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Regents Recap

Second Annual Review of Master Plan Shows Significant Progress for Louisiana Universities

BATON ROUGE, La – Commissioner of Higher Education Jim Purcell announced today that Louisiana has achieved notable progress towards meeting the three goals outlined in the 2011 Master Plan for Higher Education. The second-annual review of the Master Plan—which is designed to be implemented over a 15-year time period— outlines 19 objectives, 71 activities and 97 performance measures to achieve the following goals:

1. Increase the educational attainment of the State’s adult population to the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) States’ average by 2025;
2. Invest strategically in university research; and
3. Achieve greater efficiency and accountability in the postsecondary education system

Results pertaining to Goal #1 include:

- The total number of students requiring remediation in Math and/or English decreased by 2.5% and 5.3%, respectively, from baseline levels.
- The number of high school students enrolled in postsecondary education courses increased 11.5% from the baseline year.
- The number of students completing a postsecondary education credential increased 13.2% over the baseline year.

Results pertaining to Goal #2 include:

- Campus research expenditures showed significant growth over baseline reporting.

Results pertaining to Goal #3 include:

- Continued implementation of the performance-based funding formula.
- Implementation of an annual academic program review process.
- Movement towards a more balanced enrollment mix between two-year and four-year institutions.
- Continued development of a remedial education pilot program.
- Most institutions met their targeted GRAD Act goals, and were subsequently awarded increased tuition authority and retained their performance funding.

“We are very pleased with the Master Plan progress during this second annual review,” said Commissioner Purcell. “This shows that our institutions are indeed making the necessary changes to adapt to this difficult economic environment. It is important to note that the areas where universities experienced slight declines, are directly aligned with the significant reductions to higher education’s state general fund appropriations; a challenge that must be addressed.”

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Regents Will Not Pursue Litigation Regarding Act 360

During today's meeting, the board met in executive session to discuss the legal implications of Act 360 of the 2013 Regular Session. The Board expressed many concerns about the deviation from the constitutionally prescribed process and the policy implications of Act 360. "We believe it was our duty to defend that process during the legislative session as the only means to develop a unified, comprehensive and impartial capital outlay budget for all of higher education," said Regents Chair, W. Clinton Rasberry. "However, the legislature and the governor, to whom we are constitutionally responsible for providing our advice and recommendation, took a different view. We accept that. We will continue, as the coordinating board to advocate for all of higher education."

Regents Highlights

- ✓ The Board of Regents approved the following proposed new academic programs:
 - ~Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Applied Business (Nicholls)
 - ~Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Construction Management (LSU),and conditional approval of the following:
 - ~Associate of Applied Science in Paramedic (BRCC)
 - ~Master of Science in Accounting (ULL)
- ✓ The Board of Regents approved the following items under the Academic and Student Affairs Consent Agenda:
 - ~Academic Program Change
 1. SCLTC – Program Consolidation: AAS/Journeyman Industrial
 - ~Requests for Reauthorization/Full Approval:
 1. LA Tech – Center for Information Assurance
 2. LA Tech – Integrated STEM Education Research Center
 3. LSU – Turbine Innovation & Energy Research Center
 4. LSU Law – John P. LaBorde Energy Law Center
 5. LSUHSC-NO – Early Intervention Institute
 6. UNO – Greater New Orleans Center for Information Assurance
 7. UNO – Center for Hazards Assessment, Response & Technology
- ✓ The Board of Regents approved the proposed revisions to the Academic Affairs Policy.
- ✓ The Board of Regents received the following reports during the Academic and Student Affairs Committee meeting:
 - ~Staff approvals of routine academic requests
 - ~Progress reports for conditionally approved programs
 - ~Past due progress reports
 - ~Letters of intent/Proposals in the queue
- ✓ The Board of Regents began discussions relative to the Commissioner of Higher Education's employment contract.
- ✓ The Board of Regents approved combining the duties of the General Counsel with the Associate Commissioner for Governmental Relations to create a position of Deputy Commissioner for Legal and External Affairs. The Board further approved Dr. Uma Subramanian, General Counsel at the Board of Regents, as Deputy Commissioner for Legal and External Affairs.
- ✓ The Board of Regents received a Small Capital Projects Report during the Facilities and Property Committee approving the following Consent Agenda items:
 - ~LSU and A&M- Louise Garig Hall Roof Replacement
 - ~LSU and A&M- Renovation of the Union Gallery
 - ~LSU and A&M Lab School- High School Football Field Re-lighting
 - ~LSU HSC-New Orleans-Medical Education Building Mechanical Upgrade of AHU 5A & Exhaust System 3E
 - ~NiSU- Cooling Tower Replacement-HVAC Loop
 - ~NSU- Installation of Condensing Boilers at Sylvan Friedman Student Union
 - ~NSU- Replacement of Pumps and Condensate Return Tank and Trisler Power Plant
 - ~SELU- Asphalt Street Improvements 2013
 - ~SELU- Football Video Scoreboard at Strawberry Stadium
 - ~SUSLA- Double Baseball Field to support Intramural Athletics
- ✓ The Board of Regents approved the lease requests submitted by the University of Louisiana – Lafayette.
- ✓ The Board of Regents received the following informational updates:
 - ~FY 2013-14 Capital Outlay Budget Recommendation Status Report
 - ~Act 391 from the 2007 Regular Session Project Status Update
 - ~Act 360 from the 2014 Regular Session Update (SB204)
- ✓ The Board of Regents received an update on Employee Salary Adjustments
- ✓ The Board of Regents approved the nomination of Dr. Donna Ryan, Professor Emeritus at Pennington Biomedical Research Center, to the MediFund Board.
- ✓ The Board of Regents approved the division of the Terrebonne General Medical Center Endowed Chair in Nursing and Allied Health Sciences into four endowed professorships, each named the Terrebonne General Medical Center Endowed Professorship and each with a corpus value of \$250,000.
- ✓ The Board of Regents discussed the Legal Counsel's recommendation regarding Act 360 of 2013.

