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REGENTS RECAP

Regents Conducts LA GRAD Act Year Five Annual Review

Baton Rouge, LA- Today, the Louisiana Board of Regents reviewed and accepted the final scores for the LA GRAD Act - Year Five for Louisiana's public colleges and universities. Based on the final scores, all schools passed the GRAD Act, with the exception of Southern University at Shreveport.

"Southern University at Shreveport made improvements in several areas," said Dr. Larry Tremblay. "Unfortunately, they were unable to achieve two targeted benchmarks for year five." According to the GRAD Act, any failed institution may enter into another GRAD Act Performance Improvement contract.

Under the LA GRAD Act, enacted by the Legislature in 2010, Regents entered into six-year agreements with institutions that set targets, including annual performance measures that result in educational improvements by the end of the timeline.

The LA GRAD Act requires that the Board of Regents annually monitor and report to the legislature and the governor on each participating institution's progress in meeting the performance objectives of the Act. The annual review designation determines the institution's status with regards to tuition authority, performance funding, and operational autonomies.

Included in the GRAD Act are four performance objectives—student success, articulation and transfer, workforce and economic development, and institutional efficiency and accountability. Because each institution has its own benchmarks for progress, it is measured against its own improvement plan during the annual review process. However, each campus **MUST** achieve successful attainment of the student success objective in order to retain its tuition authority and performance funding.

The GRAD Act Annual Evaluation – Year Five designation for institutions can be found under the Planning, Research and Performance Committee link located on the [meeting agenda webpage](#). A report detailing this year's findings will be submitted to the Governor and Legislature by July 15, 2015.

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Regents Approves FY 2015-2016 Operating Budget Distribution

Today, the Board of Regents approved the FY 2015-2016 operating budget distribution for higher education. A summary of the budget is as follows (see narrative and chart):

- ✓ The total state general fund appropriation increased from \$390M to \$652M with an additional \$350M deposited into the Higher Education Initiatives Fund as a result of the passage of the Higher Education Initiative Fund.
- ✓ Approximately \$1B State General Fund (and equivalent) was appropriated for higher education, making \$774M available for higher education entities after fully funding TOPS and scholarships in the amount of \$228M.
- ✓ Legacy and operational costs funding was provided to the LSU Health Science Center-Shreveport, LSU Health Science Center New Orleans in the amount of \$53.4M.
- ✓ For FY 2015-16, there is no State General Fund provided for the WISE program. There may be CBDG funds available to continue the WISE program at some level, but further information is needed from DOA to determine funding availability and uses.

FY 2015-2016 Operating Budget Distribution *(Considered by the Board on 6.17.15)*

Entity	State General Fund	Interagency Transfer	Self-Generated	*Statutory Dedication	Federal	Total
Regents	\$7,750,350	\$24,461,997	\$2,730,299	\$35,023,307	\$10,000,000	\$79,965,953
LOSFA Total	\$230,960,102	\$425,935	\$41,450	\$67,399,036	\$52,350,908	\$351,177,431
LUMCON Total	\$1,257,696	\$375,000	\$5,100,000	\$1,078,189	\$4,034,667	\$11,845,552
LCTC SYS Total	\$63,611,202	\$0	\$177,469,651	\$68,646,162	\$0	\$309,727,015
LSU SYS Total	\$204,655,646	\$7,311,408	\$522,066,335	\$220,565,901	\$13,018,275	\$967,617,565
SU SYS Total	\$24,488,163	\$4,896,768	\$71,513,824	\$24,976,212	\$3,654,209	\$129,529,176
UL SYS Total	\$119,788,034	\$74,923	\$547,693,145	\$115,986,357	\$0	\$783,542,459
Grand Total	\$652,511,192	\$37,546,031	\$1,326,614,704	\$533,675,165	\$83,058,059	\$2,633,405,151

Regents' Highlights

- ✓ The Board of Regents held its annual joint meeting with BESE.
- ✓ The Board of Regents approved the following Academic and Student Affairs items:
 - Proposed New Programs:
 - AAS in Chemistry Laboratory Technology – Sowela TCC
 - Multiple Graduate Certificates (GC) – LSU A & M
 - School Librarianship; Math Advanced Secondary Instruction
 - Strategic Communication; Records and Information Management
 - Community Engagement; Applied Depositional Geosystems; and Analysis
 - Reauthorization of the Delgado Culinary Center for Workforce Excellence
 - Consent Agenda Items:
 - Routine Staff Reports
 - Staff Approval of Routine Academic Requests
 - Progress Reports for Conditionally Approved Programs/Units
 - Letters of Intent/Proposals in the Queue
- ✓ The Board of Regents approved the following Finance Committee Items:
 - FY 2015-2016 Operating Budget Distribution

Regents' Highlights Cont...

- ✓ The Board of Regents approved the following Planning Research and Performance Committee
 - Consent Agenda Items:
 - Initial Licenses
 - Bradley University
 - License Renewals
 - Binghamton University
 - Chamberlain College of Nursing
 - DeVry University
 - University of Alabama
 - University of Alabama at Birmingham
 - State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) Applications for the Following Institutions:
 - Louisiana State University – Eunice
 - Louisiana State University – Shreveport
 - New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
 - Our Lady of the Lake College
 - GRAD Act Year 5 Annual Review
- ✓ The Board of Regents approved the following Facilities and Property Committee items:
 - Consent Agenda (Small Capital Project Report)
 - LDCC Bastrop/West Monroe Campuses: Boiler Replacements
 - LA Tech: Lambright Wellness Center Build-Out
 - LSU A&M: Annex Building Renovations for Planning, Design, and Construction Department
 - LSU A&M: Kirby Smith Renovations – 11th Floor
 - LSU A&M: Renovation to Woodin Hall
 - LSU School of Veterinary Medicine: Replace AHU #'s 4 & 8
 - LSU A&M Studio Arts Buildings 29 & 31: Roof and Window Replacement
 - SU A&M: Athletic Fields Improvement Project
 - ULL: Intramural Administrative Building
 - Major Repair Fund Reallocation
 - HB2 Update
- ✓ The Board of Regents received an update on the 2015 Legislative Session
- ✓ The Board of Regents approved the following Sponsored Programs Committee items:
 - University-Based Research and Technology Transfer Pursuant to the Study and Report of the Master Plan Research Advisory Committee (MPRAC)
 - Conversion of Matched endowed Professorships and Chair to Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarships:
 - LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans
 - Pennington Biomedical Research Center
 - Endowed Chair Appointments
 - Centenary College of Louisiana
 - Pennington Biomedical Research Center
- ✓ The Board of Regents approved a two-year policy modification to the current minimum admissions standards to allow regional institutions to admit a student who requires one developmental course. The remedial course will be offered by the local community or technical community college or an HBCU. Use the following link to view documents with highlighted changes: <http://regents.louisiana.gov/la-minimum-admissions-standards/>

Joint Meeting with BESE



June Board Meeting

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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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