



# Regents Recap

## Regents Approves System Budgets

BATON ROUGE, La – Today, the Board of Regents approved the current year operating budgets for all higher education institutions, as required by law, after holding a series of budget hearings on yesterday.

“The budget for higher education in Louisiana is one of the most frequently discussed topics in higher education both locally and nationally,” said Board of Regents Chairman W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr. “These hearings allow us to analyze the detailed budgets of each system, understand their challenges, and dialogue about future plans and strategies.”

The issue of decreased funding is a harsh reality that all system presidents articulated as a major challenge. “With the decline in funding we are continuing to streamline operations while maintaining our focus on serving students, and its been tough,” said Southern President Ronald Mason, Jr. “Reform is difficult in an environment of drastically reduced resources, but if we can stabilize the budget we have an even greater chance of succeeding.”

UL System President Sandra Woodley stated that funding stability in the next two years is critical. Tuition authority was also noted as a concern. “Tuition flexibility is the number one issue in higher education right now,” said LSU system President F. King Alexander.

Other highlights from the budget hearings include:

~The total higher education budget for FY 13-14 is \$2.628 billion. This is a decrease of \$329 million from FY 12-13.

~For all institutions and agencies within higher education:

- State funding from General Fund Direct is reduced by \$455.7 million (-46.48%).
- Statutory Dedications is increased by \$401.4 million (207.3%). Funding from the Overcollections Fund is \$340 million
- When compared to the FY 13-14 formula funding request, General Funds and Overcollections Funds cover 28% of requested need.

“Overall our budget hearings went very well,” said Commissioner of Higher Education Jim Purcell. “All of our systems are keenly focused on enhancing efficiency, providing access, and maintaining quality despite the decline in funding. The system presidents have been extremely thoughtful about their budgetary plans, however, adequate funding for higher education must be addressed if we want our universities to truly grow.”

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## NEW GRAD Act Data Dashboard Released

As indicated in the Master Plan, the Board of Regents serves as the definitive source of information for higher education in Louisiana. The new data dashboard, housed on the Board of Regents' website, is a part of this effort. The newest edition to the dashboard, launched yesterday, is the GRAD Act Dashboard, which contains data on each school's targeted GRAD Act performance measures. Performance measures for each school are represented in graphical (bar chart) form and contain computational definitions, making GRAD Act data more easily understood and consumable for the public at large. "We recognize the importance of immediate access to data for our colleges, universities and stakeholders," said Commissioner Jim Purcell. "We believe that this tool will show the performance metrics of our institutions, and encourage data-driven discussions pertaining to higher education policy recommendations." To access the NEW GRAD Act Dashboard click [here](#).

### Regents Highlights

- ✓ The Board of Regents approved the recommended policy revisions for the Endowed Chairs and Endowed Professorships Programs.
- ✓ The Board of Regents approved the nomination to the Louisiana Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) Committee.
- ✓ The Board of Regents received an update on the development of the FY 2014-2015 BoRSF Plan and Budget.
- ✓ The Board of Regents approved the following proposed new academic programs:
  - ~University of Louisiana Monroe
    1. BS in Pharmaceutical Sciences
    2. PBC in Computer Tomography
    3. PBC in Unmanned Aircraft Systems Management
- ✓ The Board of Regents approved the following consent agenda items:
  - ~Center for Visual and Decision Informatics – ULL: Request for full approval
  - ~Teacher Preparation Accountability System Procedures: Revision
  - ~Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) – Nicholls: Revision
- ✓ The Board of Regents received the following staff reports:
  - ~Staff approvals of routine academic requests
  - ~Progress reports for conditionally approved programs/units
  - ~Past due progress reports
  - ~Letters of Intent/Proposals in the Queue
- ✓ The Board of Regents received updates on the following:
  - ~Post-Baccalaureate and Graduate Certificate Programs
  - ~Articulation and Transfer Report (Act 629)
- ✓ The Board of Regents reviewed and accepted the FY 2013-2014 operating budgets.
- ✓ The Board of Regents reviewed and approved the carry-forward BA-7 for the Paul M. Hebert Law Center
- ✓ The Board of Regents approved the recommended revisions and updates to the Board of Regents' Policies.

### Regents Programmatic Actions

- ✓ The Board of Regents approved the following license renewals:
  - a. Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy (08/24/11)
  - b. Ark-La-Tex Dental Assisting Academy (08/26/10)
  - c. Art Instruction School (09/21/74)
  - d. Baton Rouge School of Computers (08/28/97)
  - e. Camelot College (08/28/86)
  - f. Coastal College--Alexandria (08/28/97)
  - g. Crescent City Career Institute (08/28/03)
  - h. Crescent City School of Gaming & Bartending (09/14/83)
  - i. Dominion Technical College, LLC (08/24/11)
  - j. Falck Safety Services--Houma (08/24/11)
  - k. Falck Safety Services--Maurice (08/24/11)
  - l. Fortis College (08/26/10)
  - m. Healthcare Training Institute (08/27/08)
  - n. Houston Marine Training Services (08/24/11)
  - o. Julian Certified Nursing Assistant Training School (08/27/08)
  - p. Medical Training College (08/22/96)
  - q. N.O.D.C. School for Dental Assisting (08/24/11)
  - r. Peach Tree School of Dental Assisting, Inc. (08/26/10)
  - s. River Cities School of Dental Assisting, Inc. (08/24/06)
  - t. Unitech Training Academy--Lake Charles (08/27/09)
  - u. Yoga School, LLC (08/27/08)
- ✓ The Board of Regents approved initial licenses for the following:
  - ~New York University
  - ~University of Alabama
  - ~University of Mount Union
  - ~University of Nebraska
- ✓ The Board of Regents approved initial licenses for the following proprietary schools:
  - ~Amazing Careers in Dental Assisting
  - ~Educational and Career Services, LLC
- ✓ The Board of Regents approved the change of ownership application for the following proprietary school:
  - ~Spartan College and Aeronautics and Technology

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## Regents' Quick Pics



Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration Barbara Goodson presents the FY 2013-14 higher education budget overview during budget hearings.



Newly appointed Executive Director of LOSFA, Dr. Sujuan Boutte, presents their agency's current budget.

### 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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