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BOARD OF REGENTS

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Board of Regents Wednesday, August 23, 2023

Event	Time	Location
Board Development	9:30 a.m.	Thomas Jefferson Room A&B 1-136 Claiborne Building 1201 North Third Street, 1st Floor
		Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Louisiana Tuition Trust Authority (LATTA)	10:40 a.m.	Thomas Jefferson Rooms A&B 1-136 Claiborne Building 1201 North Third Street, 1st Floor Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Audit Academic and Student Affairs Research and Sponsored Initiatives Statewide Programs Planning, Research and Performance Personnel	10:50 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 11:40 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 12:40 p.m. 1:05 p.m.	Thomas Jefferson Rooms A&B 1-136 Claiborne Building 1201 North Third Street, 1st Floor Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Board of Regents' Meeting **	1:45 p.m.	Thomas Jefferson Rooms A&B 1-136 Claiborne Building 1201 North Third Street, 1st Floor Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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AGENDA BOARD OF REGENTS* Wednesday, August 23, 2023 1:45 p.m.

Claiborne Building, 1st Floor Thomas Jefferson Rooms A&B 1-136 1201 North Third Street Baton Rouge, Louisiana

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Public Comments
- IV. Approval of Minutes from June 14, 2023
- V. Chair's Comments
- VI. Master Plan Spotlight Approval of Hunger-Free Campus Designations
- VII. Reports and Recommendations of Standing Committees
 - A. Audit
 - B. Academic and Student Affairs
 - C. Research and Sponsored Initiatives
 - D. Statewide Programs
 - E. Planning, Research and Performance
 - F. Personnel
- VIII. Reports and Recommendations by the Commissioner of Higher Education
- IX. Other Business
- X. Adjournment

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MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

June 14, 2023

Mgt. Board representatives present were:

Mgt. Board representatives not present were:

Dr. Leon Tarver, SU System*

LCTC System Representative

UL System Representative

Mary Werner, LSU System

The Board of Regents met at 2:09 p.m. on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, in the Thomas Jefferson Rooms A&B, Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Acting Chair Blake David called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Doreen Brasseaux called the roll, and a quorum was established.

Present for the meeting were:

Robert Levy, Secretary*

David Aubrey

Christian Creed

Blake David

Stephanie Finley

Samuel Gil, Student Member

Phillip May, Jr.

Darren Mire

Wilbert Pryor

T. Jay Seale III

Terrie Sterling

Felix Weill

Judy Williams-Brown

Absent from the meeting were:

Collis Temple III, Chair

Gary Solomon, Jr., Vice Chair

Randy Ewing

Appendix A
Guest List

Acting Chair David noted that this meeting marked the end of Catarena Lobre's service to the Board of Regents as its student member and introduced Regent Samuel Gil as the new student member of the Board and then he was sworn into office. Acting Chair David announced the committees on which Regent Gil would serve, including Academic and Student Affairs, Facilities and Property, Legislative and

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^{*} Present for committee Meetings, absent for BOR Meeting

Statewide Programs. Invited to speak to the Board, Regent Gil introduced himself and gave a brief summary of his background, education and role as McNeese Student Body President. He expressed his excitement to participate in and contribute to the efforts of the Board of Regents.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Acting Chair David asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 26, 2023 MEETING

On motion of Regent Finley, seconded by Regent Seale, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2023 meeting.

CHAIR'S COMMENTS

Acting Chair Blake David made the following comments:

- He noted the success of the Untapped Summit, held on April 28, 2023, in spreading awareness of the talent of our justice-involved individuals and how they can bring their talent to local businesses and industries.
- He recognized another event hosted by Regents, the LAHEC Summit, which occurred on May 24, 2023. He added that last month was Mental Health Awareness Month and noted the importance of mental health for students. He stated that Dr. Reed announced at this summit that, in conjunction with the Department of Health, \$16.6 million will be provided to Louisiana public postsecondary institutions to support the student population mental health initiatives.
- He noted that Regents celebrated future Louisiana educators at the Future Educator Honor Roll, hosted at the Old Governor's Mansion, where Governor John Bel Edwards spoke to these awardees from both public and private Louisiana institutions.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Acting Chair David inquired if any member of the Board wanted to take up any of the Committee reports separately before a motion was made to accept all reports. There were no requests.

On motion of Regent Weill, seconded by Regent Creed, the Board voted unanimously to approve all Committee recommendations from the June 14, 2023 Committee meetings.

FINANCE

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE FY 2023-2024 OPERATING BUDGET DISTRIBUTION

Mr. Matthew LaBruyere, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, began his presentation by stating that at its March 2023 meeting the Board of Regents approved a preliminary formula distribution of the higher education operating budget as proposed in the Governor's Executive Budget. The Executive Budget recommended \$1.29B in State General Funds for higher education entities, which represented an increase for higher education of over \$126M, including \$108M for colleges, universities, specialized institutions and boards and \$18.5M for Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) programs. These increases to the institutions are offset by decreases in one-time (non-recurring) State General Fund allocations (\$12.5M), along with a total TOPS decrease due to participation declines (\$22.9M) and an offsetting means of finance swap between State General Funds (\$61.8M) and the TOPS Fund (\$61.8M). In addition to the State General Fund increase, the Executive Budget included a \$26.5M increase in statutorily dedicated funds, for a total state funds increase of \$55.71M.

