



Regents Recap

JANUARY 22, 2009

Higher Education Facing Significant Budget Cuts

BATON ROUGE, La– The Board of Regents received word from the Division of Administration last week concerning potential reductions to the 2009-10 budget. The Division of Administration is asking Regents and systems to develop and submit plans to reduce next year's overall higher education budget by between \$212 million and \$382 million. This represents potential reductions ranging from 19% to over 31% from original budget levels for the current year.

Commissioner of Higher Education Sally Clausen shared the initial figures with each of the system presidents last week and has asked that they provide individual campuses' plans to her by next week for review.

Each system's preliminary cuts are as follows:

	Range of Reductions		
LSU System	97,528,763	to	175,797,836
SU System	13,410,873	to	24,173,407
UL System	64,590,813	to	116,426,425
LCTCS	28,587,793	to	51,530,154

“Clearly, higher education is vital to the economy of our state,” said Commissioner Clausen. “While we recognize the reality of these difficult times, we must also make the case for supporting higher education and the students we serve. Ultimately, when it comes to building a better economy in Louisiana we are part of the solution, not part of the problem.”

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Board of Regents Highlights

The Board of Regents approved the following items during its January 22, 2009 meeting:

- Lease-North Louisiana Criminalistics Laboratory Commission Facility
- Board of Regents Support Fund Plan and Budget for 2009-10
- Board of Regents Support Fund Advisory Committee, Planning Committee & EPSCoR Subcommittee Membership Nominations
- Schedule of Technical Course Substitutes for Select Academic Courses Required by New High School Graduation Requirements
- Initial License-Multi-Cultural Education Community Center of Achievement (MECCA)
- License Renewals-Baton Rouge College, Grantham University, Herzing College