



Regents Recap

Regents Approves System Budgets

BATON ROUGE, La – Today, the Board of Regents approved the current year operating budgets for all higher education institutions, as required by law, after holding a series of budget hearings on yesterday.

“The budget is one of the most critical discussions in higher education,” said Board of Regents Chairman W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr. “These hearings allow us to analyze the detailed budgets of each system, understand their challenges, and dialogue about future plans and strategies.”

Highlights from the budget hearings include:

~The total higher education budget for FY 14-15 is \$2.634 billion.

~The revenues by source of funds for FY 14-15:

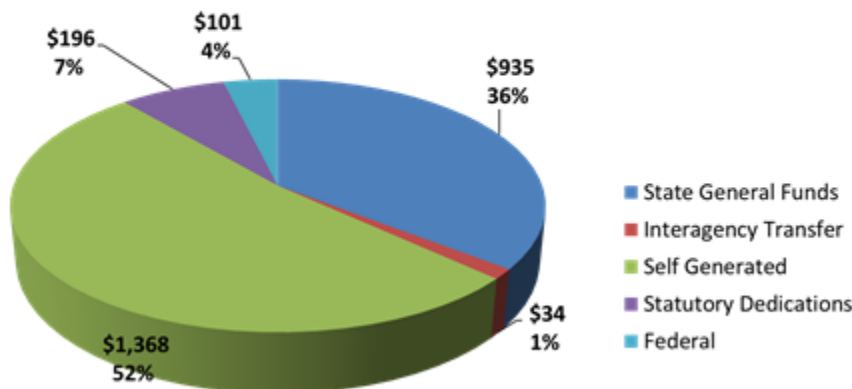
(In millions)

- State General Funds- \$935
- Statutory Dedications- \$196
- Interagency Transfer- \$34
- Self Generated- \$1,368
- Federal- \$101

“Overall our budget hearings went very well,” said Chairman Rasberry. “The system presidents have been extremely thoughtful about their budgetary plans and conveyed potential budget issues for the upcoming fiscal year.”

Rasberry also pointed out that institutions have fared better this year because they were able to keep tuition dollars. “It’s evident that there is an increased level of fiscal stability for our systems and we are all grateful for that.”

FY 2014-15 Revenues by Source of Funds
(In millions)



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Regents Create First Endowed Scholarship Program for Graduate and Professional Students

The Board of Regents Support Fund is inaugurating the new Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarships subprogram. For the first time, campuses, with direct contributions from private donors, will propose permanent endowments to aid graduate and professional students as well as post-doctoral fellows in targeted areas; the Regents will match competitively reviewed meritorious projects with dollars from the BoRSF. A \$60,000 non-State donation (or multiples thereof) will be matched with \$40,000 from the BoRSF. Available across all disciplines and graduate, first professional, and post-doctoral programs, priority will be given to enhance support for student scholarships and post-doctoral fellowships which target Louisiana's workforce needs as defined in the evolving Workforce Innovation for a Stronger Economy (WISE) Plan. This private/State approach will have a significant leveraging and multiplying effect for dollars in the Support Fund.

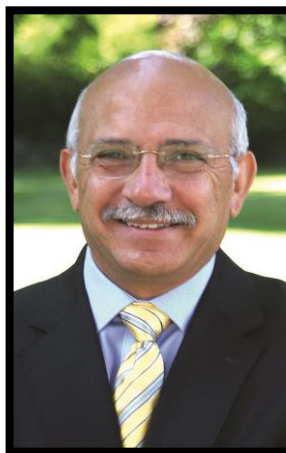
To ensure the success of the program, there are stringent accountability measures. Campuses will be required to coordinate across academic and fund-raising groups to align donor wishes with institutional, college, and departmental priorities. The annual competitive review process will emphasize these alignments in considering the relative merits of submitted proposals. Following the commitment of BoRSF match, the Regents and donors will receive annual reports for each endowed slot, and periodic comprehensive reviews will assure that the subprogram is meeting its goals and providing significant benefit to participating campuses.

"Reinforcing directions being taken by the WISE Council, the Regents' investment in graduate- and professional student success, as well as post-docs, will help shape Louisiana's high-skill workforce for the future," said Board Chair W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr.

Board Approves Three Finalists for Commissioner of Higher Education



Robin Capehart



Ray DiPasquale



Joseph Rallo

Regents Partners with LOSFA for College Application Month

Today, the board adopted a resolution which declares October 2014 as Louisiana College Application Month. Louisiana College Application Month (LCAM) is an extension of The American College Application Campaign, which is a national program aimed at increasing the number of first-generation, low-income students pursuing a college degree or other higher education credential. The goal of the campaign is to get more high school seniors to apply to college by providing them assistance in completing the admissions application process.

Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA), the Board of Regents, along with key education stakeholders in the State, have collaborated to develop and implement Louisiana College Application Month. Approximately 90 percent of middle grade students say they plan to go to college, yet by the time these same students are high school seniors, the numbers who actually apply are much lower. “This month we really want to focus on providing students with the support they need to navigate the sometimes complex college application process,” said LeAnn Detillier, Assistant Commissioner for Program Administration. “We ultimately want to increase the amount of students who actually enroll in a Louisiana college or university.”

Regents Highlights

- ✓ The Board of Regents approved the following Sponsored Programs Committee Items:
 - Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarships Subprogram
 - Recommendations of the BoRSF Planning Committee
 - Preliminary to FY 2015-16 Plan and Budget (see agenda for details)
 - FY 2015-16 BoRSF Plan and Budget
 - BoRSF priorities as additional funds become available
 - FY 2015-16 Development of Tiered Endowed Professorships Subprogram
 - Request for the University of Louisiana at Lafayette to Divide Two BoRSF-Matched Endowed Professorship
- ✓ The Board of Regents approved the following Planning, Research and Performance Committee Items:
 - R.S. 17 : 1808 (Licensure)
 - Initial Licenses
 - Armstrong State University
 - Catholic University of America
 - Samford University
 - Stevens-Henager College
 - University of Texas – Arlington
 - License Renewals
 - Indiana State University
 - University of North Carolina
 - Vanderbilt University
 - Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission
 - Initial Licenses
 - Advantage Dental Academy , LLC
 - Coastal Truck Driving School of New Orleans, LLC
 - Dental Assisting Academy of Louisiana, LLC
 - Mia’s Medical Academy, LLC
 - Oklahoma College of Construction
 - License Renewals
 - GRAD Act Targeted Measures for Law Centers
 - GRAD Act Remediation Plans (update received)

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- ✓ The Board of Regents approved the following Executive Committee items:
 - Revision to the Board of Regents' Bylaws and Procedures [BPP 6.1(a)]
 - The report in response to Senator Jean-Paul Morrell's request for a comprehensive report on sexual assault on campuses.
- ✓ The Board of Regents approved an update on the Commissioner of Higher Education Search.
 - Stakeholder interviews: October 7-8.
 - Special meeting of the Board of Regents on Oct 9, 2014
 - Link to Commissioner's Search webpage:
<http://regents.louisiana.gov/slider/commissioners-search/>
- ✓ The Board of Regents approved the following Academic Affairs items:
 - Letter of Intent
 - BAS in Resource Management - Northwestern
 - Proposed New Programs
 - GC in Higher Education Administration – LA Tech
 - Proposed New Center of Excellence
 - Southwest Economic & Entrepreneurial Development (SEED) Center of Workforce Excellence – McNeese
 - An update on the Teacher Preparation Data Dashboard
 - Consent Agenda Items
- ✓ The Board of Regents reviewed and accepted the FY 2014- 2015 operating budgets.
- ✓ The Board of Regents received an approved a WISE Council Subcommittee Report which includes the following updated distribution:

| System Summary | WISE Distribution | Direct Appropriations | Total Investment |
|----------------|---------------------|---|---------------------|
| LCTCS Total | \$11,973,578 | \$0 | \$11,973,578 |
| LSU Total | \$12,883,899 | \$1,500,000 to Pennington | \$14,383,899 |
| ULS Total | \$9,498,871 | \$1,000,000 to ULM; \$1,000,000 to La Tech | \$11,498,871 |
| SU System | \$2,000,000 | \$0 | \$2,000,000 |
| LUMCON | \$143,652 | | \$143,652 |
| TOTAL | \$36,500,000 | \$3,500,000 | \$40,000,000 |

**Note: The allocation is based on the following parameters:*

- 1) Best case scenario for each system using either the Short Term or Long Term Occupational Forecast
- 2) Only funding the programs that lead to 4 and 5 star jobs that require increasing the production of completers
- 3) Including the higher costs for the health science centers
- 4) Acknowledging 15 credit hours for technical competency areas
- 5) Acknowledging the average number of credit hours required to complete programs with the exception of Doctoral Programs which are calculated on an 80-20 Workforce/Research ratio
- 6) Providing a minimum level of support to a Higher Education System

About Regents

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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