



Regents Recap

OCTOBER 21-22, 2009

Regents Begin Budget Talks

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BATON ROUGE, La.— Budget discussions for Louisiana's colleges and universities began on Wednesday during the Finance Committee of the Board of Regents. Although considerable uncertainty exists with respect to the precise budget circumstances for the 2010-2011 cycle, indications from the Administration are that an additional reduction of approximately \$150 million can be expected next fiscal year.

Representatives from the LSU System, University of Louisiana System, Southern University System, the Louisiana Community and Technical College System, the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium and the Louisiana Office for Student Financial Assistance each made presentations outlining how they responded to last years' budget cuts and how they might address additional cuts in state funding both this year and next.

Budget projections from Regents staff estimate that higher education budgets in Louisiana could fall from a total of \$1.425 billion for 2008-09 to as low as \$819.7 million in 2011-12 due to a reduction in state funding as well as loss of federal stimulus dollars. This would represent a 44.4% reduction in funding for postsecondary education since its peak 2008 level.

"We will continue to make progress towards our goals," said University of New Orleans Chancellor Tim Ryan. "It will just be much harder."

Possible cost savings efforts outlined by system and campus representatives include shifting all remedial courses to the community and technical college system, sharing of assets between LCTCS and the UL System due to their physical proximity, centralizing financial aid and/or enrollment services, implementing more online courses, eliminating academic offerings, increasing student fees and possible faculty and staff layoffs. Several speakers noted that the only way to offset the budget reductions being discussed is to seek additional revenues, find additional efficiencies, and reduce academic program offerings.

"We're going to have to find some additional revenues," said LSU A&M Chancellor Mike Martin. "Failing to do that successfully, we will have to cut programs and that is a daunting task for us to face. It is a disheartening thought to talk about backing up, but we have very few places to cut and not do harm," Martin noted.

The state of Louisiana expects a budget shortfall of approximately \$900 million for 2010-11 and a \$1.9 billion shortfall in the following year.

Academic & Student Affairs Action

Upcoming
Board of Regents
Meetings:

November
NO MEETING

December 2-3

2010
Board of Regents
Meetings:

January 27-28

February 24-25

March 24-25

April 21-22

May 26-27

June 23-24

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

Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at New Orleans-M.S.N. in Nurse Educator

Louisiana State University Shreveport and Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center Shreveport
Joint Masters of Public Health

Nicholls State University-B.S. in Athletic Training

Baton Rouge Community College
A.S. in Criminal Justice

Southern University A&M
M.S. in Criminal Justice, M.E. in Engineering,
Ph.D. in Urban Forestry,
International Center for Information Technology and Development

Southern University at New Orleans
B.A. in Child Development and Family Studies, B.A. in English, B.A. in History,
B.S. in Mathematics, M.A. in Museum Studies

The Board of Regents approved the following Redesigned Graduate Education Programs for Teachers:

University of New Orleans & Louisiana College
Master of Arts in Teaching

McNeese State University
Non-Master's/Certification Only Programs in two new areas

The Board of Regents approved the following appointments to the Blue Ribbon Commission:

Dr. Robert Prickett, Centenary College
Kwame Asante, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

Board of Regents Highlights

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

- FY 2010-2011 Capital Outlay Budget Recommendations
- Update to Regents' 2010-2015 Strategic Plan
- Update to Regents' 2010-2011 Operational Plan

Low-Completer Review Expands

BATON ROUGE, La.– In January, 2009, the Board of Regents identified more than 650 “low-completer” programs which had failed to produce a minimum number of completers between 2003-2008. Among those low-completer programs were 163 housed on campuses which had been significantly damaged in 2005 by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Noting likely data anomalies caused by the displacement of students from these impacted campuses, Regents decided to maintain these programs temporarily until data from 2008-09 could be used.

The established standards to be met by campuses are:

- **Undergraduate Programs**-an average of 8 completers per year or a minimum of 40 graduates within 5 years
- **Masters/Specialist Programs**-an average of 5 completers per year or a minimum of 25 graduates within 5 years
- **Doctoral Programs**-an average of 2 completers per year or a minimum of 10 graduates within 5 years

The 150 hurricane impacted, “low-completer” programs listed below have until October 26, 2009 to terminate the program, defend the continuation of the program, or provide any other comments they deem relevant to the Board of Regents. Staff will then review the submissions and report back to the Board of Regents with recommendations in December.

Campus	Doctor	Master	Bachelor	Assoc.	Diploma	Cert.	Other	TOTAL
LSUHSC-NO	5	6	1	1	0	0	1	14
UNO	2	9	1	0	0	0	1	13
Delgado	0	0	0	8	0	4	0	12
Nunez	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	4
Sowela	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	4
LTC-	0	0	0	0	8	10	0	18
LTC-Sidney	0	0	0	0	10	14	0	24
LTC-Slidell	0	0	0	0	11	11	0	22
LTC-Sullivan	0	0	0	0	11	12	0	23
LTC-West Jefferson	0	0	0	0	8	8	0	16
TOTAL	7	15	2	12	51	61	2	150

Three hurricane-affected campuses do not have low-completer programs listed on this chart. SUNO's programs were reviewed immediately after Hurricane Katrina. At that time, all low-completer programs were eliminated. McNeese and Fletcher elected to have their low-completer programs reviewed along with all other non-hurricane affected institutions earlier this year.

CALL Program Grows

BATON ROUGE, La. –The Center for Adult Learning in Louisiana (CALL) initiative will double its inventory of programs from eight to sixteen as a result of action from the Board of Regents today. CALL is a joint initiative between the Board of Regents, the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) and the Consortium for Education, Research and Technology of North Louisiana aimed at making it easier for Louisiana adults to earn a degree or other college credential.

In May, the Regents adopted a Strategic Plan which included an expansion of the CALL initiative through additional campuses and academic programs. Total funding for the expansion amounts to \$155,712.

CALL aims to expand adult participation in postsecondary education by:

- Better understanding the needs of adult learners in Louisiana
- Establishing innovative programming to respond to those needs
- Aggressively promoting adult learning services and programming
- Creating convenient pathways to postsecondary certificates and degrees.

CALL Program Offerings (* Indicates new program)

Bossier Parish Community College

* Associate of Applied Science in Network Security Specialist (2-year Degree)

* Associate of Applied Science Degree in Telecommunications
with a concentration in Media Studies(2-year Degree)

Associate of Applied Science in Business Administration (2-Year Degree)

Associate of Applied Science in Computer Information Systems (2-Year Degree)

Associate of General Studies with a concentration in Business (2-Year Degree)

Northwestern State University

Bachelors of General Studies (4-Year Degree)

* Bachelor of Science (BS) in Addiction Studies

* Bachelor of Science (BS) in Psychology
with a concentration in Substance Abuse

* Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Journalism

* RN to BSN (Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing)

Louisiana State University at Eunice

* Associate of Applied Science in Fire and Emergency Services (2-year Degree)

Associate of Science in Criminal Justice

McNeese State University

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

Southeastern Louisiana University

Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing

University of Louisiana at Monroe

Bachelor of Science in Health Studies with Healthcare Management/Marketing Option

* Bachelor of Science (BS) in Dental Hygiene

University of Louisiana System

* Collaborative Bachelor of Science (BS) in Business

