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**Regents Announce Special Meeting on SUNO/UNO Study**

BATON ROUGE, La. –The Board of Regents will hold a special meeting on **Tuesday, February 8, 2011** beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Louisiana Purchase Room of the Claiborne Building, 1201 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The purpose of the meeting is to hear from stakeholders and receive initial information from the National Center for Higher Education Management who has been contracted by Regents to provide a report no later than March 1, 2011 responding to Senate Resolution 123 by Senators Appel and Duplessis as well as a request by Governor Bobby Jindal to study whether students could be better served if the University of New Orleans (UNO) and Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) merged and were transferred to the University of Louisiana System.

“Regents takes its duty to study postsecondary education outcomes in New Orleans very seriously and I believe this meeting will provide an important opportunity for dialogue and input,” said Board of Regents Chairman Bob Levy.

An agenda for the February 8<sup>th</sup> meeting will be posted when it is finalized.

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