Mr. LaBruyere stated that all of the Executive Budget recommendations remained in HB1 and that the Legislature added \$96.1M in State General Funds to the various systems for initiatives including graduate assistantships, the National Guard Patriot Scholarship, institution specific operations, and expanding research and development. In addition, the Legislature increased statutory dedications by \$12.5M. These adjustments, along with the Governor's Executive Budget recommendation, increased higher education by a total of \$164.4M in state funds, which is the largest base increase in higher education's history. The previous largest increase in state funds was \$159.2M in FY23.

He added that FY24 budget includes a record increase in GO Grants, the state's need-based aid program, \$10.5M in initial MJ Foster Scholars adult financial aid funding and full funding for TOPS.

HB1 Enrolled Changes		
Amount	Description	
\$ 1,259,842,606	FY23 State General Fund Base	
\$37,500,000	Faculty and staff pay increases	
\$24,000,000	Specialized Institutions increases	
\$19,000,202	Mandated costs increases	
\$18,000,000	Formula institutions increase	
\$15,000,000	GO Grants increases	
\$7,500,000	State cyber assurance plan	
\$3,500,000	LOSFA outreach	
\$2,000,000	LUMCON Blue Works operating enhancements	
\$2,335,000	BOR various initiatives	
\$27,126,325	LSU System - Various system enhancements	
\$9,075,000	SU System - Various system enhancements	
\$25,150,000	UL System - Various system enhancements	
\$7,100,000	LCTC System - Various system enhancements	
(\$12,550,000)	FY23 Non-recurring adjustments	
(\$59,400,321)	TOPS swap for TOPS Fund and participation decreases	
\$ 1,385,178,812	FY24 State General Fund Base in HB1 Enrolled	
\$125,336,206	FY24 Higher Education State General Fund Increase	

With the State General Fund increases from HB1 Enrolled, the FY2023-2024 operating budget distribution by system for all means of finance (State General Fund, Interagency Transfers, Self-Generated Revenue, Statutory Dedications, and Federal) is below:

FY 2023-2024 Operating Budget Distribution						
Entity	State General Fund	Interagency Transfer	Self- Generated Revenue	Statutory Dedications	Federal	Total
BOR Total	\$331,629,581	\$12,327,107	\$12,030,299	\$180,778,694	\$34,512,785	\$571,278,466
LCTC SYS Total	\$164,522,934	\$0	\$170,030,083	\$30,909,474	\$0	\$365,462,491
LSU SYS Total	\$504,905,037	\$8,485,184	\$753,646,454	\$24,358,118	\$13,018,275	\$1,304,413,068
SU SYS Total	\$66,400,531	\$4,476,791	\$111,268,600	\$5,051,115	\$3,654,209	\$190,851,246
UL SYS Total	\$317,720,729	\$259,923	\$672,482,759	\$20,277,218	\$0	\$1,010,740,629
Grand Total	\$1,385,178,812	\$25,549,005	\$1,719,458,195	\$261,374,619	\$51,185,269	\$3,442,745,900

Approved the funding recommendations for higher education for FY 2023-2024 and to make adjustments among institutions within the systems as permitted by law.

LEGISLATIVE

2023 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Ms. Brianna Golden, Policy Advisor, presented the Committee with an overview of Regents' priority bills and other bills involving higher education along with their current status in the legislative process. She included the following bills:

- Governor's Military and Veteran Friendly (GMVF) Campus: HB 72 by Rep. Brass/Sen. Foil authorizes the BOR to establish the GMVF designation to recognize higher levels of excellence in providing support to military and veteran populations and changes the renewal period from one to two years, with interim reports to the BOR.
- **Power-Based Violence:** SB 202 by Sen. Barrow revises current laws to add prompt reporting timeframes for execution of criminal justice MOU(s), clarify training requirements for employees and align administration of the campus climate survey.

- **Regents Board Meeting:** HB 6 by Rep. Hughes allows the BOR to conduct its first meeting of the year any time in January, thus allowing Regents the flexibility to schedule all meetings at the same time of the month for the full year.
- **Teacher Recruitment, Recovery, and Retention:** HCR 17 by Rep. Mincey extends the sunset date of the Teacher Recruitment, Recovery, and Retention Task Force from July 13, 2023, to July 13, 2025.
- **Teacher Reciprocity:** HB 472 by Rep. Mincey grants a valid five-year Louisiana teaching certificate to an out-of-state applicant who is military personnel or the spouse of military personnel, if the applicant is fully certified.
- **Teacher Certification:** SB 197 by Sen. Peacock amends many statutes regarding teacher certification. One new provision allows a person with a bachelor's degree from an accredited postsecondary education institution to teach in a shortage area at a secondary school using a provisional certificate, if the person has graduated with at least a 2.50 average on a 4.00 scale and has passed the content knowledge exam.
- **Associate's Educator Program:** SB 81 by Sen. McMath allows individuals with an associate degree to teach in the content area related to the participant's associate-level degree and prohibits the participant from teaching in a class for students with exceptionalities, unless it is a class for gifted or talented students.
- **Teacher Pathways:** HR 190 by Rep. Freiburg requests the state Department of Education, in consultation with the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, to study pathways to the teaching profession.
- **LA FIRST:** SB 205 by Sen. Cortez requires the BOR to establish and maintain Louisiana's Foundational Integrated Research System for Transformation.
- National Guard Patriot Scholarship Program: HB 485 by Rep. Brass creates the Louisiana National Guard Patriot Scholarship Program, to be administered by LOSFA, to cover the cost of mandatory fees for members attending Louisiana public postsecondary education institutions.
- Affordable Textbooks Pilot Program: HB 381 by Rep. Lafleur creates the Affordable
 Digital Textbook and Learning Materials Subscription Pilot Program, to be developed and
 implemented by BOR.
- State's Articulation and Transfer Process: HCR 5 by Rep. Echols requests BOR conduct a study relative to the state's articulation and transfer process with respect to career and technical education courses.

