



# Regents Recap

JUNE 23-24, 2010

## Board Names Search Committee for Commissioner of Higher Education

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BATON ROUGE, La– The Board of Regents approved the creation of a Search Committee to coordinate the selection of a new Commissioner of Higher Education in response to the resignation of Dr. Sally Clausen which is effective July 1, 2010. The eight member Search Committee will coordinate the search, screen candidates and recommend finalists for the full board to interview and consider. Members of the Search Committee include:

- Maurice Durbin, Denham Springs, LA– Chairman
- Bob Levy, Ruston, LA– Vice Chairman
- Ingrid Labat, New Orleans, LA
- Bubba Rasberry, Shreveport, LA
- Charlotte Bollinger, Lockport, LA
- Vic Stelly, Lake Charles, LA
- Joe Wiley, Gonzales, LA
- Mary Ellen Roy, New Orleans, LA

Chairman of the Board of Regents, Artis Terrell emphasized that all members of the board are encouraged to attend and participate in the search committee meetings. He indicated that the expectation is to have a new Commissioner identified within approximately six months after advertising nationally for possible candidates.

“I believe it is critical that we establish a process that is transparent, comprehensive, fair and inclusive,” said Chairman Terrell. “It is equally important that we make our selection in a timely fashion. We have been charged with important, additional responsibilities and picking the right leader will be critical to our success.”

Regents also tasked the Personnel Committee to identify potential candidates for the Interim Commissioner of Higher Education who will lead the agency until a permanent Commissioner can be approved. Chairman Terrell says it is his hope to have an Interim Commissioner in place within 2-4 weeks. The board will have to schedule a special meeting of the board in July to approve an interim candidate. If a special meeting is unable to be scheduled, the Executive Committee of the board could also take action on behalf of the full board.

**UPCOMING  
REGENTS  
MEETINGS:**

No meetings in July

August 25-26

September 22-23

**Academic & Student Affairs Action**

The Board of Regents approved the following letters of intent:

- Louisiana Tech University-B.S. in Cyber Engineering
- University of Louisiana at Lafayette-Ph.D. in Systems Engineering
- Louisiana State University A&M College-B.S. in Athletic Training

The Board of Regents approved the following new academic programs:

- Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center New Orleans- Master of Physician’s Assistant Studies, Ph.D. in Community Health Sciences

The Board of Regents approved the following progress reports:

- Northwestern State University-B.A. in Heritage Resources
- Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at Shreveport- Master of Physician’s Assistant Studies
- Southern University at New Orleans-B.A. in Public Administration
- Baton Rouge community College-A.S. in Computer Science
- Southeastern Louisiana University-B.S. in Sports Management

The Board of Regents approved the reinstatement of the following previously terminated program:

- Southern University at Shreveport-A.A.S. in Electronics Technology

The Academic Affairs Committee approved all recommended redesigned teacher education programs.

The Board of Regents approved the AY 2010-11 Master Course Articulation Matrix.

**Board of Regents Highlights**

Regents approved the following items:

- License Renewal—Embry –Riddle Aeronautical University
- Revision to Board of Regents’ Five-Year Strategic Plan 2011-15
- Small Capital Projects
  - Louisiana State University A&M College-Tiger Park (using self-generated auxiliary funds)
  - Louisiana Tech University-Park Place Apartment Parking (using self-assessed student fees)
- Projects Utilizing Alternative Means of Financing-Nicholls State University
- Interim Emergency Board Request– Louisiana State University A&M College Engineering Laboratory Annex Building

## GRAD Act Action

Regents staff provided the board an overview of the GRAD Act which passed during the Regular Session of the Legislature. The GRAD Act grants participating campuses increased tuition authority and operational autonomy in exchange for improved performance. Institutions that enter into a 6-year agreement with Regents will have to meet performance goals in four areas: Student Success, Articulation & Transfer, Workforce & Economic Development and Institutional Efficiency & Accountability.

Immediate implementation steps adopted by the Board of Regents include:

- Staff to develop and implement a GRAD Act implementation plan
- Staff to develop and circulate policies and performance agreement templates so that campuses can participate as early as this fall.
- Staff to establish performance targets and determine applicability of each objective for participating institutions.

According to the legislation, Management boards will be responsible for the following activities as the GRAD Act is implemented:

- Certify institutional agreements
- Establish policies that will drive improvement of graduation rates
- Establish a schedule to increase nonresident tuition
- Adopt policies to increase resident tuition & mandatory fees
- Establish criteria for tuition hardship waivers

## Finance Update

**Formula Update** - Regents adopted a formula which takes 25% of available funds and distributes them using performance indicators developed by the Performance-Funding Formula Task Force. The task force will continue to meet to address resolutions by the Legislature to analyze, review and revisit the approved formula.

**Budget Update**- Due to continued declines in state revenue, the Board of Regents will reduce its FY 2010-11 budget by \$17.6 million. This represents approximately a 50% reduction in state general funds. Programs to be impacted include:

- Louisiana Systemic Initiatives Program (LaSIP)
- Louisiana E-Portal Initiative (E-Portal)
- Educational Planning and Assessment System (EPAS)
- Gene Therapy
- Louisiana Library Network (LOUIS)
- Distance Learning
- Healthcare Workforce
- Center for Innovative Teaching & Learning (Cital)
- SREB Regional Contract Program-Health Professions
- Louisiana Optical Network Initiative (LONI)
- Staff Layoffs & Furloughs as determined (8 layoffs approved to date)