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Regents Recap

Regents Targets Critical Job Vacancies through New Endowed Two-Year Student Scholarship Program

Today, the Board of Regents established a new Endowed Two-Year Student Workforce Scholarship subprogram. To leverage and expand available resources, Regents will use Support Fund dollars to match private contributions in a statewide competitive program. The initiative will provide scholarship opportunities for students on two-year campuses to become job-ready for high-demand four- and five-star jobs.

“The focused private/State investment in training students to fill critical job vacancies will help to immediately address the needs of industry while expanding employment opportunities and quality of life for Louisiana’s citizens,” said Board Chairman, W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr. The Board is expected to approve the RFP for the subprogram by May 2015 and full implementation is anticipated for July 2015.

Regents Makes Recommendations for Statewide Research Priorities

Based on a competitive statewide review, and advice from external consultants, Regents approved the following five priority areas for research investment leading to technology transfer and innovation, with special attention to the top-ranked three:

- ✓ Advanced Manufacturing and Materials
- ✓ Life Sciences and Bioengineering
- ✓ Digital Media and Enterprise Software
- ✓ Coastal and Water Management
- ✓ Clean Technology and Energy

Full report: <https://web.laregents.org/program-evaluations/bor-master-plan-research-component/>.

Also, based on the review panel’s report, the Regents approved the following initiatives to advance and support institutional research:

- ✓ Expand Proof-of-Concept and Prototype Funding
- ✓ Develop Statewide “Best Practices” for Technology Transfer
- ✓ Establish Two New Board of Regents Websites
 - a. Highlight Task Force Priorities for Research Innovation
 - b. Portal to Provide Interactive Searchable Databank of Available Technologies
- ✓ Invest future WISE “research” dollars in priority areas identified through competitive review

Findings and recommendations of the Board of Regents are the result of a three-year study by the Master Plan Research Advisory Committee (MPRAC), which the Regents established in 2012. From its inception, MPRAC has worked closely with the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, Battelle, and the Louisiana Innovation Council. “The statewide review of priorities, highlighted by recommendations of the external review panel, will greatly assist the State in accomplishing the Regents’ 2011 Master Plan research/innovation goal,” said Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs.

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Regents Nominates 2015 Officers

The following members were nominated to serve in leadership capacities for the Board of Regents in 2015. The board will formally elect and install its officers at a special meeting in January.

Board Officers:

Roy O. Martin - Chairman (Alexandria)

Richard Lipsey- Vice Chairman (Baton Rouge)

Joe Farr - Secretary (Monroe)

Executive Committee:

William "Bill" Fenstermaker (Lafayette)

Robert Levy (Ruston)

Ed Markle (New Orleans)

Joe Wiley (Gonzales)



Roy O. Martin
Chairman

"I appreciate the support of my colleagues on the Board of Regents. I look forward to working with them, along with the Governor, the administration, the legislature, the new commissioner, and the higher education community. Our collective leadership will be critical in addressing workforce needs and to enhance the economic viability of this state."

*~ Roy O. Martin
2015 BoR Chairman*



Richard Lipsey
Vice Chairman



Joe Farr
Secretary

Board Meeting Highlights and Actions

- ✓ The Board of Regents approved the following Planning, Research and Performance Committee Items:
- ✓ -R.S. 17 : 1808 (Licensure)
 - Initial Licenses
 - Auburn University
 - Brandman University
 - Loyola University Chicago
 - University of Michigan – Flint
 - University of Mississippi
 - University of Texas El Paso
 - University of West Florida
 - License Renewals
 - Arkansas State University
 - Grantham University

The Board of Regents approved the following Planning, Research and Performance Committee Items cont...

-Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission

-License Renewals:

-Allied Prep Technical Institute, LLC

-Divine Touch Healthcare Training, LLC

-The 2014 TOPS Report

-Response to Study Resolution of the Louisiana Legislature – HCR 21

-An update: State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA)

✓ The Board of Regents approved the following Facilities and Property Committee Items:

-Board of Regents Facilities Policy Revision

-Amendment to the BoR FY 2015-2016 Capital Outlay Budget Recommendation

-IEB Scope Change: LSU HSC-S Capital Improvement Projects

-Consent Agenda (Small Capital Projects Report)

-La Tech- A.E. Phillips Lab School: Addition of Classrooms

-LSU A&M – East Campus Apartments: Split Direct Expansion Air Conditioning Equipment, Buildings, 5-14

-LSU A&M FETI Administration Building: Roof Project

-LSU A&M- E. Kirby Smith: Replace Existing Chiller

-LSU A&M- Old President's House Interior Renovation: Window and Door Replacement, Including Hazardous Materials

-LSU A&M-Geology Building: Replace Air Handler Units 3511 & 3512

-SLCC- Ardoin Building Renovation: Workforce Development & Office Suite Addition

-SOWELA- Aviation Maintenance Technology Hangar Renovation

-ULM – New Water Ski Team Facility

✓ The Board of Regents approved the following Academic and Student Affairs Committee items:

-Proposed Program Terminations:

-BS/Middle School Ed GR 4-8 & BS/Early Childhood Ed Pk-3- Nicholls

-Centers of Excellence:

-Industrial and Process Technology CWE (Sowela TCC) *Conditional Approval*

-Feist-Weiller Cancer Center (CRE, LSUHSC-S)

-Consent Agenda Items:

-National Center for Advanced Manufacturing (LSU)

-Center for Rotating Machinery (LSU)

-Center for Internal Auditing (LSU)

-George W. and Jean H. Pugh Institute for Justice (LSU Law Center)

-Routine Staff Reports

✓ The Board of Regents approved the following Sponsored Programs Committee items:

-Proposed BoRSF Endowed WISE (Tier One) Two-Year Student Scholarship Subprogram

-Master Plan Goal: Recommendations of the Statewide Review Panel

-Request from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette to Divide a BoRSF Matched Endowed Professorship

-NASA LaSPACE Request for Continuation of BoRSF Matching

-Approval of Tulane University Appointment to the Master Plan Research Advisory Committee

-Survey: FY 2013-2014 Endowed Chairs and Endowed Professorships Vacancy Rate

✓ The Board of Regents approved the 2015 Slate of Officers and Non-Office Members on the Executive Committee. (see above)

✓ The Board of Regents Received an Update on Ongoing Litigation during the LUMCON Committee.

Regents holds Joint Meeting with BESE

The Louisiana Board of Regents held its bi-annual joint meeting with the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education today.

Several presentations which impact both the higher education and K-12 community were delivered, including the Louisiana Education Quality Trust Fund Annual Report, updates to the weighted TOPS GPA approved list of courses, a report regarding Louisiana's FAFSA completion rate, and legislative resolutions. Dr. Jeanne Burns, the Associate Commissioner for Teacher and Leadership Initiatives, provided an update on the teacher preparation data dashboard and highlights of the teacher preparation programs which included the following:

- ✓ 100% of LA's university teacher preparation programs are nationally accredited (49% are nationally accredited across the country);
- ✓ 99% of 2011-2012 undergraduate completers and 100% of 2011-2012 alternate completers passed all licensure assessment for State certification
14 of 17 undergraduate programs and 14 of 19 alternate programs had completers whose median GPAs were 3.0 or higher when entering their programs; and
- ✓ Actual clock hours of clinical experiences for undergraduate student teachers ranged from 400 to 600 clock hours (over 10 to 16 weeks) for 30 to 40 hours per week; Undergraduates completed 180 or more clock hours of clinical experiences prior to student teaching resulting in completion of 580 to 785 clock hours of total clinical experiences in the program with many starting clinical experiences during the sophomore year.

"We could not do the dashboard if all entities were not working together," said Dr. Burns. "It's another great example of collaboration between the Board of Regents and BESE to enhance the effectiveness of new teachers."



Superintendent John White and newly appointed Commissioner Joseph Rallo during today's joint meeting with BESE.

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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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