- State's Articulation and Transfer Process: HR 101 by Rep. Echols requests BOR conduct a study relative to the state's articulation and transfer process with respect to high school students who complete career and technical education courses and earn industry-based credentials.
- College and Career Readiness Outcomes: SCR 37 by Sen. McMath requests BESE and the Board of Regents to publish certain information annually relative to college and career readiness outcomes.
- **Physician Shortage:** HCR 83 by Rep. Echols requests a representative from the Board of Regents to sit on a task force to study, identify, and make recommendations to address the specialist physician shortage in the state.
- Prison Education Programs: HR 174 by Rep. Freeman requests a member of the Board of Regents to sit on a taskforce to study the educational programs in the prisons and jails in this state.
- **TOPS Eligibility:** HB 327 by Rep. Seabaugh extends TOPS to children of parents living overseas.
- MJ Foster Changes: SB 204 by Sen. Hewitt provides for several changes to the MJ Foster award, such as that the award is to be applied before any federal, state, and institutional aid is applied but limits the award to tuition, fees, and mandatory books and instructional materials costs.
- **MJ Foster Cap:** SB 120 by Sen. White eliminates separate funding allocations for public and proprietary schools.
- **Nursing Education:** HB 320 by Rep. Turner permits a nursing student who completes a course in the fundamentals of nursing offered by a practical or registered nursing program to register as a certified nurse aide (CNA) without having to complete a separate certified nursing training or competency evaluation program.
- **Open Meetings Law:** SB 201 by Sen. Hewitt allows statewide advisory bodies and taskforces to meet via electronic means, subject to certain restrictions, and not including BOR.
- **Promotional Agreements Prohibition**: SB 191 by Sen. Smith prohibits public postsecondary education institutions from entering into promotional agreements with gaming entities.

Commissioner Reed commended Ms. Golden, Ms. Uma Subramanian, and Ms. Doreen Brasseaux for their work during the Regular Legislative Session. She noted the historic budget investment in higher

education and also thanked the Governor and House and Senate leadership for their advocacy for higher education.

Regent May also extended his gratitude to the staff for their hard work. Regent David expressed his appreciation to the Commissioner and staff for their success during the legislative session. Regents David shared that the Senate confirmed all members of the board who had been nominated. He shared that he had been present during the confirmation hearings and commended each of the Regents on statements they shared during the hearing process.

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY

Mr. Chris Herring, Associate Commissioner for Facilities Planning and Emergency

Management, reported on the Consent Agenda containing the small capital projects staff approved since the previous meeting:

CONSENT AGENDA: SMALL CAPITAL PROJECTS

Approved the items on the Consent Agenda as presented.

A. Small Capital Projects

- 1. <u>LSU Ag Center: Milling and Quantitative Genetics Lab Renovations, Rayne, LA</u> Louisiana State University Agricultural Center, Self-Generated Revenues \$250,000
- 2. LSU A&M: Digital Media Center Cyber Security Renovations (Budget Increase), Baton Rouge, LA – Louisiana State University and A&M College, Louisiana Economic Development Grant \$407,000
- 3. <u>LSU A&M: Landscape Services North Lot Paving Improvements, Baton Rouge, LA</u> Louisiana State University and A&M College, Auxiliary Revenues \$400,000
- **4.** LSU A&M: Nelson Memorial Building Renovations (Budget Increase), Baton Rouge, LA Louisiana State University and A&M College, Operational Funds \$359,000
- **5.** <u>LSU A&M: Thomas Boyd Hall Suite 146 Renovations, Baton Rouge, LA</u> Louisiana State University and A&M College, Operational Funds \$270,000
- **6.** <u>LSU A&M: Union Square Parking Garage Lighting Upgrade, Baton Rouge, LA</u> Louisiana State University and A&M College, Auxiliary Revenues \$353,000

- 7. <u>LSU-S: University Center Boiler Installation (Budget Increase), Shreveport, LA</u> Louisiana State University Shreveport, Operational Funds \$382,000
- **8.** Nunez: Building B HVAC Replacement, Chalmette, LA Nunez Community College, Federal Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds \$300,000

ACT 959 PROJECTS

1. Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center New Orleans: Campus Data Center Replacement

The Louisiana State University Board of Supervisors submitted a project for consideration under the provisions of Act 959 of 2003, on behalf of Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center New Orleans (LSU HSCNO), for the purpose of replacing the campus data center. The new data center will improve security and environmental controls for new server equipment within a smaller footprint than currently dedicated to this function. The scope of work involves the design and construction of a new oncampus data center located within the same building (on a new floor) and the subsequent demolition of the existing data center. Relocation of the current facility will allow for continued, uninterrupted use of the existing data center throughout construction and potentially eliminate typical disruptions that occur with phased projects replacing critical infrastructure. The project cost is \$2M and will be funded with self-generated revenues.

