

**Board of Regents Meeting  
February 25, 2013**

**REVISED EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**AGENDA ITEM VI. A.  
Renegotiated GRAD Act Targeted Measures**

Act 741 of 2010 and Act 418 of 2011, Granting Resources and Autonomy for Diplomas, commonly referred to as the GRAD Act, require the institutions, their management boards and the Board of Regents to enter into six-year GRAD Act Agreements (Agreement). The Agreement includes Performance Objectives, Elements, and Measures (Targeted, Tracked, and Descriptive). Under the GRAD Act, the Board of Regents is authorized to raise the level of existing measures or add new measures.

Since the original negotiations of GRAD Act in 2010, a number of LCTCS institutions have either merged, transformed or transferred. Two campuses, Central Louisiana Technical College and Northshore Technical College have been transformed into Technical Community Colleges. This transformation into Technical Community Colleges will be an evolutionary process with the eventual accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. In the interim, these campuses will continue to be evaluated and graded as technical colleges for GRAD Act purposes. Therefore, no changes to these institutions' current GRAD Act Agreement are being proposed.

As a result of acts of the legislature in 2012, Northeast Louisiana Technical College was merged into Louisiana Delta Community College (LDCC) and Acadiana Technical College was merged into South Louisiana Community College (SLCC). As a result of these mergers, the GRAD Act agreements for the previous technical colleges were terminated and the GRAD Act Agreements for LDCC and SLCC were renegotiated to reflect the additional enrollment and programs resulting from the mergers.

Another recent event which occurred in LCTCS was the transfer of the Morgan Smith campus of Central Louisiana Technical College to SOWELA Technical Community College. Although not as dramatic as a merger of multi-campus institutions, the transfer of the Morgan Smith campus did impact overall enrollment, retention and completers at SOWELA.

Over the past months, the impacted institutions (SLCC, LDCC, SOWELA) have determined the appropriate levels of existing measures impacted by the mergers/transfers and negotiated final draft benchmarks and targets with Regents' staff. As of today (Wednesday), final negotiations with one of the campuses are ongoing. The renegotiated Targeted Measures (with corresponding annual benchmarks and end-of-Agreement targets), which will revise the Attachment D of the GRAD Act Agreements for the institutions, will be emailed to Board of Regents' members by close of business Thursday.

**Senior Staff recommends that the Board of Regents approve the revised Targeted Measures (and the corresponding annual benchmarks and end-of-Agreement targets) for Attachment D of the GRAD Act Agreements for Louisiana Delta Community College, South Louisiana Community College and SOWELA Technical Community College.**

## **AGENDA ITEM VI. B. Additional GRAD Act Targeted Measures**

Act 741 of 2010 and Act 418 of 2011, Granting Resources and Autonomy for Diplomas, commonly referred to as the GRAD Act, require the institutions, their management boards and the Board of Regents to enter into six-year GRAD Act Agreements (Agreement). Under the GRAD Act, the Board of Regents is authorized to add additional measures. The Agreement includes Performance Objectives, Elements, and Measures (Targeted, Tracked, and Descriptive). The Agreement requires that for Tracked Measures, baseline and actual data be reported in the first two annual reports. After year two, the Tracked Measures are to be examined to determine whether any should be converted to Targeted Measures (with annual benchmarks and 6-year targets), where appropriate.

During the fall 2012, Regents' staff met with System GRAD Act Liaisons to establish new Targeted Measures and to examine all Tracked Measures to determine which Tracked Measures to convert to Targeted Measures, as applicable. Since the more common measures (retention, graduation, and completion rates) were established in the original Agreements, it was anticipated that the new measures would not be applicable to all campuses. As a result of these meetings, the Regents' staff recommended and the Board of Regents adopted in December 2012, a menu of Targeted Measures with the requirement that each institution choose at least one additional Targeted Measure for each Performance Objective (up to the total number of additional measures).

Since the Board's adoption of the menu of measures in December, the institutions have determined their appropriate Targeted Measures, established annual benchmarks and end-of-Agreement targets, and negotiated final draft benchmarks and targets with Regents' staff. As of today (Wednesday), final negotiations with a few campuses remain ongoing. The additional Targeted Measures (with corresponding annual benchmarks and end-of-Agreement targets) which will be added to Attachment D of the GRAD Act Agreements for the institutions in LCTCS will be emailed to Board of Regents' members by close of business Thursday. (NOTE: The additional Targeted Measures for the LSU, SU and UL systems were adopted by the Board at its meeting on January 23rd.)

**Senior Staff recommends that the Board of Regents approve the additional Targeted Measures (and the corresponding annual benchmarks and end-of-Agreement targets) which will be added to Attachment D of the GRAD Act Agreements for the institutions in the LCTC system.**

**AGENDA ITEM VII.**  
**Senate Resolution No. 167 of the 2012 Regular Session**

Senate Resolution No. 167 of the 2012 Regular Session urges and requests the Board of Regents (BoR) to study the feasibility, practicality, and advisability of delegating tuition-setting authority to the state's public institutions that provide professional programs. Additionally, the Board was asked to provide a written report of its findings and recommendations, including any legislation which may be required to implement such recommendations, to the Senate Committee on Finance, the Senate Committee on Education, the House Committee on Appropriations, and the House Committee on Education, no later than March 1, 2013. The report contains findings based on research and survey of other states, and recommends authorizing the state's public postsecondary education management boards to set tuition for each of their institutions in accordance with a legislatively approved Board of Regents' Tuition Policy, not to exceed the Southern Regional Education Board average for peer institutions minus the state's poverty index.

