



Regents Recap

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Regents Announce Appointments to Postsecondary Review Commission

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BATON ROUGE, La.— The Board of Regents today approved the appointment of two nationally recognized education leaders to the Postsecondary Review Commission. The nine member commission is charged with reviewing all aspects of postsecondary education and recommending necessary changes to ensure efficiency, effectiveness and service to students, families and the citizens of Louisiana. Legislation creating the commission was authored by Speaker of the House Jim Tucker during the 2009 Session and is awaiting the signature of Governor Bobby Jindal.

The Board of Regents appointees are:

- Dr. Mark Musick, who holds the Quillen Chair of Excellence in Teaching and Learning at East Tennessee State University and is the former CEO and President of the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) where he served for more than 30 years; and
- Dr. David Longanecker, President of the Western Interstate Commission of Higher Education in Boulder, Colorado, the western states' counterpart to the SREB. Dr. Longanecker also served six years as the Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education at the U.S. Department of Education.

“Louisiana is once again leading the way as we approach the budget realities facing our state,” said Commissioner Clausen. “For this commission, and especially our appointees, this exercise will be less about focusing on our challenges and more about seeking all possible opportunities.”

“You are not alone in these difficult times,” said Dr. Gordon Davies, Senior Advisor for the Lumina Foundation and board member for the National Center for Higher Education and Public Policy, who addressed the Regents on their efforts. “It may be tougher here than any other state, other than California, but you are grappling with it in a more straight forward way, unlike any other state,” Davies said.

The Regents also thanked the President of the Council for a Better Louisiana, Barry Erwin, who has been following the discussions surrounding higher education funding during the legislative session which ends later today.

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“We feel whatever the situation with the budget, the mission of higher education is critically important,” said Erwin. “The options the legislators will eventually receive from this commission are not the ones they will like, or what they are expecting. However, what they will see will be transformative and we’ll see what happens after that.”

The first monthly meeting of the Postsecondary Review Commission must be scheduled by August 15, 2009. The commission is expected to submit a report with recommendations to the Board of Regents no later than February 12, 2010. The Regents will then send the report to the Legislature by February 26, 2010.

By law, the membership of the commission will include: two gubernatorial appointees, two Board of Regents appointees (named today), one appointee by the Board of Regents Chairman, the President of the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools, the Speaker of the House or his designee, the President of the Senate or his designee, and the President of the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education.

“One of the things that is so unusual is the collaborative nature of this commission,” noted Davies during his comments to the board. “The Regents need allies to accomplish the kind of change you envision. Place service first, and savings second, and you’ll be successful,” Davies encouraged.

Board of Regents Actions

The Board of Regents approved the following items during its June 25, 2009 meeting:

- Funding recommendations for Endowed Professorships and additional Endowed Chairs submitted during the 2008-09 cycle.
- Initial License-Lamar University, Beaumont, TX
- License Renewal-Graceland University, Independence, MO
- An update on higher education hurricane preparedness
- BA-7 requests from the LSU Board of Supervisors
- Academic Common Market Report
- Distance Learning Program Report
- Routine Academic Requests for:

LTC Bastrop, Jefferson, Oakdale, Sabine Valley	McNeese
UL-Monroe	Grambling
Northwestern	

By the Numbers.....

- The Academic Common Market was established by the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) in 1974 so that states could share academic degree programs. If a student's home state does not offer a degree program, a student can attend a cooperating public institution in another participating state with a waiver of out-of-state tuition. Currently, LA residents have access to **93** undergraduate and **177** graduate programs through SREB member states.
- Louisiana college students also have access to **100** in-state Distance Learning Programs. The largest number of offerings, **23**, are in the field of Education. Two-year institutions offer **27** programs (Delgado offers most); the remaining **73** programs are delivered by four-year institutions (Northwestern offers most).

Upcoming
Board of Regents
Meetings:

July
NO MEETING

Aug. 26-27

Sept. 23-24

Program Updates

The Board of Regents approved the following program terminations:

B.S. in Hotel and Restaurant Management-Grambling

A.S. in Criminal Justice-Grambling

**The Board of Regents approved the following administrative reorganizations:
Consolidate Division of Business and Technology with the Division of Nursing and Allied Health (LSU-Eunice)**

Consolidate four existing academic colleges into the College of Arts & Sciences and the College of Business, Education and Human Development (LSU-Shreveport)

The Board of Regents approved the following progress reports for existing conditionally approved programs:

Fletcher Technical Community College-A.A.S. in Radiologic Technology

LSU A&M-Center for Geoinformatics

LSU-Alexandria-B.S. in Business Administration

Louisiana Technical College-Shreveport-A.A.S. in Culinary Arts & Occupations, A.A.S. in Office Systems & Technology, A.A.S in Drafting and Design Technology

Louisiana Delta Community College-A.S. in Nursing

South Louisiana Community College-A.A.S. in Emergency Health Science

Baton Rouge Community College-A.S. in Computer Information Systems, A.S. in Nursing, A.A.S. in Entertainment Technologies

Fletcher Technical Community College/Nicholls State University-A.S. to B.S. in Nursing Articulation Plan

University of New Orleans-Hospitality Research Center

Nicholls State University-B.S. in Manufacturing Engineering Technology

Louisiana Tech University-Post-Baccalaureate Certificate (PBC) in Information Assurance, Ph.D. in Industrial/Organizational Psychology, Center for Applied Teaching and Learning to Yield Scientific Thinking (CATALYST)

Southeastern Louisiana University-B.S. in Sport Management

Southern University-New Orleans-B.A. in Public Administration