1. University of Louisiana – Lafayette: New Iberia Research Center: Building 60 Cage Wash and Non-Human Primate Housing Facility

The University of Louisiana System (ULS), on behalf of the University of Louisiana – Lafayette's (ULL) New Iberia Research Center (NIRC), submitted a project for consideration under the provisions of Act 959 for the purpose of constructing a new "Building 60" to house cage wash equipment and non-human primate housing space. The project scope includes construction of a new 14,000 SF concrete block and metal building. In addition to the cage wash equipment and primate housing space, the facility will also include appropriate service and storage areas. The project cost is approximately \$4.722M and will be funded with self-generated revenues derived from the Center's research and breeding activities. Due to

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the timing of the request, ULL and ULS have requested BOR approval of the project contingent upon ULS approval on June 22, 2023.

Approved the two Act 959 projects submitted on behalf of Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center New Orleans and the University of Louisiana – Lafayette's New Iberia Research Center to replace the campus data center and construct a new facility for cage wash equipment and non-human primate housing, respectively. BOR approval is contingent upon University of Louisiana System approval during their June 22, 2023, meeting.

THIRD-PARTY PROJECT: ULM ATHLETIC IMPROVEMENTS

ULS, on behalf of the University of Louisiana – Monroe (ULM), submitted a third-party project for the purpose of improving athletic facilities on campus. ULM will work through the University of Louisiana at Monroe Facilities, Inc. (ULMFI) to finance the cost of the improvements, including development, design, construction, and necessary equipment. The project will include, but is not limited to, replacing the artificial turf at Malone Stadium, installation of a football video board, basketball video board, LED lighting for football, baseball, and softball, as well as upgrades to beach volleyball facilities. ULM, through ULMFI, proposes to use proceeds from tax-exempt revenue and refunding bonds issued through the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority to finance the project. The total principal amount will not exceed \$6M, which will be sufficient to pay project costs, refund all or a portion of the prior bonds, pay interest, and provide for the cost of issuance. The land will be leased to ULMFI for the purpose of completing the project, and upon completion of the project the improvements will be leased back to ULM with an option to purchase. Annual debt service will be satisfied through revenues collected by ULM through a variety of student-assessed fees. Due to the timing of the request, ULM and the ULS have requested BOR approval of the project contingent upon ULS approval on June 22, 2023.

Approved the third-party project submitted by the University of Louisiana System, on behalf of the University of Louisiana – Monroe, to construct improvements across multiple athletics facilities. BOR approval is contingent upon University of Louisiana System approval during their June 22, 2023, meeting.

HOUSE BILL 2 UPDATE

Mr. Herring provided the Board with an update on the posture of HB 2 after final passage during the recently completed legislative session. Staff noted that the FY 24 construction budget represents the largest amount appropriated in history to higher education in Priority One, Priority Two, and cash sources. Staff also noted that deferred maintenance funding increased slightly from the amount provided during the current fiscal year (\$51.3M).

Regent Seale inquired as to the effect of current levels of deferred maintenance funding on the overall deferred maintenance backlog. Mr. Herring stated that while the current level of funding helps and is appreciated, this appropriation may only keep up with the annual rate of decline of campus facilities. Commissioner Reed noted the amount institutions spend from their own operating budgets for deferred maintenance and stated a comprehensive approach would be required to make large gains in reducing the overall backlog.

Regent Aubrey requested an update on the Grambling State University Library project. Mr. Herring noted that there was a meeting being held on Thursday, June 15, 2023 between all parties to discuss the results of the recent water testing and a plan to move forward with correcting the deficiencies found.

Supervisor Tarver inquired about the status of Southern University's Global Innovation and Welcome Center. Mr. Herring informed him that the project received additional funding during the recently completed legislative session, and is currently under design.

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

Dr. Tristan Denley, Deputy Commissioner for Academic Affairs and Innovation, presented the Consent Agenda, consisting of routine items including Staff Approvals, progress reports, and a SARA initial application for Bridges Christian College. He advised the Committee that SARA is the State

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Authorization Reciprocity Agreement, a collaborative that allows institutions to provide online courses across multiple states.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approved the items on the Consent Agenda as presented.

A. Routine Staff Approvals

- 1. LA Tech: Request to establish the following Undergraduate Certificate (UC) and Graduate Certificate (GC) programs with progress reports due October 1, 2024:
 - a. UC Biological Visualization (CIP 50.0411)
 - b. UC Business Data Analytics (CIP 30.7102)
 - c. UC Health/Medical Physics (CIP 51.2205)
 - d. UC Professional Land Surveyor (CIP 15.1102)
 - e. GC Business Data Analytics (CIP 30.7102)
 - f. GC Health Sciences (CIP 34.0199)
- 2. LSU A&M: Request to change the CIP code of the BS Architecture from 04.0201 (Architecture) to 04.0902 (Architectural Building Sciences/Technology) to better reflect the focus of the program and to align with the institution's graduate architecture program.
- 3. LSU A&M: Request to change the name of the Center for Turbine Innovation and Energy Research (TIER) to the Center for Transformative Innovation in Energy Research to better align the center's name with its expanded research focus areas.
- 4. LSU A&M: Request to change the name of the College of Education to the College of Education and Human Sciences to better align the college name with the research, instruction, and service activities of the various units within the College.
- 5. LSU A&M: Request to establish the following Graduate Certificate (GC) programs with progress reports due October 1, 2024:
 - a. GC Cybersecurity Risk Management (CIP 11.1003)
 - b. GC Financial Analytics (CIP 27.0305)
- 6. LSU Alexandria: Request to offer the BS in Biology (CIP 26.0101) in a hybrid format combining online and on-campus courses.
- 7. LSU Alexandria: Request to offer the BA in History (CIP 54.0101) 100% online.
- 8. NSU: Request to reorganize several departments within the College of Arts and Science into a new School of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) within the College. The new School of STEM will include the following departments:
 - Department of Biology Microbiology
 - Department of Engineering Technology
 - Division of Mathematics
 - Department of Physical Sciences
 - Department of Veterinary Technology

The change will facilitate the centralization of administrative functions and facilitate interdisciplinary collaboration.

