

December 5, 2013



Regents Recap

Regents' Committee Fostering Innovation through Research

The Board of Regents' Master Plan Research Advisory Committee (MPRAC) is collaborating closely with the Louisiana Office of Economic Development (LED), and the Louisiana Innovation Council (LIC) to pursue the common goal of fostering innovation through research in science and technology in Louisiana. Dr. Les Guice, Chair of MPRAC, provided the Board with an update related to these collaborative efforts and a request from LED/LIC that MPRAC provide recommendations to the Innovation Council at its January 28, 2014 meeting.

Dr. Guice informed the Board that LED had engaged Battelle, a global research and development organization, to identify Louisiana's emerging growth sectors and related research assets. MPRAC and LED agreed that the five growth sectors Battelle identified in its July 2013 final report – Advanced Manufacturing and Materials, Clean Technology and Energy, Coastal and Water Management, Digital Media and Enterprise Software, and Life Sciences and Bioengineering – provided significant opportunities within Louisiana for innovation and economic advancement. MPRAC, in collaboration with LED and LIC, immediately established five Task Forces to develop plans of action for each of the emerging growth sectors, as well as a sixth cross-sector Task Force for Technology Transfer and Commercialization.

At LED's request MPRAC has submitted recommendations pertaining to these collaborative activities to LIC for consideration at its January 28 meeting. Dr. Guice noted that recommendations for further action will include:

- Define targets of opportunity and investment within the five growth sectors
- Develop initiatives to enhance technology transfer and commercialization
- Identify resources needed to realize the priorities established

Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs for the Board of Regents, emphasized that "this alignment of priorities presents MPRAC, LED, and LIC with an unprecedented opportunity to fulfill some of the goals the Governor envisioned in creating the Louisiana Innovation Council."

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Regents Nominates 2014 Officers

The following individuals were nominated to serve in various capacities for the Board of Regents in 2014. The board will formally elect and install its officers at a special meeting on January 9, 2014.

Board Officers:

Clinton Rasberry, Jr. - Chairman (Shreveport)

William Fenstermaker- Vice Chair (Lafayette)

Albert Sam - Secretary (Baton Rouge)

Executive Committee:

Mark Abraham (Lake Charles)

Charlotte Bollinger (Lockport)

Roy Martin (Alexandria)

Joe Wiley (Gonzales)



W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr.
Chairman

"I am honored to be selected as chairman of the Board of Regents for a second term. I look forward to working with my fellow members and other stakeholders to advance the state of higher education in Louisiana."

*~ W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr.
2014 BoR Chairman*



William Fenstermaker
Vice Chairman



Albert Sam
Secretary

Joint Regents/BESE Meeting



Commissioner Jim Purcell and Superintendent John White during today's joint meeting with BESE.

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, including the Louisiana Education Quality Trust Fund Annual Report, an update on the Geaux to College campaign, and the consideration of course approvals per Act 359. Dr. Gerald Carlson, representing the Louisiana Association for Colleges and Teacher Education (LACTE) presented an update on recent accomplishments of the statewide teacher preparation program highlighting the following:

- ✓ 100% state passage rate of completers on teacher licensure exams;
- ✓ A higher percentage of teachers teaching in their areas of certification; and
- ✓ 50% or more of new teachers trained in state approved teacher preparation programs made gains in student achievement with value-added scores in the *effective: proficient or highly effective* ranges in at least one content area.

Regents Highlights

During the December 5, 2013 meeting, the Board of Regents approved the following:

- ✓ Louisiana Tech University's request to construct the Student Athletic Center using alternative means of financing, contingent upon ULS Board approval.
- ✓ The Small Capital Projects Report as presented during the Facilities and Property Committee.
- ✓ Conditional approval of the following programs:
 - AAS in Industrial Maintenance Technology at South Central LA TC
 - AAS in Technical Studies and AGS in General Studies at Central LA TCC
 - MS in Systems Technology at UL, Lafayette
 - DNP at Northwestern State University
- ✓ Consent agenda items which includes:
 - Research Centers/Institutes: Requests
 1. Authorization (LSU) – Institute for Advanced Materials
 2. Authorization (LSUHSC-S) – Center for Cardiovascular Diseases and Science
 3. Reauthorization (LSUS) – Red River Watershed Management Institute
 - ✓ Routine Staff Reports
 - ✓ Planning, Research and Performance consent agenda items (see committee agenda).
 - ✓ Response to Senate Resolution #59 of the 2013 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature and authorized the Commissioner of Higher Education to make any non-substantive changes necessary prior to its transmittal to the appropriate House and Senate Committees.
- ✓ The \$23,500,000 FY 2014-15 Board of Regents Support Fund Plan and Budget as presented, with revisions to allocate \$2,020,000 to the Endowed Chairs for Eminent Scholars Program and \$2,800,000 to the Endowed Professorships Program. Any revenue in excess of the \$23,500,000 budgeted shall be allocated to address the backlog in the Endowed Professorships Program.
- ✓ The 2014 board officers and non-officer members to serve on the Executive Committee.

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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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