



Regents Recap

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Board Approves Transfer Degree Guarantee Program *Program Will Start in the Fall 2010 Semester*

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BATON ROUGE, La- Students attending community colleges this Fall will, for the first time, be able to enroll in the Transfer Degree Guarantee program based on actions taken by the Board of Regents today. Regents granted conditional approval for the Associate of Arts and Associate of Science Louisiana Transfer degrees which will be offered at every SACS accredited 2-year college in the state. The program guarantees students who take the prescribed courses, and earn at least a C on each course, will graduate with a 60 hour degree which will seamless transfer to a 4-year public university in Louisiana. These graduates will begin their pursuit of a Bachelor's degree with junior-level standing.

Senator Ben Nevers authored the legislation which created the Transfer Degree Guarantee. After the vote Senator Nevers noted, "Today we are talking about students and the dreams they have. It is truly immeasurable what this transfer degree will do for education in this state. I hope the end result is that we have counselors, advisors and programs that clearly tell students how to get on the pathway to their dreams."

Board members also heard from three students who are currently enrolled in community colleges and know first-hand how these new transfer degrees will ease the way for students across the state. Baton Rouge Community College student David Coleman is a business major who plans to transfer to UNO for a degree in Political Science. He said, "I am sure if you asked most people who they thought achieved the most in the past year for the state of Louisiana you would get a lot of 'Reggie Bush' or 'Drew Brees,' but not for me. If you are looking at a piece of legislation dealing with education reform, there is one name you cannot get away from, Senator Ben Nevers. He is our quarterback of education reform and he had a winning season as well."

The new Louisiana Transfer degrees will be made up of 39 hours of General Education courses and 21 remaining credits that are related to prospective major in the Humanities, Natural Sciences, Social/Behavioral Sciences and Fine Arts.

Statewide training of advisors and counselors began this week, and Regents staff, along with representatives from all four systems are working together to select an agency which will help create an interactive website where students can create a degree plan, track their progress and eventually make a seamless transfer to a 4-year campus.

UPCOMING REGENTS MEETINGS:

June 23-24

No meetings in July

Academic & Student Affairs Action

The Board of Regents approved the termination of following program:

- Southern University at Shreveport
A.A.S. in Funeral Service Administration

The Board of Regents approved the following program transfer:

- Nicholls State University to Fletcher Technical College
A.S. in Cardiopulmonary Care Science

The Board of Regents granted conditional approval to the following new academic programs based on the workforce exemption to the 2009 Moratorium:

- Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at New Orleans
Ph.D. in Epidemiology
- South Central Louisiana Technical College (Lafourche Campus)
A.A.S. in Process Production Technology (PPT)

The Board of Regents granted full program approval to the following programs:

- Louisiana Tech University
Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Rural Development
Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Dietetics

The Board of Regents voted to approve new teacher programs at:

- Grambling, LSU-Shreveport, Louisiana Tech, Southeastern and UNO

Board of Regents Highlights

Regents approved the following items:

- Budget Adjustment Request— Louisiana State University System
- License Renewals: Alcorn State University, American College of Education, Northwood University, Nova Southeastern University, Upper Iowa University and Wiley College
- Proprietary Schools Initial License: Acadiana Yoga and Wellness LLC and Virginia College
- Cameron College—Associate in Occupational Specialty Degree
- Small Capital Projects Approval:
 - Insurance Proceeds: LSU Maintenance Shop at Southeast Research Station (destroyed by fire) and LSU Hatcher Hall (water damage repair)
 - Donations: LSU University Lab School Concessions Building
 - Grant Cost Recovery Funds: LSU Hatcher Hall Renovations for International Programs and Louisiana Technical College Welding Shop Renovation
- Leases—LSU System; Old Alex Box Stadium and LSU A & M with Tiger Athletic Foundation
- Amendment to FY 2009-'10 Capital Outlay Budget Recommendation by the LSU System

Board Adopts Several Personnel Policies

BATON ROUGE, La.— The Board of Regents adopted several recommendations from the Personnel Committee during its regular meeting. The recommendations include:

- Regarding retire/rehire matters, the Board of Regents shall be notified of the retirement of any member of the Board of Regents staff, and such personnel shall not be rehired without full board approval.
- The Board of Regents staff shall conduct a comprehensive review of all personnel policies and procedures and provide a report back to the Personnel Committee.
- The Board of Regents and its staff will concentrate on the important legislative issues at hand and consider any related personnel issues after the Legislative Session.
- Any further budget reductions that require personnel action be brought to the full board for approval

Regents also ratified Commissioner of Higher Education Sally Clausen’s salary reduction from \$377,000 to \$199,000 effective July 1, 2010.



Outgoing student board member Marc Guichard of Delgado Community College welcomes his replacement. Guichard completed his one-year term and the Student Government Association elected Demetrius Sumner of Southern University as the new Board of Regents student representative. Sumner will be sworn in next month.

Board of Regents Budget Update

The Board of Regents took action on the following items:

- **Approved continued negotiation toward the goal of transferring the LA GEAR UP Program to the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance.**
- **Approved the transfer of LaSIP programming to the Board of Regents Sponsored Programs staff resulting in the termination of five LaSIP employees effective June 11, 2010.**