**Senior staff recommends that the Board approve the response to Senate Resolution 167 of the 2012 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature and authorizes the Commissioner of Higher Education to make any non-substantive changes necessary prior to its transmittal to the appropriate House and Senate Committees.**

**AGENDA ITEM VIII. A. 1&2**  
**Consent Agenda (Leases)**

The Louisiana State University System requested consideration of two leases on behalf of Louisiana State University and A&M College. The first lease request relates to the Construction of Renovations to Tiger Stadium's East and West Windows. The lease is a traditional lease in which the premises needed for the work will be leased to the Tiger Athletic Foundation (TAF), who will replace approximately 310 existing exterior windows located on the East and West sides of Tiger Stadium and related improvements. The estimated cost of the project and improvements will be \$575,000, including design and construction, all of which will be paid by TAF using unrestricted funds and/or private donations. Work is scheduled to commence (pending Regents approval) on March 1, 2013 and is scheduled for completion on or before August 31, 2013. Upon completion of the work, the improvements will be donated to the university by the Tiger Athletic Foundation, and the lease will terminate.

The second lease requested by Louisiana State University System on behalf of Louisiana State University and A&M College relates to Construction of Additional Parking at Alex Box Stadium and Tiger Park which will involve the addition of approximately 700 new paved parking spaces. The lease is a traditional lease in which the premises needed for the work will be leased to TAF, who will construct the additional 700 new paved parking spaces and related improvements. The estimated cost of the project and improvements will be \$1,250,000, including design and construction, all of which will be paid by TAF using unrestricted funds and/or private contributions donated for the purpose of paying expenses incurred by TAF in connection with

the work. Work is scheduled to commence (pending Regents approval) on March 1, 2013 and is scheduled for completion on or before August 31, 2013. Upon completion of the work, the improvements will be donated to the university by the Tiger Athletic Foundation, and the lease will terminate.

**Senior staff recommends approval of both leases.**

**AGENDA ITEM IX. A&B**  
**Interim Emergency Board Scope Change Request**  
**Louisiana State University - Eunice**

Louisiana State University – Eunice (LSU-E) requested a scope change to the Classroom Community Education Building project approved in Act 20 of 2009 (identified as Facility, Planning, and Control Project # 19-605-06B Part:01). The Classroom Community Education Building project has a fund balance of over \$2.3 million remaining and the institution requests permission to use the balance to begin work on an emergency project to replace the fume hoods in the Science Building. The hood system is over 46 years old and obsolete, and the current operational status of the hood system poses a student safety concern. The Board of Regents (BoR) recommended the fume hood project as an emergency project in the FY 2013-2014 Capital Outlay Request and in prior fiscal years. LSU-E requests \$1.67 million from the Community Education Building project balance to design and replace the dilapidated fume hoods. Upon approval of the scope change by the IEB, the BoR will formally request the project be removed from the official FY2013-2014 Capital Outlay Recommendation.

The second IEB project scope change requested by LSU-E seeks approval to move approximately \$700,627 from the Hundley Hall Chiller project appropriated under Act 23 of 2012 (identified as FP&C Project # 19-605-12-02). The Hundley Hall Chiller project was appropriated in FY 2012-2013 at a level of \$1 million; however LSU-E determined replacement of the roof and metal decking on the Health and Physical Education (HP&E) Building would be a better use of funds. The roof on the building is the original roof installed when the building was constructed 31 years ago. Due to age and deteriorating conditions of the roofing system, the facility has become an environmental and safety hazard from multiple water leaks in various locations throughout the building. Academic class instruction, basketball games and practices, and intramural sports must be canceled during inclement weather. Both of LSU-E's IEB scope change requests will be submitted to FP&C, which acts on behalf of the Commissioner of Administration, and will recommend inclusion of the scope changes on the next IEB meeting agenda.

**Senior staff recommends that the Board approve Louisiana State University – Eunice's request for IEB scope changes providing for design and construction of the Fume Hoods in the Science Building and Roof Replacement on the Health and Physical Education Building and encourages Facility, Planning, and Control to respond favorably to the institution's request. The BoR recommendation is contingent upon approval from the Louisiana State University System's Board during their March 2013 meeting.**

**AGENDA ITEM X. A.**  
**Interim Emergency Board Request**  
**Northshore Technical Community College – Sullivan Campus (Bogalusa, LA)**

Northshore Technical Community College – Sullivan Campus (Bogalusa, LA) requested approval to petition the Interim Emergency Board to replace the roofing systems on the Administration and Shop Buildings to address problems with deteriorated roofing. Trash cans are placed in hallways to catch rainwater causing ADA complaints for disabled students and staff to maneuver in-between. The College and LCTCS submitted statewide roofing needs as capital outlay projects for several years; however the projects have yet to receive funding. The estimated cost to replace the Administration and Shop Building roofs is approximately \$500,000 and consists of 39,121 SF.

**Senior staff recommends that the Board approve the request for Northshore Technical Community College to petition the IEB to replace the roofing systems on the Administration and Shop Buildings. The BoR recommendation is contingent upon approval from the Louisiana Community and Technical College System’s Board during their March 2013 meeting.**