Regents' Programmatic Actions

- ✓ The Board of Regents approved **all** items listed under the Consent Agenda (Items 3 A and 3B) for the Planning, Research and Performance Committee meeting. For a list of all Initial Licenses, Renewals, and Change of Ownership Applications pertaining to R.S. 17:1808 (Licensure) and the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission please visit the following link: <http://regents.louisiana.gov/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/PRP-Agenda-Docs-for-08-21-2013-1.pdf>
- ✓ The Board of Regents approved the Second Annual Review of the Master Plan for Public Postsecondary Education in Louisiana: 2011.
- ✓ The Board of Regents approved the 4th quarterly report from LSU Eunice, authorizing the LSU Board of Supervisors to release the final portion of the funds to LSU Eunice on the predetermined schedule included in its GRAD Act Performance Improvement Contract.
- ✓ The Board of Regents approved the additional Targeted Measures and authorized the Commissioner of Higher Education to negotiate with each campus/system in the selection of the Targeted Measures and the establishment of benchmarks and Year 6 targets for each of these Measures.

Regents Launches Operation Recall to Recruit Out-of-State Graduates

The Board of Regents, in partnership with the state's Workforce Cabinet Agencies, will soon be reaching out to thousands of Louisiana graduates who are now living in other states with hopes of recruiting them back for employment through a new initiative called Operation Recall. As an immediate solution to addressing workforce shortages, emphasis will be placed on graduates who have left the state with a credential in a high demand area. "We will be targeting those who are graduates in areas such as Computer Science and Engineering," said Commissioner Purcell. "These are critical areas of our workforce where human capital is desperately needed."

Specifically, Operation Recall will:

- ✓ Provide Workforce Cabinet agencies and universities with an updated database of former students' most recent contact information for targeted communication.
- ✓ Create a geographical representation of where graduates currently live and/or work to build strategy around recruiting efforts.
- ✓ Contact alumni about career opportunities in Louisiana that would be of interest to them.

Regents has engaged the services of a third-party global technology vendor to identify a variety of income, lifestyle, and workforce-related information about our graduates. The vendor is also tasked with locating the most recent contact information. To date, information for over 300,000 alumni from Louisiana colleges and universities has been identified consisting of graduates from 1998 to 2013.

Data shows that that 85 percent of our graduates are still residing in Louisiana, with heavy populations in metropolitan areas, along with cities where colleges and universities are located. The remaining graduates who are living outside the state are primarily living in Texas, Mississippi, and California.

"With the influx of businesses in our state, graduates that are residing in other states need to be informed of the good opportunities that are available," said Regents Chairman, W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr. "Let's do what it takes to bring them back home to help build our state's economy."

Enhanced data and information collected through Operation Recall will be used by participating agencies for the planning of Louisiana job fairs in other states, the notification of employment opportunities, announcement of new businesses, along with the recruitment for graduate school opportunities and alumni organizations.

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Regents Quick Pics



LSU Law Center Chancellor, Jack Weiss expresses appreciation to the Board for granting approval of the John P. Laborde Energy Law Center.



Board of Regents members receive an update on Master Plan progress during Board Development.



Board of Regents member and Rotarian Richard Lipsey introduces Chairman Rasberry during the Rotary luncheon.



Board of Regents Chairman W. Clinton Rasberry delivers the luncheon address during today's Baton Rouge Rotary Club meeting.

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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