- 9. SLU: Request to establish the following Undergraduate Certificate (UC) and Graduate Certificate (GC) programs with progress reports due October 1, 2024:
 - UC Sales Leadership (CIP 52.1801)

- GC Sport Management (CIP 31.0504)
- 10. ULL: Request to establish a Post-Master's Certificate in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (CIP 51.3810) with a progress report due October 1, 2024.
- **B.** Progress Reports
- C. SARA Initial Application Bridges Christian College

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Dr. Denley presented for approval the Associate of Applied Science in Wind Energy Technology at Nunez Community College and invited Dr. Tina Tinney, Chancellor of Nunez Community College, to speak about the importance of the program. Chancellor Tinney indicated that the new program offers both credentials and an associate's degree to meet the State's need for wind energy talent and will open the door for those seeking jobs in the wind turbine industry. She advised that the program is GWO-certified and has partnered with Energy Innovation in Norway, which will provide a student who completes the program the ability to repair, maintain, or operate a turbine in an offshore capacity.

Regent May commented that the program will allow Louisiana to be a leader in offshore wind and will create an industry in the state. Regent Finley asked what makes this discussion of wind energy different from previous conversations. Chancellor Tinney responded that the program incorporates offshore capacity as well as the technologies used for research and development and noted that Michoud is a site of air technology research and design. With Michoud as a partner, program administrators can hear what industry needs are and structure it to support industry growth. Regent Levy asked whether there is any collaboration with LUMCON. Chancellor Tinney responded that Nunez has previously worked with LUMCON regarding maritime, and this would provide another opportunity to engage as a consortium.

Dr. Denley then presented the Associate of Science in Health Studies at South Louisiana Community College. He informed the Board that SLCC has many students who are not able to be admitted into a health program, so this degree has been created as an avenue into the healthcare space and a way of securing prerequisites needed to enter other health programs. Regent Sterling asked if the

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program is on a clinical or business track, or both. Dr. Denley replied that is a general-purpose degree and is flexible. He added that SLCC has already created several 2+2 degrees with local four-year institutions.

Approved the academic programs as presented.

- A. AAS in Wind Energy Technology Nunez Community College
- B. AS in Health Studies South Louisiana Community College

ADDITION OF "CHOICE MODALITY" TO ACADEMIC AFFAIRS POLICY 2.22 – DUAL ENROLLMENT

Dr. Denley presented the addition of Choice Modality to Academic Affairs policy 2.2. He explained that this is a new kind of dual enrollment, expanding from the previous requirements that a dual enrollment student receive a grade in both the high school and college course and that the course must be included on their collegiate record. This update now allows the student to choose whether the grade will be included on the collegiate record, which provides flexibility to learn at the college level but without risk. Regent Gil expressed his thanks on behalf of high school students, as this will benefit these students and likely increase dual enrollment participation.

Regent Aubrey asked if there were other options, such as auditing a class, that would not penalize a student, but allow a higher education experience to be captured on their record. Dr. Denley replied that there are many back-office details that are currently being explored to allow a course to be recognized as part of a student's learning record. Regent Creed asked if students' hours earned would still count in their credit hours. Dr Denley explained that if the student elected to include the course in their collegiate record, it would be counted in their credit hours. Supervisor Werner asked whether there would be a dual enrollment designation on the student's college transcript, as is currently on their high school transcript. Dr. Denley confirmed that a dual enrollment notation is included on the high school transcript, but indicated he would need to investigate whether it is included on the college transcript.

Approved the revisions to Academic Affairs Policy 2.22 Dual Enrollment.

RESEARCH AND SPONSORED INITAITIVES

Ms. Carrie Robison, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, briefly described the items on the Consent Agenda and noted that the Senior Team recommended approval. She added that staff plans to meet during the summer and early fall with BORSF advisory committees to discuss policy provisions related to waivers of the Endowed Chairs national search requirement.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approved the Consent Agenda as presented.

A. Appointment of Endowed Chairs without National Search: Tulane University and LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans

LOUISIANA CYBERSECURITY TALENT INITIATIVE FUND UPDATE

Ms. Robison provided a summary of the seven projects selected for Cybersecurity Talent Initiative Fund support in FY 2022-23. This item was for information only; no action was requested.

STATEWIDE PROGRAMS

Dr. Sujuan Boutté, Executive Director of LOSFA, presented the Consent Agenda items.

Regarding Item A, she indicated that this rulemaking adds mental health as a temporary disability subtype, for which students may request an exception to the continuation requirements for TOPS. Dr. Boutté noted that at its January 9, 2023, meeting, the Board of Regents authorized publication of a Notice of Intent to effect these rule changes. The Notice of Intent was published in the Louisiana Register on February 20, 2023, and the LOSFA Advisory Board has recommended final approval.

Regarding Item B., Dr. Boutté described Sections 705.A.6 and 7 of the TOPS administrative rules, which require TOPS recipients to continue to enroll in the fall and spring semesters of each academic year, to remain enrolled throughout the semester, and to earn the annual credit hours required

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by the end of the academic year. Section 2103.E authorizes the governing body to grant an exception to these requirements when the student/recipient has exceptional circumstances that are beyond their immediate control and that necessitate full or partial withdrawal from or non-enrollment in an eligible postsecondary institution.

