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Regents Recap

Regents holds 5th Annual Trusteeship Conference

Baton Rouge, LA- Higher education system leaders gathered today for the 5th Annual Board of Regents' Trusteeship Conference held at Pennington. This one-day conference focused on *Emerging Trends in Higher Education*. The agenda consisted of presentations and panel discussions featuring the system presidents and staff, legislators, and national experts who conveyed the importance of Louisiana's role in keeping pace with the changing trends in higher education.

Opening remarks were made by Regents Chair, Roy O. Martin, who challenged higher education leaders to:

- (1) Continue seeking solutions for additional state support for higher education so that we can address the economic needs of our state;
- (2) Continue to focus on policies which institute efficiencies in delivering world class academic outcomes-with a goal of producing quality degrees- for THE BEST value in the US;
- (3) Continue aligning educational programs with the workforce demands of this state; and
- (4) Continue working TOGETHER and SPEAKING with one voice.

President of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, Dr. Belle Wheelan, set the tone of the Trusteeship Conference with a presentation which focused on principles of accreditation, roles of the board, and the top 10 issues in higher education. "Of everything you do at your institutions, your major focus should be students," said Wheelan.

Several legislators served as panelists for a discussion centered around the 2015 legislative priorities for higher education. "I look at this financial crisis as an opportunity," said Representative Steve Carter. "We need to take a long hard look, and think outside of the box to make sure that each youngster has an opportunity for access to high quality education. Our higher education systems must survive."

Speaker of the House, Chuck Kleckley stressed the importance of fixing the financial problem that higher education is facing, especially with the current economic growth in this state. "These companies have invested millions of dollars in our state and our area because of the confidence that they have in our state. They are depending on us to produce the skilled workforce they need. How can we do that by cutting higher ed 500M dollars? We have to find a way to fix this problem; higher ed needs predictability and stability," said Kleckley. He also added that closing universities is not the answer, but the answer is giving higher education a stable budget.

Senator Appel noted that for the first time there is an opportunity to address structural shortfalls in the total budget. "We need to find a way to fund higher education and increase its funding level. We should be talking about the future."

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Trusteeship Conference Pics...



Regents Approves Uniform Policy on Sexual Misconduct

Today, the Louisiana Board of Regents approved a statewide uniform sexual misconduct policy. The Board of Regents in collaboration with the four management boards developed the policy which identifies best practices that serve to prevent and address incidents of sexual assault. Major components of the policy include:

1. All forms of sexual misconduct.
2. Flexibility for system implementation.
3. Concepts such as sexual harassment, retaliation, consent, etc. are included, expanded and clarified for institutions.
4. The incorporation of a uniform statewide campus climate survey that will be adopted and administered by all institutions.
5. General descriptions of education and prevention programs that must be annually offered to students.
6. A requirement for institutions to coordinate with local law enforcement and health organizations to address and resolve incidents of sexual misconduct as appropriate.
7. Resources that must be available to both the complainant and respondent following a report of sexual misconduct.

Use the following link to access a copy of the policy:

<http://regents.louisiana.gov/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/PRP-Agenda-2015-0223.pdf>

Regents' Highlights

- ✓ The Board of Regents approved the following Academic and Student Affairs items:
 - Letter of Intent:
 - BSN (Nursing) – SUNO
 - MAT (Grades) – SUBR
 - Proposed New Programs:
 - AAS in Polysomnography – SUSLA
 - AS in Computer Science
 - MPA (Public Administration) – ULM
 - Centers of Excellence
 - CWE in Transportation Technology – BRCC (Reauthorization)
 - Advanced Manufacturing CWE- Delgado (New)
 - Transfer Report – SR 144
 - Developmental Education Pilot
- Consent Agenda Items:
 - Institute for Advanced Materials- LSU (Full Approval)
 - Routine Staff Reports
 - a. Progress Reports for Conditionally Approved/Units
 - b. Past Due Reports
 - c. Letters of Intent/Proposals in Queue
- ✓ The Board of Regents approved the following Facilities and Property items:
 - Small Capital Projects Report
 - Major Repair Fund Balances appropriated to UNO
 - Lease for construction of Malone Football Stadium Field House
- ✓ The Board of Regents approved the following Sponsored Program items:
 - Campus request for Waiver of Endowed Chair National Search Requirements
 - a. Tulane University-John & Mary Wright Ebaugh Chair in Science & Engineering
 - b. Centenary College of LA- Arthur & Emily Webb Chair of International Studies
 - c. Centenary College of LA- George A. Wilson Eminent Scholars Chair of American Literature
 - Revisions in the Endowed Chairs for Eminent Scholars Subprogram Policy
 - Dr. Stuart Bell's appointment to the BoRSF Advisory and Master Plan Research Advisory Committee.
- ✓ The Board of Regents approved the following Planning Research and Performance items:
 - Consent Agenda
 - R.S. 17:1808 (Licensure)
 - Initial License
 - a. Rush University Medical Center
 - License Renewals
 - a. Arizona State University
 - b. Pearl River Community College
 - c. Southern Arkansas University

Regents' Highlights Cont...

- Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission
 - a. Baton Rouge Dental Assisting School, LLC
 - b. Feliciana Medical Training Academy, LLC
 - c. Fortress Consulting and Education, LLC
- 2. License Renewals
 - a. Academy of Acadiana- Lake Charles (12.2.10)
 - b. Alexandria Dental Assistant School (12.8.11)
 - c. Becker Professional Education- Lafayette (12.9.04)
 - d. ECO Training Center, LLC (formerly Galliano Training Center, LLC) 12.8.05
 - e. Fleur de 'Lis Healthcare Institute (12.5.13)
 - f. Herzing University (12.07.95)
 - g. Infinity College (12.02.10)
 - h. Kenner Health Careers Institute, LLC (12.11.03)
 - i. Learning Bridge Career Institute (12.2.10)
 - j. Legally Speaking (12.6.01)
 - k. Martin International, Inc., of LA (12.16.82)
 - l. NASCAR Technical Institute (12.5.96)
 - m. Pelican Training Institution (12.8.11)
 - n. Tulsa Welding School (12.7.06)
 - o. Unitech Training Academy – Alexandria (12.4.08)
 - p. Unitech Training Academy – Metairie (12.8.11)

-R.S. 17:1808

- a. Delta International University

-Combined 2nd Quarter Report of BoR GRAD Act Intervention Policy for SUBR, SULC, and SUS and 2nd Quarter Report for SUS and SUNO.

-SUBR Request to revise GRAD Act Benchmarks/Targets for Years 5 & 6.

-Board of Regents' Policy on Sexual Misconduct

- ✓ The Board of Regents approved the following Finance Committee items:
 - Response to HCR 134 and transmit the report of the work group to the members of the House Committee on Education, the Senate Committee on Education, the House Committee on Appropriations, and the Senate Committee on Finance.
- ✓ The Board of Regents approved the following Legislative items:
 - To authorize the Commissioner and staff to pursue the BoR/Higher Education Legislative Agenda during the upcoming 2015 Regular Session as necessary, with regular reports to the Board; and
 - To authorize the Commissioner of Higher Education and the Chairman of the Board to act on its behalf on legislative issues that may arise during the 2015 Regular Session.

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