



Regents Recap

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Regents Chairman Announces Leadership Agenda

BATON ROUGE, La – In recognition of the first regular meeting of Board of Regents for 2011, Chairman Bob Levy presented a list of priorities designed to guide Regents' work in the coming year. Levy noted that the board has expressed with certainty that high-quality postsecondary education is absolutely necessary to improving both the social and economic environment in which Louisiana's citizens live.

"To accomplish the goal of improving the educational attainment of our people we must focus on a set of beliefs that becomes our compass, our operating principles, our agenda," said Levy.

The ten components of Chairman Levy's "Leadership Agenda" include:

- Assisting four year regional universities in not only providing excellent general education, but also identifying a limited range of high-quality undergraduate degree programs in which to specialize.
- Encouraging our statewide universities to engage in targeted, innovative research.
- Supporting a flagship institution for Louisiana that is nationally competitive, respected and becomes a jewel in our crown.
- Enhancing our developing community and technical college system so that it meets the workforce needs indentified by Louisiana's employers and can provide trained workers for the jobs of today and tomorrow.
- Creating a more balanced enrollment mix between our two-year and four-year institutions through increases in the minimum admissions standards as scheduled in 2012 and expansion of articulation agreements such as the Statewide Transfer Degree that allows students seamless access to the full menu of postsecondary offerings.
- Maximizing creative partnerships among our institutions to streamline business models and develop new delivery systems through distance learning.
- Developing and supporting autonomies that allow colleges and universities to manage their costs and demonstrate reductions in administrative overhead while at the same time, striking a reasonable balance between state and student support.
- Prioritizing affordability so that appropriate financial aid measures can be provided for students so as not to diminish their access to postsecondary education.
- Advancing a performance-based funding formula that aligns with the GRAD Act and provides an equitable distribution model for the funding appropriated to higher education.
- Demonstrating improvement in student learning outcomes through measurable data and reporting that can be shared publicly and used to drive our decision making process.

"This list will be my compass," Levy emphasized. "I will carry it with me and refer to it when I am engaged in making the tough choices I anticipate ahead of us. It will guide my thoughts and remind me of the items I identify as important. It is critical we communicate our vision and our priorities to the stakeholders that join with us and lend us their voices in calling for a robust educational focus in our state that will undoubtedly provide a necessary return on investment."

Regents Highlights

UPCOMING REGENTS MEETINGS:

February 23-24

March 23-24

TRUSTEESHIP CONFERENCE:

January 31

Pennington
Biomedical Research
Center

**Governor
Bobby Jindal to speak
at lunch!**

The Board of Regents approved the reauthorization of the following previously approved research units:

- LSUHSC-NO-Research Institute for Children
- LSU Agricultural Center-Louisiana Institute for Biofuels and Bioprocessing

The Board of Regents approved staff recommendations for Routine Academic Requests.

The Board of Regents approved reports for Conditionally Approved Programs, Proposed New Programs/Units and Past Due Reports for Approved Academic Programs and Research Units.

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

- Jay Augustine, Deputy Executive Director, Louisiana Workforce Commission

The Board of Regents approved the following Post-Baccalaureate Academic Certificates:

- Early Childhood-Grades PK-3 (CIP Code: 13.1210)
- Elementary Education-Grades 1-5 (CIP Code: 13.1202)
- French Education-Grades K-12 (CIP Code: 13.1325)
- Spanish Education-Grades K-12 (CIP Code: 13.1330)
- German Education-Grades K-12 (CIP Code: 13.1326)
- Health and Physical Education-Grades K-12 (CIP Code: 13.1314)
- Instrumental Music-Instrumental-Grades K-12 (CIP Code: 13.1312)
- Instrumental Music-Vocal-Grades K-12 (CIP Code: 13.1312)
- Art Education-Grades K-12 (CIP Code: 13.1302)
- Early Interventionist-Birth to Three (CIP Code: 13.1015)

The Board of Regents approved the following Add-on Certifications:

- School Librarian (CIP Code: 13.1334)
- Mild/Moderate Special Education-Grades 6-12 (CIP Code: 13.1001)
- Early Interventionist-Birth to Five (CIP Code: 13.1015)

The Board of Regents approved the following license renewals:

- Pearl River Community College

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

The Board of Regents approved the change of ownership application for:

- Court Reporting Institute of Louisiana

The Board of Regents approved responses to the following House and Senate resolutions:

- HCR 165
- SCR 60
- SR 81

The Board of Regents tabled and sent back to committee its response to HR 204 for additional review and expects to bring it back to the board in February.

