



# Regents Recap

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## Regents Meet in Alexandria

### Eliminate 107 Programs

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ALEXANDRIA, La. – The Louisiana Board of Regents held its regularly scheduled December meeting at the Learning Center for Rapides Parish in Alexandria. Agenda items included the termination of 30 academic programs due to low-completion of students. Regents staff also announced that the Louisiana Community and Technical College System approved the termination of 77 additional programs due to low enrollment, program duplication and lack of financial support.

The program terminations are the result of ongoing academic program reviews by Regents staff which have eliminated 217 programs since January. The terminations are part of an effort to review academic programs in the state more frequently and rigorously in light of the budget challenges facing Louisiana. The terminations approved by Regents today include programs located at LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans, University of New Orleans, Delgado Community College, Nunez Community College and Sowela Technical Community College.

Details for ongoing program reviews were also outlined during today's meeting including plans to conduct an external evaluation of the following programs for low-completion and/or duplication: Professional Candidacy programs in Architecture at LSU, Southern University, Louisiana Tech and the University of Louisiana at Lafayette; Ed.D programs at Louisiana Tech, the University of Louisiana at Monroe, and Grambling State University; and Ph.D. programs in Special Education at the University of New Orleans and Southern University.

Regents is also preparing to launch a statewide review of unnecessary program duplication which will begin with a comparison of programs offered in similar sized states including South Carolina, Kentucky and Alabama. In addition, staff will be assessing all baccalaureate-level programs currently offered in the state to determine whether they require an excessive number of credit hours for completion when compared to national standards.

Below is a list of academic programs terminated by Regents today:

- Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center—New Orleans (M.S. in Health Science, M.S. in Oral Biology, B.S. in Dental Laboratory Technology, C.O.M. in Oral Medicine)
- University of New Orleans (B.A. in Women's Studies, M.A. in Communications, M.A. in English Teaching, M.A.S.T. in Science Teaching (Non-Thesis), M.A. in History Teaching, M.S. in Applied Physics (Thesis), M.S. in Applied Physics (Non-Thesis), M.S. in Physics, M.A. in Geography)

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Regents tour the Learning Center Library



Regents Tour Learning Center

- Delgado Community College (C.A.S. in Culinary Arts, C.T.S. in Safety and Health Technology, A.A.S. in Safety and Health Technology, C.T.S. in Hospitality Management)
- Nunez Community College (C.A.S. in Computer Technology, C.A.S. in Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning, A.A.S. in Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning, A.A.S. in Health Services Office Management)
- Sowela Technical Community College (A.A.S. in Construction Equipment Technology, T.D. in Diesel Powered Equipment Technology, T.D. in Machine Tool Technology)
- Louisiana Technical College-Jefferson (C.T.S. in A/C and Refrigeration: Commercial Refrigeration, T.D. in A/C and Refrigeration: Commercial A/C)
- Louisiana Technical College-West Jefferson (T.D. in Building Technology Specialist, T.D. in Collision Repair Technology, C.T.S. in CRT: Basic Structural Repair)
- Louisiana Technical College-Sullivan (T.D. in Biomedical Equipment Technology)

Regents also approved four new programs which are immediately needed to address pressing workforce needs. The programs are:

- Louisiana Technical College (Region 9—A.A.S. in Journeyman Industrial, Florida Parishes—A.A.S. in Veterinary Technology)
- Bossier Parish Community College (A.S. in Healthcare Management)
- Fletcher Technical Community College (A.A.S. in Integrated Production Technologies)

After the committee meetings ended, board members took a tour of the Learning Center. Meeting in Alexandria gave board members the opportunity to see first-hand the distance-learning hub for students in Central Louisiana. The Learning Center allows students to take courses from ten in-state universities and two out-of-state institutions, one from Iowa and one from Texas.

It offers the opportunity for students to receive certification, to take remedial courses or to earn a degree from both 2-year and 4-year universities. The Center is also open to the community for meetings and conferences..

The Board of Regents began operating the Learning Center in 2003. It is now the largest consortium of universities in the state. It is housed at the England Airpark in Alexandria and offers more than 70 courses. Most classes are offered during evenings and weekends to help non-traditional students complete their education.

### Upcoming Meetings:

**Postsecondary Education Review Commission—December 14-15**

**Board of Regents—January 7 (Installation of Officers)**

**January 27-28 (Committee and Board Meetings)**

## Regents Nominate Officers for 2010

ALEXANDRIA, LA—During its regular meeting, the Board of Regents nominated the following members as officers for 2010. The slate of officers is the same as 2009.

**Chairman:** Artis L. Terrell is from Shreveport and was appointed by Governor Foster to represent the 4th Congressional District on the Board of Regents. He is Principal of The Williams Capital Group, L.P. Mr. Terrell received his bachelor's degree at the University of Louisiana at Monroe. After graduation, he served as an account manager for MetroMedia Communications, an account executive with Dean Wittier Reynolds, and an Investment Banking Associate.

**Vice-Chairman:** Robert W. Levy is a graduate of Nicholls State University and the Louisiana State University School of Law. He is currently serving in his fourth six-year term as District Attorney for the Third Judicial District (Lincoln and Union Parishes). He was appointed to the Board of Regents by Governor Foster in July, 2001. He also serves as a Regents' representative to the Blue Ribbon Commission for Educational Excellence.

**Secretary:** Mary Ellen Roy obtained her B.A. degree in Political Science, *summa cum laude*, from the University of Louisiana in Lafayette in 1981 and her J.D. from Harvard Law School, *cum laude*, in 1984. A native of Lafayette and resident of New Orleans since 1984, Ms. Roy is an equity partner in the law firm Phelps Dunbar, LLP. Ms. Roy was appointed to the Board of Regents as the Member-at-Large by Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, effective January 2006.

The committee also nominated members to serve on the Executive Committee of the Board of Regents, the Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission and the BoR Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission.

Regents will vote on its slate of officers during a special meeting of the Board of Regents on January 7, 2010 in Baton Rouge.

## Board of Regents Highlights

The Board of Regents approved the following proposed new research unit:

- **Louisiana State University Agricultural Center—Louisiana Institute for Biofuels and Bioprocessing**

The Board of Regents approved staff recommendations regarding the following previously approved research units:

- **Louisiana Health Sciences Center at New Orleans—Early Intervention Institute**
- **University of New Orleans—Jazz Institute**

The Board of Regents approved the following license renewals:

- **Northern Kentucky University**
- **University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences**
- **University of Phoenix**