Dr. Boutté noted that fifteen requests for exception were reviewed and approved by the LOSFA Advisory Board at its meetings on April 6 and May 9, 2023. The students have presented facts and circumstances that the students believe justify the granting of an exception as an exceptional circumstance. The LOSFA Advisory Board has recommended approval of these requests.

Approved the items on the Consent Agenda as presented.

- A. TOPS Final Rulemaking Amends Section 2103 of the Scholarship and Grant Program rules to add a mental health sub-type to the temporary disability exceptions available to students when they cannot meet certain TOPS continuation requirements.
- B. TOPS Exceptions TOPS provisions that require students to remain continuously enrolled and to earn the annual credit hours required during the academic year.

PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE

Ms. Courtney Britton, Proprietary School Program Administrator, presented the Consent Agenda items.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approved the items on the Consent Agenda as presented

- A. R.S. 17:1808 (Licensure)
 - 1. Initial Applications
 - a. Concordia University Irvine
 - b. University of the Pacific
 - 2. Renewal Applications
 - a. DeVrv University
 - b. Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine
 - c. Pepperdine University
 - d. University of Massachusetts Global
 - 3. Conditional Applications
 - a. John Melvin University
- **B.** Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission

1. Initial Applications

a. Cooper's Defensive Driving - Violet, LA

2. Renewal Applications

- a. Academy of Acadiana, New Iberia, LA License #2086
- b. At-Home Professions, Fort Collins, CO License #1015
- c. Baton Rouge Dental Assistant Academy License #2191
- d. CDL Mentors, Lake Charles, LA License #2299
- e. Charity Institute of Careers, Lafayette, LA License #2316
- f. Coastal College Lafayette, LA License #1002
- g. Coastal College Monroe, LA License #957
- h. Delta College of Arts & Technology Lafayette, LA License #2075
- i. Elise Phlebotomy Training Center, Gretna, LA License #2317
- j. Goodwill Technical College, New Orleans, LA License #2210
- k. Lenora School of Phlebotomy, Slidell, LA License #911
- 1. Louisiana Culinary Institute, Baton Rouge, LA License #2045
- m. Phlebotomy Career Training Academy, Lafayette, LA License #2350
- n. River Parishes Institute, Gonzales, LA License #2351
- o. Saint Christopher College, Carencro, LA License #2269
- p. Southwest Dental Academy, Lafayette, LA License #2318
- q. St. Agatha Career Schools, New Orleans, LA License #2352
- r. Tulsa Welding School & Technology Center, Houston, TX License #2212
- s. Unitech Training Academy, Houma, LA License #2087
- t. Unitech Training Academy, Lafayette, LA License #988

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Commissioner of Higher Education Kim Hunter Reed presented several items to the Board:

- Commissioner Reed introduced Colby Hebert, who is the new Governor's Fellow. Mr. Hebert had an opportunity to speak about his background and the perspective he has received through his life and experiences. He thanked Commissioner Reed for the opportunity to work with her and the Regents team.
- Commissioner Reed noted the great honor she received to give the commencement addresses at the Louisiana School of Math, Science and the Arts as well as at Fletcher Technical Community College. She thanked Regent Aubrey for serving as commencement speaker at Bossier Parish Community College.
- Commissioner Reed thanked Regent Creed for joining her at Grambling State University,
 where she spoke with President Gallot on his radio show. They were able to tour the
 university and the library, as well as Lincoln Prep School. Regent Creed noted that they had
 a great time with President Gallot and that he is optimistic for the future of the library on
 campus.

OTHER BUSINESS

Acting Chair David noted that the next Board of Regents meeting will be held on August 23, 2023. He added that the offsite Board of Regents meeting will be held on October 17, 2023 in Lafayette, LA.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion of Regent May, seconded by Regent Williams-Brown, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Appendix A

Board Meeting Guest List

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

NAME	AFFILIATION
Robert Rene	Southern University System
Tina Tinney	Nunez Community College
Cherie Kay LaRocca	Nunez Community College
Lenny Unbehagen	Nunez Community College
Anna Bartel	LSU A&M
Jason Wolfe	LSU A&M
Jackie Bach	LSU A&M
Brian Roberts	BOR/LUMCON
Monica Mancuso	St. Mary Excel (ANERR)
Gordan Ford	Lincoln Prep School
Angela A. Houston	John Melvin University

Agenda Item VI.

Consideration of an Update Report regarding the Hunger-Free Campus (HFC) Designation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Act 719 of the 2022 Louisiana Regular Legislative Session requires that the Board of Regents establish a process for designating an institution as a "Hunger-Free Campus" (HFC), as well as a grant program to provide funding to assist postsecondary education institutions in 1) raising awareness of resources available to address basic food needs, 2) leveraging existing infrastructure, 3) maximizing federal programs, and 4) building strategic partnerships at local, state and national levels to address food insecurity among students. Once an institution has been designated as a Hunger-Free Campus, the designation must be reviewed every two years.

A national study published in 2020¹ indicates that 38% of students in two-year colleges and 29% in four-year colleges report experiencing food insecurity in the previous 30 days. The same study highlighted "significant racial and ethnic disparities: 70% of Indigenous & 70% Black students experienced food insecurity, housing insecurity or homelessness, compared to 54 % White students." The findings of this study detail the impact of food insecurity on college student success: "the mixture of food insecurity and stress of college impacts their GPA, diminishes their ability to excel in class, and contributes to lower attendance and completion rates overall."