Facilities Highlights

The Board of Regents approved the following Small Capital Projects from grants:

- **Harry D. Wilson Laboratory Renovation-Louisiana State University and A&M College**
- **Comparative Biology Building Renovations-Pennington Biomedical Research Center**

The Board of Regents approved the following Small Capital Projects from auxiliary funding:

- **Student Health Center Site Improvements & Wayfinding-Louisiana State University and A&M College**
- **West Campus Apartment Buildings-Louisiana State University and A&M College**
- **Taylor Hall Dormitory Roof Replacement-Louisiana State University and A&M College**

The Board of Regents approved the following Small Capital Projects from self generated funds:

- **Commercial Vehicle Operations Practice Pad-Lafourche Campus of the Louisiana Technical College**

The Board of Regents approved the following Small Capital Projects from other funds:

- **LSU Coates Hall General Classroom Renovation-Louisiana State University and A&M College**
- **Red River Radio/Old BSU Renovation-Louisiana State University in Shreveport**

The Board of Regents approved the following amendment to the Capital Outlay Budget Recommendation:

- **Classroom Community Education Building-Louisiana State University at Eunice**

The Board of Regents approved the following leases:

- **Louisiana State University System-Hilltop Facility LLC, a sub-entity of the LSU Property Foundation for new educational facility at the LSU Hilltop Arboretum**
- **Louisiana State University System-Tiger Athletic Foundation for renovations and improvements to the soccer field at Louisiana State University and A&M College**



Former Board Member Richard D'Aquin addresses the Board of Regents during a ceremony to honor his more than three decades of service to higher education. Not in attendance but also honored were outgoing board members Artis Terrell, Ingrid Labat and Scott Brame.

Regents Identifies Underperforming Programs for Termination

BATON ROUGE, La. –The Board of Regents today announced more than 450 academic programs at risk of termination due to low-completion rates. This is the third academic program review performed by Regents since 2009 in an effort to streamline degree offerings statewide. This review however, is the most stringent in recent memory identifying approximately 1/3 of the total degree program offerings statewide.

Notably, this particular low-completer review relies upon a stricter set of standards than has been used in the past. The increased standards include a closer review based on average completion rates over a period of three years, down from five years in the past, the inclusion of ALL programs with no exclusions, as well as analysis of duplication and institutional mission. Additionally, campuses will be required to provide fiscal impact information for any program terminations or consolidations.

As established by the state constitution, the Board of Regents periodically reviews degree programs provided by the state’s postsecondary institutions and recommends those that should be continued, consolidated or eliminated. Low-completer reviews use multiple years of student graduation data to measure productivity. The academic years used for this review are 2007-2010.

The established criteria for programs to meet in order to avoid being labeled as a “low-completer” are:

Undergraduate Programs-an average of 8 completers per year or a minimum of 24 graduates within 3 years.

Masters/Specialist Programs-an average of 5 completers per year or a minimum of 15 graduates within 3 years.

Doctoral Programs-an average of 2 completers per year or a minimum of 6 graduates within 3 years.

The list of programs identified as not meeting the established criteria has been shared with the four system offices as well as the individual campuses. Each campus has until the end of February to agree to terminate the program, recommend consolidation of the program or defend the continuation of each program identified as low-completer. Campuses that choose to defend a program for continuation must address duplication and how the program fits within their mission. The Board of Regents will vote on the recommendations of staff concerning low-completer degree programs in April.

The following list represents the number of programs by system and campus that have been identified as “low-completer”:

Low-Completer Review Total	459
Associate	88
Baccalaureate	246
Graduate	125
LSU System	122
LSU A&M	34
UNO	3
LSU-Shreveport	16
LSU-Eunice	3
LSUHSC-New Orleans	24
LSUHSC-Shreveport	9

Underperforming Programs cont....

Southern University System	53
Southern A&M	36
SUNO	10
Southern-Shreveport	7
University of Louisiana System	212
Southeastern Louisiana University	22
Nicholls State University	16
University of Louisiana at Lafayette	27
McNeese State University	22
University of Louisiana at Monroe	32
Louisiana Tech	46
Grambling State University	31
Northwestern State University	16
Louisiana Community and Technical College System	72
Bossier Parish Community College	5
Baton Rouge Community College	3
Delgado Community College	14
Fletcher Community College	6
Delta Community College	2
Nunez Community College	5
River Parishes Community College	2
South Louisiana Community College	2
Southwest Louisiana Community College	5
(Technical Colleges)	
Acadiana	11
Capital Area	4
Central	3
Northeast	1
Northshore	4
Northwest	3
South Central	2

Chairman Levy stressed to the Regents and those in attendance that over the next several months, the board will making a set of recommendations focused on performance, preservation of quality and support for increased educational attainment.

Regents Announce Committee Leadership

The following members have been identified as committee chairs and vice-chairs for the Board of Regents:

Academic & Student Affairs Committee

Mary Ellen Roy-Chair
Harold Stokes-Vice Chair

Executive Committee

Robert Levy, Chair
Mary Ellen Roy, Vice-Chair

Facilities & Property Committee

Robert Bruno, Chair
Joseph Wiley Vice-Chair

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Learning Centers Committee

Donna Klein, Chair
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Legislative Committee

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Victor Stelly, Vice-Chair

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Joseph Wiley, Chair
Charlotte Bollinger, Vice-Chair

Personnel Committee

Maurice Durbin, Chair
Charlotte Bollinger, Vice-Chair

Planning, Research & Performance

Victor Stelly, Chair
Joseph Wiley, Vice-Chair

Sponsored Programs

Harold Stokes, Chair
Victor Stelly, Vice-Chair

Technology Committee

Charlotte Bollinger, Chair
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A full listing of committee members can be found on the Board of Regents website, www.regents.state.la.us.