

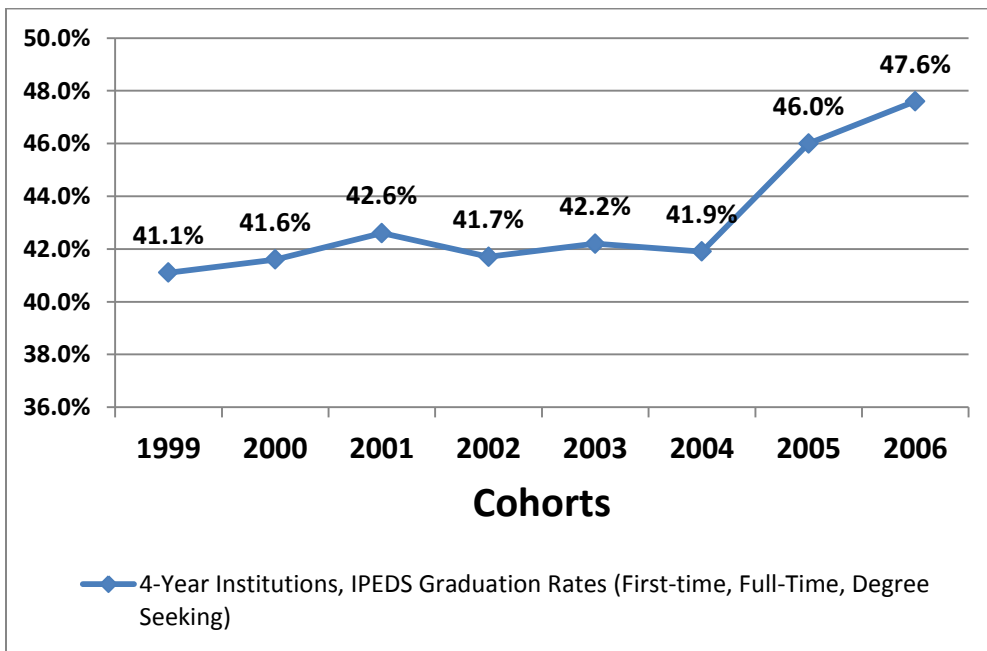


Regents Recap

LA Shows Growth in Graduation Rates

Baton Rouge, LA – Today, the Board of Regents received a status update on several high-priority topics in higher education. An area where notable progress has been made is graduation rates at Louisiana public 4-year institutions. Since 2004, Louisiana’s graduation rates have increased by nearly 6 percentage points. Dr. Tremblay, Deputy Commissioner for Planning, Research, and Academic Affairs stated that overall increases in graduation rates could be attributed in part to the new admission standards that were implemented in 2005. He added that the Board of Regents recognizes that the admission standards should align with the mission of each institution to ensure appropriate access. Thus, the effectiveness of admission standards will be revisited in the upcoming months.

**Public 4-Year Institutions
IPEDS Graduation Rates**



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REGENTS' HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ The Board of Regents approved the following Planning, Research and Performance Committee Items:
 - ✓ -R.S. 17 : 1808 (Licensure)
 - Initial Licenses
 - California State University - Northridge
 - Grace College and Seminary
 - License Renewals
 - Alliant International University
 - ITT Technical Institute
 - 1st Quarter Report of BoR GRAD Act Intervention Policy for SU System.
- ✓ The Board of Regents approved the following Facilities and Property Committee Items:
 - Consent Agenda (Small Capital Projects Report)
 - LSU Law Center – Laborde Energy Law Center Renovation
 - LSU School of Veterinary Medicine – Boiler #1 Replacement
 - NWLTC – Shreveport – Campus Parking Lot Improvement
 - SUAREC – Horticulture Storage Building Renovation
 - BoR FY 2015-2016 Capital Outlay Budget Recommendation
- ✓ The Board of Regents approved the following Executive Committee items:
 - Commissioner’s Contract
- ✓ The Board of Regents approved the following Academic Affairs items:
 - Proposed New Centers/Institutes
 - Center of Research Excellence in Plant Biotechnology & Crop Development-LSU and LSU Ag Center
 - Professional Sales Institute - LSU
 - An update on the Teacher Preparation Data Dashboard
 - Consent Agenda Items
- ✓ The Board of Regents approved the preliminary formula funding and budget request for FY 2015-2016.
- ✓ The Board of Regents’ staff provided an update on two Executive Orders issued by the Office of the Governor:
 - Prevention of Sexual Assault- The Board of Regents has begun discussions with the system representatives on the development of a uniform policy relative to the prevention of sexual assault. Further, the Board of Regents is partnering with the public and private institutions in the state to host a day-long workshop on Title IX matters in fall of 2014.
 - Ebola Virus- The Board of Regents has been actively monitoring federal and regional alerts related to the Ebola virus. Specifically, Regents has shared with the postsecondary educational institutions general information and guidance on the risks associated with employees and students traveling to regions affected by the Ebola virus. We will monitor the development of policies at our institutions.

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The Board of Regents, a state agency created by the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, coordinates all public higher education in Louisiana. The Board of Regents believes that a robust public postsecondary education system is critical in order to enhance Louisiana's social and economic environment. Through statewide academic planning and review, budgeting and performance funding, research, and accountability, Regents strives to ensure that all students have access to high-quality educational opportunities.

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