University
 - Graceland University
 - William Carey University
- ✓ The Board of Regents approved the GRAD Act Intervention Policy (LSUE) quarter report.
- ✓ The Board of Regents received the following programmatic updates:
 - Master Plan progress
 - Electronic Learning Strategic Planning Task Force 6-month update

Regents Quick Pics



Regent Bollinger appeared as a guest panelist on NBC's Education Nation in New Orleans to discuss education and the workforce.



Regent Rasberry with **Chris Gabriel**, President of the Committee of One Hundred, after presenting to the group during their monthly luncheon in Shreveport.



Chairman Rasberry and **Commissioner Purcell** during LSU AgCenter's Ag Magic event.

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2012-13 ENHANCED ACADEMIC PROGRAM REVIEW

Today, the Louisiana Board of Regents approved the recommended actions for 115 programs in the 2012-2013 academic program review. Programs under review were recommended to be maintained, terminated, or consolidated based on enrollment and completer data and trends, state and regional needs, resource requirements, and availability and strength of similar programs. "The enhanced academic program review allows us to conduct a detailed analysis to evaluate and make changes to our academic offerings across the state," said Commissioner Jim Purcell. "This is truly indicative of our commitment to achieving greater efficiency and accountability in Louisiana higher education."

Regents' staff performed a thorough and collaborative analysis of the system/campus responses in making their recommendations. Their work focused on a comprehensive review of all documents submitted demonstrating a program's future success. The following recommendations were approved by the board:

Maintain – 68 Programs

Programs under review were recommended to be continued (maintained) based on the campus' input and a judgment of the probability of growth. All *Maintain* recommendations should be considered 'conditional' as all academic programs are expected to produce graduates and will be reconsidered in the 2014-2015 review.

Consolidate-17 Programs

These programs are being changed to combine with other majors as new degree programs with a shared core and multiple concentrations. In the next statewide program review, the viability measure of the consolidated programs will be the sum of completers in the new program plus those still in the pipeline of the component parts.

Terminate-30 Programs

These programs will be terminated (cancelled) in the statewide curriculum inventory, effective May 2013. Currently enrolled students who are declared majors in the program will be given an appropriate time to complete the degree or transfer to another program.

The statewide program review will be conducted every other year, and campuses are encouraged to take the opportunity to organize or restructure based on a self-evaluation of their entire academic program inventory. "The process provides opportunity and incentive for a fresh look at the institution's program offerings in light of its own fiscal realities," said Associate Commissioner for Academic and Student Affairs, Dr. Karen Denby.

Of the 115 programs reviewed – 87 programs were identified by Regents' staff and 28 were submitted by campuses. For each program, a proposition or justification was provided for the recommended action. Regents' staff considered statewide inventory and issues of unnecessary duplication and/or access, current and projected trends in enrollment and productivity, and the explanation of and interventions to improve the current status.

For a list of programs included in the enhanced academic review visit <http://regents.la.gov/academic-affairs/>.



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.

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