Regents staff have now completed their review of the applications and report 100% of our public postsecondary and professional institutions, along with four private institutions, have earned the HFC designation.

Background Information

Pursuant to the requirements of the law, Regents staff has prepared this overview of the first-year implementation of the Hunger-Free Campus Designation program. As required in statute, Regents staff developed an application (Appendix A), which was distributed to all public and private postsecondary Louisiana institutions wishing to apply for this designation. The application, sent in April 2023, outlined four eligibility requirements to qualify for the designation:

- 1) Establish a Hunger-Free Taskforce that meets a minimum of three times per year and consists of specific campus representatives;
- 2) Inform students who receive need-based aid of their potential eligibility for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits;
- 3) Hold or participate in one Anti-Hunger awareness event per academic year; and
- 4) If no campus food pantries or charitable food distribution programs exist, assess the need to provide access to on-campus food distribution through a local off-campus food pantry or an on-campus food pantry.

As part of the application, campuses were asked to indicate if they had a Meal Swipe program, through which leftover meal swipes could be donated to campus pantries to share with needy students.

¹Food Insecurity on College Campuses: "The Invisible Epidemic", Health Affairs Forefront, January 31, 2022.

Staff has been contacted by the community organization Feeding Louisiana, which seeks to partner with the Board of Regents and statewide institutions as it has prioritized the Hunger-Free Campus program as one of its goals. Regents personnel were subsequently invited to speak about this program at the Louisiana Anti-Hunger Coalition meeting and have been invited to participate in the Coalition. Staff were also asked to participate in the Louisiana Charitable Food Summit held at the Pennington Biomedical Center on May 2, 2023. Staff presented on this initiative at the Health State Advisory Board meeting on June 28, 2023, and will present again at the Ochsner - Advancing Innovations in Wellness and Food Security to Address Obesity and Chronic Conditions in Louisiana meeting on November 7, 2023.

Staff Analysis

A review of the applications found variability in how well-resourced campus food pantries are related to physical location, personnel, equipment, and funding. There are regional challenges, with under-resourced campuses located in high-need areas. Food pantry facilities range from a wooden box routinely stocked with non-perishable food items and toiletries in a central campus location to a robust pantry that seeks to function as a one-stop shop for student needs, providing perishable and non-perishable food options, household supplies, a fresh vegetable garden, and cooking lessons.

There are also different levels of community engagement with campus food pantries. Some campuses offer only community resources to their students, while others have combined their on-campus efforts with community resources and donations from local churches, faculty, staff, and student organizations. Finally, some food pantries have designated staff who run campus efforts in this area, while others rely on student workers for operations.

Overall Recommendations

The next step for the Hunger-Free Campus Program will be to develop the grant application format and process for implementation in the Spring of 2024. Regents staff will coordinate with campuses to learn more about specific needs and gaps, create an HF Task Force listsery, partner Feeding Louisiana with the campuses, develop a BoR Hunger-Free Campus Program landing page containing a Best Practices Tool Kit and resources for campuses and students, and bring in a nationally recognized expert to share trends and best practices with our campuses.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Senior Staff recommends the Board receive this inaugural report of the Hunger-Free Campus Program and approve the following public and private institutions as having earned the HFC Designation for 2022-2024.

SYSTEM	INSTITUTION
Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and Universities	Centenary College Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University Loyola University Tulane University
Louisiana Community and Technical College System	Baton Rouge Community College Bossier Parish Community College Central Louisiana Technical Community College Delgado Community College Fletcher Technical Community College Louisiana Delta Community College Northshore Technical Community College Northwest Technical Community College Nunez Community College River Parish Community College South Louisiana Community College Southwestern Louisiana Technical Community College (SOWELA)
Louisiana State University System	Louisiana State University A&M Louisiana State University of Alexandria Louisiana State University Eunice Louisiana State University Shreveport Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center New Orleans Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center Shreveport
Southern University System	Southern University and A&M College Southern University, New Orleans Southern University, Shreveport Southern University Law Center
University of Louisiana System	Grambling State University Louisiana Tech University McNeese State University Nicholls State University Northwestern State University Southeastern Louisiana University University of Louisiana at Lafayette University of Louisiana at Monroe University of New Orleans

Appendix A

ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION PROCESS FOR HUNGER-FREE CAMPUS (HFC) DESIGNATION

Pursuant to Act 719 of the 2022 Louisiana Regular Legislative Session

I. Eligibility Criteria for Hunger-Free Campus Designation

Each institution seeking this designation must, at a minimum:

- a. Establish a HUNGER-FREE CAMPUS TASK FORCE that meets a minimum of three times per academic year and
 - i. Includes, at a minimum, two or more enrolled students, a representative of the Office of Student Affairs, and a representative of the Office of Financial Aid;
- b. Inform students who receive need-based financial aid of their potential eligibility; for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits;
- c. Hold or participate in at least one anti-hunger awareness event per academic year; and
- d. If no campus food pantries or charitable food distribution programs exist, assess the need to provide access to on-campus food distribution through a local off-campus food pantry or an on-campus food pantry.
- II. To demonstrate eligibility to seek the Hunger-Free Campus (HFC) designation, provide a summary of campus efforts in the following areas:
 - a. Hunger-Free Campus Task Force membership, composition, and meeting schedule (showing compliance with the law, as outlined in Section I.a.i above);
 - b. Communication with need-based aid recipients, informing them of potential eligibility for SNAP benefits;
 - c. Anti-Hunger campus event information (date, time, location, participating units);
 - d. Either (a) an existing on-campus food pantry or charitable food distribution program or (b) an assessment of the need for student access to an on-campus food pantry or food distribution, or a local off-campus food pantry; and
 - e. Any additional information you wish the Board of Regents to consider.
- III. Include in the campus submission documentation of approval of the division leader responsible for institutional HFC designation efforts.

