



Regents Recap

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REGENTS DISCUSS \$437 MILLION BUDGET REDUCTION PLANNING EXERCISE

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BATON ROUGE, La. – Louisiana's four higher education system presidents presented a series of options to the Board of Regents on Wednesday intended to spark discussion on mitigating the anticipated cuts to postsecondary education in FY 11-12. Higher education officials have been asked to participate in a budget reduction exercise which would eliminate \$437 million from the state's college and university budgets.

"This meeting allowed the leaders of Louisiana's higher education community to put some potential budget solutions on the table for consideration and discussion," said Board of Regents Chairman Artis Terrell. "We welcome the dialogue regarding the level of cuts, efficiencies and revenue measures that must be sought to maintain a higher education enterprise that meets both the needs of students and our state for the short and long-term."

The measures presented to Regents included:

- Reducing state-funded pass-through funding in the postsecondary education budgets by 21%
- Removing the full-time cap of 12 hours for tuition purposes
- Authorizing tuition to reach estimated market price within 6 years
- Establishing a temporary fiscal stabilization surcharge

According to LSU's proposal, these measures would reduce the budget reduction from \$437 million to \$106 million.

"With the support of the state leadership and the Legislature, postsecondary education could mitigate the effects of a 32-percent general fund reduction by employing the four strategies in the funding diagram," said LSU System President John Lombardi, who presented the model.

"We are not proposing all of these options right now," said University of Louisiana System President Randy Moffett. "There is still much discussion to be held between the leaders of the state and our boards. I consider this a blueprint from which we can begin discussions."

"Ultimately, we can design a functional higher education system in this state around the resources we have," noted Southern University System President Ron Mason. "However, we all know it will be difficult getting there."

"Regardless of whether it's a 32-percent cut, an 18-percent cut or an 8-percent cut, our goal is to use the resources we have to serve as many students as possible," Louisiana Community and Technical College President Joe May emphasized.

Copies of the revenue proposal and the projected financial impact can be found on the LSU System website. www.lsusystem.edu.



**REGENTS HONOR
LEARNING CENTER DEAN
MARJORIE TAYLOR**

Board of Regents Chairman Artis Terrell presents Dr. Marjorie Taylor with a plaque in recognition of her seven years of service as Dean of the Learning Center for Rapides Parish in Alexandria, LA. Dr. Taylor has been named the new Executive Director for the Orchard Foundation, effective January 1, 2011.

To ensure the important work of LCRP continues during this time of transition, Assistant Commissioner for Assessment & Economic Development Heather Devall-Poole will serve as Interim Dean until a permanent replacement is appointed. Dr. Larry Tremblay will also provide administrative support during the in-

Academic and Student Affairs Actions

The Board of Regents approved the following Program/Unit terminations:

- Northwest LTC-A.A.S. in Hospitality/Tourism-Guest Speaker Agent
- South Central LTC-A.A.S. in ICT: Computer Network Specialist

The Board of Regents approved the following appointments to the Blue Ribbon Commission for Educational Excellence:

- Dr. Kenneth Rea representing University Provosts-Louisiana Tech University
- Dr. Victor Schneider representing College of Arts/Sciences/Humanities Faculty-University of Louisiana at Lafayette
- Dr. Derrick Manns representing the Louisiana Community & Technical College System

The Board of Regents approved the reclassification of the following two categories for the Blue Ribbon Commission for Educational Excellence:

- “President Representative” to “University System Representative”
- “PK-16+ Coordinator” to “Workforce Development Representative”

Regents Nominate Officers

The following Regents members were nominated to serve in various capacities for 2011. The Board of Regents will formally elect and swear in its officers at a special meeting on January 6, 2011.

