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AGENDA
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
March 25, 2015
10:50 a.m.
Claiborne Building
Louisiana Purchase Room 1-100
1201 North Third Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. 2015 Legislative Session Updates
 - 1. Update on Board of Regents' Bills
 - 2. Update on Bills Impacting Board of Regents
 - 3. Update on Bills Impacting Higher Education
- IV. Other Business
- V. Adjournment

Committee Members: Robert Levy, Chair; Edward Markle, Vice Chair; Claudia Adley; Chris Gorman; Collis Temple III; Joseph Wiley; LCTCS Representative; LSU System Representative; Southern University System Representative; and UL System Representative

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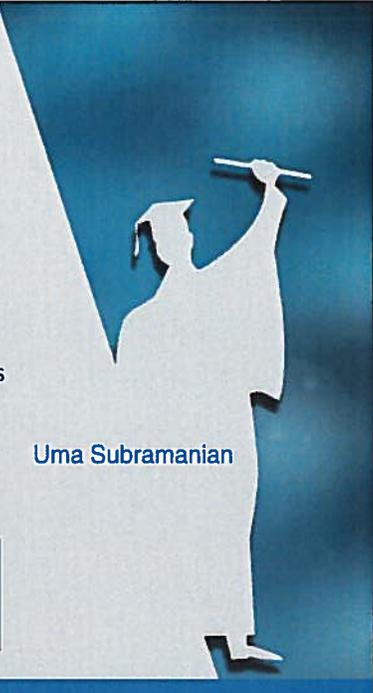
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AGENDA ITEM III.

1. BoR Bills

- **HB __ (Broadwater)** Authorizes management boards to establish and assess fees for various programs; requires each institution to dedicate at least 5% of additional revenues from such fees to need-based aid at that institution
 - **Current Status**
 - To be prefiled

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AGENDA ITEM III.

1. BoR Bills (Cont'd)

- **HB __ (Carter)** Authorizes management boards to establish and assess tuition and mandatory fees for post-baccalaureate programs including graduate and professional programs
 - **Current Status**
 - To be prefiled

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AGENDA ITEM III.

1. BoR Bills (Cont'd)

- **HB __ (Leger)** Limits expenditures out of the Deep Water Horizon Economic Damages Collection Fund to the amount of estimated interest earnings from the fund and dedicates such interest earnings to higher education
 - **Current Status**
 - To be prefiled

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AGENDA ITEM III.

1. BoR Bills (in conjunction w/ Gov's Office)

- **HB __ (Adams)** Amends the GRAD Act to grant additional operational autonomies such as procurement, insurance, contracts, audit services, etc.

- **Current Status**

- To be prefiled

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AGENDA ITEM III.

1. BoR Bills (in conjunction w/ Gov's Office)

- **HB __ (Author not yet confirmed)** Authorizes reimbursement to public higher education institutions from revenues raised from increase in tobacco tax to offset the cost of providing credits on fees assessed to, but not paid by, students at such institutions.

- **Current Status**

- To be prefiled

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AGENDA ITEM III.

1. BoR Bills (Cont'd)

- **SB 18 (Adley)** Provides for higher education liability payments

- **Current Status**

- 2/10-11/15: Notice published as required by the Constitution
- 2/27/15: Prefiled as required by the Constitution
- 2/27/15: Provisionally referred to Retirement Committee

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2. Bills Directly Impacting BoR

- **HB 60 (Carmody)** Constitutional Amendment to abolish all five higher education boards and to create the "Louisiana Postsecondary Board of Trustees"
- Changes current "**coordinating**" model of higher education governance with multiple governing boards into a "**consolidated**" model with a so-called "super board" payments

- **Current Status**

- 3/9/15: Prefiled

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AGENDA ITEM III.

3. Bills Impacting Higher Education

A. Tuition Authority

- **HB 61 (Carmody)** Constitutional Amendment to exempt higher education tuition and fees from 2/3 legislative approval currently required for new fee or increase in existing fee
- **HB 62 (Foil)** Constitutional Amendment to exempt higher education fees from 2/3 legislative approval currently required for new fee or increase in existing fee
- **HB 66 (Carmody)** Statutory tuition authority, including per-credit tuition, differential tuition, etc.; any increases after Dec. 1, 2015 not covered by TOPS
 - **Current Status**
 - Prefiled
- **HB --- (Jefferson)** Statutory authority to establish nonresident tuition at HBCUs (expected to be prefiled)

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3. Bills Impacting Higher Education (Cont'd)

B. Funding

- **HB 77 (Ritchie)** Constitutional Amendment to increase cigarette tax from \$0.36 to \$1.54 per pack of 20 cigarettes
- **HB 80 (Carmody)** Dedicates a portion of state sales tax revenues collected from out-of-state vendors on Internet and mail order sales into a new fund called Higher Education Fund and dedicates the monies in the fund to public postsecondary institutions
- **HB 81 (Carmody)** Increases the mineral revenue base for the Budget Stabilization Fund and dedicates the additional revenue to higher education and transportation
- **HB 89 (Ritchie)** Decreases inventory tax credit paid between Jan. 1, 2015 and Dec. 31, 2017 from 100% to 75%
 - **Current Status**
 - Prefiled

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AGENDA ITEM III.

3. Bills Impacting Higher Education (Cont'd)

C. Other Possible Areas of Legislation

- Benefits, exemptions for veterans attending public higher education institutions in the state (e.g. tuition exemption, articulation of credits, veteran-friendly designation)
- Sexual Assault on Campus
- Funding of Rapid Response initiative

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RECOMMENDATION

SENIOR STAFF RECOMMENDS COMMITTEE APPROVAL:

(A) TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONER AND STAFF TO PURSUE THE BOR LEGISLATIVE AGENDA DURING THE UPCOMING 2015 REGULAR SESSION AS NECESSARY, WITH REGULAR REPORTS TO THE BOARD; AND

(B) TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD TO ACT ON ITS BEHALF ON LEGISLATIVE ISSUES THAT MAY ARISE DURING THE 2015 REGULAR SESSION.

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