



# Regents Recap

MAY 27-28, 2009

## Statewide Leaders Rally for Higher Ed

### *Testimony to Focus on Reducing Cuts*

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*Commissioner of  
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The Board of Regents received some high profile support during their regular meeting on Thursday from business and community leaders across the state who are concerned about the deep cuts to higher education proposed in the state budget. Higher education is facing a \$219 million cut which amounts to 15% of their state operating funds, on top of a \$55 million mid-year cut last fiscal year.

In anticipation of public comment being heard in the Senate Finance Committee of the legislature later today, the Regents received letters from seven business and community leaders reminding legislators that cuts of this magnitude would be devastating not only to the state's higher education community, but also for workforce and economic development. Listed below are the authors of the letters of support as well as other leaders who plan to testify before the committee:

- Virginia Shehee-Kilpatrick Life Insurance Company
- Jim Bernhard-Shaw Group
- Sean Reilly-Lamar Advertising and Blueprint Louisiana
- Bill Fenstermaker-C.H. Fenstermaker & Associates, Inc.
- James Davison-Davison Industries
- Glen Post-Century Telephone Enterprises
- Randy Ewing-former Senate President
- Phillip Rozeman-Shreveport Cardiologist and Chairman of Education's Next Horizon
- John Bordelon-Home Bank
- Adam Knapp-Baton Rouge Area Chamber
- Barry Erwin-Council for a Better Louisiana
- Dennis Stine-Independent Business Owner & former Council for a Better Louisiana President
- Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce
- Wayne McCullen-Mayor of Natchitoches
- Nick Pollacia-Natchitoches Area Chamber of Commerce

**Upcoming  
Board of Regents  
Meetings:**

**June 24-25**

**July  
NO MEETING**

**Aug. 26-27**

**Sept. 23-24**

## **Regents Hear Report on Adult Learning**

The Center for Adult Learning in Louisiana (CALL), a consortium of 6 statewide postsecondary institutions, reported progress in helping adults earn a college education as well as a plan for expansion to the Board of Regents today. In these tough economic times with many adults facing layoffs or furloughs, CALL is using specifically designed programs and customized services to increase the number of adults returning to college and completing college.

CALL reaches out to the thousands of Louisiana adults who have begun but not completed a college degree, inviting them to return to a more adult-friendly college setting and offering access to eight fast-track on line-degree programs sponsored by six Louisiana public colleges and universities. Since the initiative began just two years ago, 1,148 CALL students have enrolled and 150 Louisiana adults have earned a college degree.

CALL institution members also help adult learners earn college credit through work, training, volunteering, or personal experiences through a Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) process called portfolio assessment. To date, CALL and its 6 member institutions have successfully trained over 100 faculty members in faculty portfolio assessment.

During the Regents meeting CALL recommended expansion of the program, adding more degree program options and developing a policies to remove barriers for adults including credit transfer and becoming financially self-sufficient with a decreasing level of funding from the Board of Regents. Board members also heard from Bruce Chaloux, Director of Student Access Programs and the Electronic Campus for the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB). Dr. Chaloux lauded CALL as a model for the nation.

“Louisiana has spent less time and less money developing this program than other states such as Kentucky and Oklahoma. Yet, Louisiana’s program is already showing better results,” said Dr. Chaloux. “There is no reason that the CALL program can not expand in this state. We need to think about every adult that has left our campuses as opportunities for more college graduates.”

For more detailed information on the CALL initiative, log on to the CALL web site: [www.yourCALLla.org](http://www.yourCALLla.org).

## **Board of Regents Actions**

The Board of Regents approved the following items during their regular meeting:

- Support fund matching funds for IDeA Networks of Biomedical Research Excellence (LSU-BR) & NASA Group 5 University Research Center (Southern-BR)
- LaSPACE report & funding recommendations
- Change in Principal Investigator for the LONI Institute
- Continued suspension of the Mandatory Guidelines for the Conduct of Off-Campus Activities
- Began the administrative process to amend licensure rules & regulations

## Proprietary School License Renewals

The Board of Regents renewed the licenses of the following proprietary schools:

**A&W Healthcare Educators, LLC**  
**Academy of Acadiana, Inc.**  
**Ascension College**  
**At-Home Professions**  
**BAR/BRI-Baton Rouge**  
**BAR/BRI-New Orleans**  
**Blue Cliff College-Houma**  
**Blue Cliff College-Metairie**  
**Blue Cliff College-Shreveport**  
**Coastal College-Lafayette**  
**Coastal College –Monroe**  
**Delta College of Arts & Technology-Lafayette Branch**  
**Delta School of Business and Technology**  
**Delta Training Academy**  
**Kaplan, Inc.-Shreveport**  
**Lenora School of Phlebotomy**  
**Louisiana Culinary Institute**  
**N.O.D.C. School for Dental Assisting**  
**Rhema Training Center**  
**The Ruth Cook Computer and Medical Schools**  
**Sclafani’s Cooking School**  
**Unitech Training Academy-Houma**  
**Unitech Training Academy**  
**Universal Technical Institute-Florida Branch**  
**Universal Technical Institute of Texas, Inc.**  
**Verbatim Academy of Court Reporting**  
**WyoTech-Pennsylvania Campus**  
**WyoTech-Wyoming Campus**

## BoR Action Cont....

The Board of Regents approved the following items during their regular meeting:

**Limited period of state licensure to Delta International University**  
**Initial state licensure to Strayer University**  
**Initial operating license for Oak Park School of Dental Assisting, LLC**  
**License renewal for University of Southern Mississippi**  
**Associate in Occupational Students Degree in Court Reporting (Court Reporting Institute of LA, Inc.)**

## Regents Welcomes New Student Leader

The Board of Regents welcomed Marc Guichard as its newest Student Government Association representative during their regular meeting this month. Guichard is the SGA president for Delgado Community College and was elected by his peer SGA Presidents to serve as the Regents representative during elections held last week. He will be the voice for more than 200,000 college students in the state.

Guichard is a native of New Orleans, but Hurricane Katrina forced him to evacuate to Queens, New York where he stayed for more than a year. Guichard returned in 2006 saying, "New Orleans is in dire need of dedicated citizens, those who will be relentless in the pursuit of once again rebuilding a sound foundation of a once thriving city."

Guichard replaced outgoing student board member Jamey Arnette from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Arnette recently graduated with a bachelor's degree in Mass Communications at ULL. He has been active in student efforts to oppose the bill that would allow guns on campus and to speak out about the consequences of the proposed budget cuts in the current legislative session.

Commissioner Clausen presented Arnette with a commemorative plaque for his distinguished service on behalf of the Board of Regents.



Chairman Terrel, Commissioner Clausen and Regent Stokes present student representative Jamey Arnette with a plaque for his distinguished service this year on the Board of Re-

### Facility Updates

The Board of Regents approved the following Small Capitol Projects:

- School of Veterinary Medicine-Large Animal Teaching Facility Floor Repair (LSU-BR)
- McVoy Hall Ceiling Lights (LSU-BR)
- Hatcher Hall Space Enhancements (LSU-BR)
- Music and Dramatic Arts Building-Site Improvement (LSU-BR)
- West Nicholson Apartments Security Screens (LSU-BR)
- Cox Center Floor Repair and Enhancements (LSU-BR)
- Biochemistry Lab Renovation (LSUHSC-NO)
- 7th Floor Lab Renovations (LSUHSC-NO)
- Morgue Upgrades (LSUHSC-NO)

The Board of Regents approved the following amendments to the Capitol Outlay Budget:

- Southwest Center for Rural Initiatives (Southern-Ag)
- Parking Facility (LSU-BR)