



Regents Recap

Regents Approves the FY2015-2016 Funding Recommendation

Baton Rouge, LA – Today, the Board of Regents approved the recommended funding distribution for FY 2015-2016.

The Executive Budget allocates a funding level of \$390.9M State General Fund (SGF) for the upcoming fiscal year. An additional \$608.3M is needed to fully fund higher education in the ensuing fiscal year. Therefore, the anticipated SGF needed to remain at the existing funding level for FY 15-16 is \$999.2M. Currently, SGF is budgeted at \$924.1M, however, increases in the Taylor Opportunity for Parents & Students (TOPS) program, funds needed to fully fund the Workforce Innovation for a Stronger Economy (WISE) program, and operational needs at the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Aid increased the need by \$75.2M.

Board of Regents (BOR) is required to fund TOPS and other mandates in the amount of \$267.2M of the \$390.8M currently available. Therefore, \$123.5M is available to fund all higher education entities. BOR recommends spreading the \$123.5M on a pro rata basis. This preliminary recommendation is based on available funds provided within the Executive Budget. The final distribution will be determined by the funds appropriated in the enrolled version of the appropriations bill (HB1) and will be presented for approval at the June meeting.

State General Fund Budget

(Figures in Millions)

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| FY 14-15 End of Budget State General Funds | \$924.10 |
| Less Contingent Funds | (\$372.10) |
| Less Reductions | (\$161.20) |
| Funds Provided in Executive Budget | \$390.90 |
| Less TOPS, LOSFA & PTAC | (\$267.30) |
| Base Funds to Distribute for All Institutions | \$123.60 |
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| State General Fund Need Requested* (No Cut) | \$999.20 |
| Base Funds Provided in Executive Budget | (\$390.90) |
| Total Shortfall | \$608.30 |

*Includes funding for WISE, Equity & STEM.

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Regents' Highlights

- ✓ The Board of Regents Academic and Student Affairs items:
 - Conditional approval of the following Graduate Certificates at LSU and A&M College:
 - Behavior and Health
 - Econometrics
 - Life Span Studies
 - Fisheries Science and Assessment
 - Geographic Information Science, and
 - Workforce Development.
 - Conditional approval of a Master of Science in Nursing at the University of Louisiana at Monroe.
 - Approval of the termination/ elimination of the following:
 - PhD in Curriculum and Instruction
 - MEd and PhD in Special Education
 - BS in Early Childhood Education: GR PreK – 3
 - PhD in Political Science
 - Department of Geography
 - Approval of the designation of the Stanley S. Scott Cancer Center at LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans as a Center of Research Excellence under BoR/AA Policy 2.05A, through May 2020.
 - Full approval of the continued designation of the Deepwater Center for Workforce Excellence at Fletcher Technical Community College, with a report and proposal for continued designation as a CWE due by 1 March 2020.
 - Approval of the draft changes to Academic Affairs Policy 2.05A, Centers of Excellence.
 - Approval of Consent Agenda Items:
 - Routine Staff Reports
 - a. Progress Reports for Conditionally Approved/Units
 - b. Past Due Reports
 - c. Letters of Intent/Proposals in Queue
- ✓ The Board of Regents Facilities and Property items:
 - Approval of Small Capital Projects Report (see agenda for list)
 - Approval of Major Repair Fund Reallocations
 - Pennington
 - McNeese State
- ✓ The Board of Regents Sponsored Program items:
 - Approval of Centenary's request to appoint Dr. Dana Kress to the Arthur and Emily Webb Chair of International Studies, and Dr. Jefferson Hendricks to the George A. Wilson Eminent Scholars Chair of American Literature with the stipulation that Centenary College will submit to the Commissioner of Higher Education a report of activities for each chairholder annually in May during the first three years of appointment. Reports will reference the standards of performance listed in the Endowed Chairs policy, the original proposal, and Centenary's letters of appointment to Dr. Kress and Dr. Hendricks.
 - Approval of the revisions to the Endowed Chairs for Eminent Scholars subprogram policy as reflected in the Appendix to the summary. Revisions in the Endowed Chairs for Eminent Scholars Subprogram Policy
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Regents' Highlights Cont...

-Approval of the nominations of Mr. Daniel Roberts, Vice President for Academics and Student Affairs, to the BoRSF Planning Committee and Mr. Joe Marin, Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration, to the BoRSF Planning and Advisory Committees.

- ✓ The Board of Regents granted approval of the following Planning Research and Performance items:

-Consent Agenda

-R.S. 17:1808 (Licensure)

Initial License

-Gallaudet University

License Renewal

-Relay Graduate School of Education

Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission

Initial Licenses

-Caring Minds Resource and Training Services, LLC

-Goodwill Industries of Southeastern Louisiana, Inc.

-Mid City College, Inc.

-Tulsa Welding School & Technology Center

License Renewals

-Baton Rouge School of Court Reporting (01/26/06)

-Blue Cliff College--Lafayette (01/27/00)

-Coastal College--Hammond (02/23/89)

-Dryades YMCA School of Commerce (02/27/97)

-ITI Technical College (01/27/00)

-Lafourche Merchant Marine Training Services (01/27/10)

-Louisiana Dental Assistant School, LLC (01/27/05)

-Moore Career College, Inc. (01/27/10)

-Southwest Dental Academy, LLC (01/25/12)

-Tulsa Welding School--Jacksonville Campus (01/27/10)

- ✓ Application for Institutional Participation in SARA for McNeese State University, Our Lady of Holy Cross College, Louisiana State University A&M, and Northwestern State University, and authorize staff to submit the approved applications to NC-SARA for final approval of SARA membership. -WyoTech--Florida (01/27/10)
- ✓ The Board of Regents granted approval of the following Legislative Committee Items:
 - To authorize the Commissioner and staff to pursue the BoR Legislative Agenda during the upcoming 2015 Regular Session as necessary, with regular reports to the Board; and
 - To authorize the Commissioner of Higher Education and the Chairman of the Board to act on its behalf on legislative issues that may arise during the 2015 Regular Session.
- ✓ The Board of Regents granted approval of the FY2015-16 Funding Recommendation.

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