Board Officers:

Robert Levy-President (Ruston)
Mary Ellen Roy-Vice President (New Orleans)
Charlotte Bollinger-Secretary (Lockport)

Executive Committee:

Robert Levy (Ruston)	Donna Klein (New Orleans)
Mary Ellen Roy (New Orleans)	Joe Wiley (Gonzales)
Charlotte Bollinger (Lockport)	W. Clinton Rasberry (Shreveport)
Robert Bruno (New Orleans)	

Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission:

Victor Stelly (Lake Charles)

Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission:

Richard D’Aquin (Lafayette)

Regents Highlights

UPCOMING REGENTS MEETINGS:

January 6, 2011
Installation of Officers

January 26-27

February 23-24

The Board of Regents approved initial licenses for the following:

- Arkansas State University
- Samford University
- Academy of Acadiana-Lake Charles
- Infinity College, Inc.
- Learning Bridge Career Institute

The Board of Regents approved the following license renewals:

- Baton Rouge College
- Delta College of Arts & Technology
- Grantham University
- Herzing University
- Acadiana Area Career College
- American School of Business
- Ayers Career College
- Becker Professional Education-Baton Rouge
- Becker Professional Education-New Orleans
- Cardiovascular Technology Training, Inc.
- Career Technical College
- Career Technical College of Shreveport
- Coastal College-Baton Rouge
- Compass Career College
- Crosby Court Reporting Center
- Delta College, Inc
- Delta College-Slidell Branch
- Diesel Driving Academy-Shreveport
- Eastern College of Health Vocation
- John Casablancas Modeling and Career Center
- Nursing Assistant Network Association
- S.I.H.A.F. Career Institute
- Southern Security School
- Thomas Training & Development Center, Inc.
- Training Academy for Dental Assistants
- Unitech Training Academy, West Monroe
- The World's Only Tattoo School, LLC

The Board of Regents approved the Amendment to the Rules & Regulations for R.S.17:1808 (Licensure)

The Board of Regents adopted the 2011-12 Operational Plan

The Board of Regents heard an update on the Gates Foundation Financial Aid Project which will research how cost of attendance and financial aid impact Louisiana's efforts to increase the number of young people who earn a degree. Louisiana, along with the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, will partner to assess the impact of state, federal and institutional financial aid on student persistence and completion. The results of the research could impact future policy allowing the state to make the best use of the limited dollars available.



TRANSFER DEGREE GUARANTEE CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED STATEWIDE

BATON ROUGE, La.—Students and parents across Louisiana will soon receive more information about the state’s Transfer Degree Guarantee (TDG) through a communications campaign announced during a joint Board of Regents, Board of Elementary and Secondary Education meeting on Thursday. The communications campaign, financed through federal grant money, will include public service announcements, brochures, six grass-roots meetings and an interactive website.

Targeted audiences will learn how to get valuable information on how to earn an Associate of Arts or Science/Louisiana Transfer Degree which guarantees students the ability to transfer from a 2-year community college to a Louisiana public four-year university if a minimum grade of “C” is achieved in each course. In addition, all 60 hours of coursework completed by the student will automatically transfer to the four-year university—giving the student junior status.

The Louisiana Transfer Associate Degree is the result of Act 356, passed by the state legislature in 2009 and sponsored by Senator Ben Nevers, D-Bogalusa. The law focused on providing students options for transferring between the state’s two-year and four-year institutions without losing credits. For the first time this fall, students in the state’s community colleges were able to enroll in the Louisiana Transfer Degree program which provides the guarantee.

“Simplifying the transfer process from a community college to a four-year institution for our students is essential if our goal is producing more graduates,” said Board of Regents Chairman Artis Terrell. “The TDG initiative is a clear demonstration of higher education’s efforts to become more efficient by delivering what our customers say they need.”

“It will be important for our high school students to be well informed about all of their postsecondary options including the Louisiana Transfer Degree,” said BESE member Penny Dastugue. “For students who are unsure about their ultimate career goal, this program allows them to make the most of their first two years without wasting time and money.”

The TDG website will be launched later this month at www.latransferdegree.org and will be linked to all campus transfer websites. The website includes specific information for high school students, college students, parents and advisors including frequently asked questions and a transfer course guide. The grass-roots meetings will be scheduled after the holiday season to maximize student participation.



The Board of Regents welcomed several legislators and students to the full board meeting in order to hear their concerns about cuts to higher education. Regents pledged to meet soon with the group to initiate conversation about potential solutions and plans.