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## **Postsecondary Education Review Commission Approves Final Report**

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**BATON ROUGE, La.** – Members of the Postsecondary Education Review Commission completed their work today, recommending changes in higher education governance, improved accountability and stronger performance-based funding. The commission approved their final report after six months of studying the key postsecondary education issues in Louisiana.

Senator Ben Nevers, Chairman of the Postsecondary Education Review Commission, commended his staff, Commissioner of Higher Education Sally Clausen and the Board of Regents staff, Governor Bobby Jindal and his staff, and members of the commission for their hard work and focus. He also thanked Speaker of the House Jim Tucker who sponsored the legislation creating the commission and Senate President Joel Chaisson for appointing him to serve.

“Everyone took their job seriously knowing this work would be very difficult,” said Chairman Nevers. “This commission has been willing to put a stake in the ground in order to improve education for all the students and citizens of the state, and their work will make a tremendous difference in Louisiana for decades to come.”

In its final report, the commission made twenty-two recommendations focused on several key areas that are of major importance to the improvement of postsecondary education in Louisiana such as:

- Realigning the governance structure of Louisiana’s postsecondary education system to include a two-board structure (one for 4-year institutions and one for community and technical colleges)
- Providing that all lower division courses, or the first sixty hours of any baccalaureate degree program, are funded at the same rate
- Enhancing tuition and financial aid policies
- Dramatically improving graduation rates
- Aligning institutional missions and program offerings with economic priorities and workforce needs and,
- Reevaluating postsecondary education funding to place less emphasis on enrollment and increased emphases on institutional quality and performance.

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A full copy of the final report and recommendations can be found at [www.laperc.org](http://www.laperc.org) under “Recommendations.”

Act 309 of the 2009 Legislative Session calls for a written report from the Postsecondary Education Review Commission to be delivered to the Board of Regents by February 12, 2010. The Board of Regents will review the report and submit comments to the Legislature no later than February 26, 2010.

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