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Regents Recap

Regents approves additional courses for Master Course Articulation Matrix *Improves Transferability for Students*

Baton Rouge, LA- Today, the Board of Regents approved the Academic Year 2014-15 Master Course Articulation Matrix and Louisiana Statewide Common Course Catalog. With this approval, the staff was authorized to continue the work of expanding the Matrix and the Catalog with the state's colleges and universities throughout the upcoming year. The Matrix and the Catalog is comprised of more than 300 courses, including 30 additional courses that have been added since last year.

The Master Course Articulation Matrix reflects course equivalencies among Louisiana's public higher education institutions. Under the traditional review process, Articulation Officers would meet annually in the fall and then institutions would propose and vote on changes to the Matrix. With the passage of ACT 356 of the 2009 legislative session, the review process has been enhanced to implement a statewide common course numbering system "that facilitates program planning and the transfer of students and course credits between and among institutions."

Under the new approach, faculty representatives from all public colleges and universities come together to develop the Matrix. The faculty agree on common fundamental content for each course that will be included, to ensure that students who successfully complete a course at one institution should be prepared to succeed in the subsequent course at another.

"We are extremely pleased with the expansion of the Articulation Matrix and the Common Course Catalog," said Dr. Tom Layzell, Senior Advisor to the Board of Regents. "This system will enhance our goal of providing student access, and create a seamless transfer between our institutions that will be greatly beneficial."

The Matrix is available to the public via the Regents website for students to plan their class schedules for the 2014-15 academic year.

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Regent Bids Farewell to Student Member

The Board of Regents recognized outgoing student member Brooksie Bonvillain during today's meeting. Bonvillain is currently a graduating third year law student at LSU.

"It has been a pleasure to serve with Regent Bonvillain," said Chairman W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr. "She has executed her duties on the board with a great deal of fidelity, while at the same time maintaining a busy schedule as a law student. We wish her all the best in her future endeavors."



Regents' Highlights

- ✓ The Board of Regents approved the following Academic and Student Affairs items:
 - Letter of Intent:
 - MS in Digital Media Arts and Engineering - LSU
 - Proposed New Programs:
 - AAS in Science Laboratory Technology – DCC (conditional approval)
 - AS in Energy & Chemical Process Technology – SLCC (conditional approval)
 - PBC in Accounting – ULL
 - GC in Business Administration – ULL
 - GC in Professional Writing – ULL
 - Termination Request:
 - AAS in Business Office Administration - CATC
 - Consent Agenda Items:
 - Reauthorization of Existing Research Centers/Institutes
 - Reilly Center for Media & Public Affairs – LSU
 - Epilepsy Center – LSUHSC-NO
 - Routine Staff Reports
 - Staff Approval of Routine Academic Requests
 - Progress Reports for Conditionally Approved Programs/Units
 - Letters of Intent/Proposals in the Queue
- ✓ The Board of Regents approved the following Planning, Research and Performance items:
 - Consent Agenda:
 - R.S. 17:1808 (Licensure)
 - Initial Licenses:
 - Johns Hopkins University
 - University of Wisconsin Stout
 - License Renewals:
 - American College of Education
 - Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
 - Nova Southeastern University
 - Upper Iowa University

Regents' Highlights Cont...

-Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission

Initial Licenses

Grace & Favor Training Academy

SIHAF Career Institute

License Renewals

A & W Healthcare Educators, LLC (03/25/04)

Academy of Acadiana, Inc. (03/22/06)

Alpha Medical College, LLC (03/20/13)

At-Home Professions (04/22/99)

Blue Cliff College--Houma (03/24/05)

Blue Cliff College--Metairie (03/23/00)

Blue Cliff College--Metairie, Satellite Campus (03/23/11)

Blue Cliff College--Shreveport (03/23/00)

Coastal College--Lafayette (04/23/98)

Coastal College--Monroe (03/28/96)

Delta College of Arts & Technology--Lafayette Branch (03/24/05)

Delta School of Business and Technology (05/06/80)

Healthcare & More (03/21/12)

J W Training Center, LLC (03/25/10)

Lenora School of Phlebotomy (04/28/94)

Louisiana Culinary Institute (03/27/03)

Medical Careers College (04/23/98)

Pet Grooming Academy of Louisiana (03/21/12)

Sclafani's Cooking School (04/28/94)

Unitech Training Academy (04/24/97)

Unitech Training Academy--Houma (03/22/06)

Universal Technical Institute--Florida Branch (04/23/98)

Universal Technical Institute of Texas, Inc. (04/03/85)

WyoTech--Pennsylvania Campus (03/27/03)

WyoTech--Wyoming Campus (03/27/03)

- ✓ The Board of Regents received an update on the GRAD Act including the annual review timeline.
- ✓ The Board of Regents received an update on legislation impacting higher education.
- ✓ The Board of Regents received an update on the Louisiana Optical Network Initiative.
- ✓ The Board of Regents received an update on the Commissioner's Search.

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