HUNGER-FREE CAMPUS (HFC) DESIGNATION APPLICATION Pursuant to Act 719 of the 2022 Louisiana Regular Legislative Session

Institution Informatio	n	
Institution Name		
HFC Lead/Title		
Email Address		
Department Informati	on	
Where will the institution	on's HFC designation efforts reside? Who will be responsible?	
Department/Area		
Campus Rep./Title		
Email		
Hunger-Free Campus	a Task Force	
Provide a summary of your current campus efforts, including Task Force members, composition, and meeting schedule, <u>or</u> your plan of action to create a Hunger Free Campus Task Force, including proposed Task Force members and implementation schedule.		
SNAP Benefits Communication		
Provide a summary of how the institution informs students of potential SNAP eligibility.		

Anti-Hunger Can	npus Event
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Date Time	
Location	
Participating Un	its (if collaborating with other institutions, specify):
Charitable Food	Access
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If yes, please des	scribe.
	tution have a meal swipe donation program, or any other program support access to food for students, faculty, or staff? YES / NO
If yes, please des	scribe.
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Additional Comments	
Provide any additional information you wis	h the Board of Regents to consider.
Approving Representative (division lead	der where HFC Designation resides)
Signature	Date





ACT 719

Authored by Rep. Barbara Freiberg, R-Baton Rouge, Act 719 created a "hunger-free campus" designation program. The bill set forth the criteria schools have to meet to receive the designation and charged the Board of Regents to develop an application and create a grant program for campuses that receive the designation.

BY THE NUMBERS



of students at four-year colleges experience food insecurity across the nation

38 PERCENT

of students at two-year colleges experience food insecurity across the nation

\$2.5M

appropriated to Feeding Louisiana to fight hunger and food insecurity⁵

PURSUANT TO ACT 719 OF THE 2022 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION, THE BOARD OF REGENTS ESTABLISHED THE HUNGER-FREE CAMPUS DESIGNATION.

WHAT IS THE HUNGER-FREE CAMPUS DESIGNATION?

The **Hunger-Free Campus** designation and grant program are a two-part mandate not only to recognize those campuses that have established critical student services around hunger and related concerns but also for the Board of Regents to develop a competitive grant program to support our institutions in these efforts.



WHAT IS THE FOCUS OF REGENTS' HUNGER-FREE CAMPUS DESIGNATION?

- A 2020 study¹ indicates that approximately 29% of students at four-year colleges and 38% at two-year institutions experience food insecurity. The numbers are substantially higher for students of color.
- Research shows hungry students have lower GPAs² and struggle more to earn their degree³ than students who know where their next meal is coming from.
- Even outside of hurricane season, college students in Louisiana, where one in five residents live in poverty⁴, are going hungry.
- Most of Louisiana's colleges and universities have a food pantry of some kind, although some do not offer fresh foods. Food pantries also cannot address the entirety of patrons' nutrition needs.

FOOTNOTES

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HFC TIMELINE

2023

Send out applications and select the first institutions to receive the HFC designation

2024

Establish a competitive grant program and process for institutions to apply, if funding is available

WHAT WORK HAS BEEN DONE LEADING TO NOW?

Regents surveyed public and private institutions to obtain campus contacts responsible for anti-hunger and food pantry efforts at each institution. Institutions wishing to attain this designation submitted applications to Regents staff by May 1, 2023. Thirty-five institutions will be recommended for the designation in August 2023.

Regents is partnering with Feeding Louisiana to provide additional resources to designated HFCs.

The Feeding Louisiana network consists of five regional food banks based in Shreveport, Monroe, Alexandria, Baton Rouge, and New Orleans. Louisiana's food banks serve food-insecure households in all 64 parishes statewide.

WITH THE PASSAGE OF ACT 719 OF THE 2022 LEGISLATIVE SESSION, THE BOARD OF REGENTS IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SETTING THE CRITERIA AND APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THE HUNGER-FREE CAMPUS DESIGNATION.

For campuses to receive this **Hunger-Free Campus** designation, they shall do all of the following:

- Establish a Hunger-Free Task Force that meets a minimum of three times per academic year and includes at a minimum two or more enrolled students, a representative from the Office of Student Affairs, and a representative from the Office of Financial Aid
- Inform students who receive need-based financial aid of their potential eligibility to receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits
- Hold or participate in at least one anti-hunger awareness event per academic year
- Assess the need to provide access to on-campus food distribution, a local off-campus food pantry, or an on-campus food pantry.
- Submit information on where the campus food pantry resides and contact information for the food pantry representative responsible for management of campus food pantry efforts
- Provide a summary of campus efforts in the following areas:
 - (1) Hunger-Free Campus Task Force,
 - (2) SNAP benefits communication informating students of potential eligibility,
 - (3) Anti-Hunger campus event (date, time, location, participating schools), and
 - (4) Whether or not the institution provides access to charitable food distribution on campus, or at a local community food pantry

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