

Agenda Item VII.C.

Response to HR 206

Executive Summary

House Resolution 206 of the 2013 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature (HR 206) requests that the Louisiana Board of Regents (Regents) convene a Tuition Task Force to study and submit a report on issues related to tuition cost at Louisiana's public postsecondary education institutions. Regents convened the Task Force in accordance with the membership requirements as specified in HR 206. There were meetings held in October, November and December of 2013, during which the Task Force heard testimony, deliberated on pertinent issues, and developed its findings and recommendations on each of the issues specified in HR 206.

Based on the Task Force's written findings and recommendations, a draft report was prepared for the Task Force's review. The draft report was discussed by the Task Force at its December meeting and various specific amendments to the draft report were adopted by the Task Force. The Task Force further authorized the preparation of a final report incorporating the specific amendments adopted at the December meeting. Attached is a copy of that final report.

Senior Staff recommends that the Board of Regents authorize the Commissioner of Higher Education to transmit the report of the Task Force to the Chair of the House Education Committee, as required by HR 206.