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President Jenkins announces the names for the LSU transition team. Local attorney and Committee of 100 President Bill Comegys will represent NWLA

Dear Johnette,

As I prepared this week's clips, I immediately noticed an alarming pattern: we are seeing a growing exodus statewide of top talent in higher education and healthcare. Four stories this week are about administrators voluntarily leaving, and it's not just their current jobs, it's also the state. The dean of the LSU medical school in New Orleans, the chief of finance at the flagship and a former health care administrator for the LSU system have either landed or are the favorite for posts out of state. Just last week the head of LSU Alexandria announced he was also headed elsewhere.

Clearly, those who can swim are starting to jump ship.

The LSU Supervisors erred a few weeks ago when they voted on major changes to the LSU System without telling anyone they planned to do so. The state attorney general has advised they vote again and comply with open meetings laws. The next vote is scheduled for December 7th.

In the meantime, interim LSU President Bill Jenkins is conducting a statewide tour to gather input while selling the One LSU plan. Public meetings in Shreveport will be held Tuesday, Dec. 11. Details are on the SBBA website.

And Committee of One Hundred President Bill Comegys has been asked to serve on the LSU Transition Team. An oil and gas attorney in Shreveport, he is the only representative from Northwest Louisiana.

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- Biomedical Research Foundation Board President Steve Skrivanos makes the case for keeping a chancellor at LSUHSC Shreveport. *Shreveport Times, 11.15.12*
- Manufacturing Manager's Council President Rich DesCoteaux tells how we landed Benteler Steel Tube and

what it will take to win other major manufacturers. *Shreveport Times, 11.18.12*

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- The list is out and Shreveporter Bill Comegys has been asked to serve as NWLA's representative on the LSU transition team. *Baton Rouge Business Report, 11.19.12*
- LSU Supervisors may have violated open meetings laws when they staged a surprise vote on a merger of the head position of the flagship and LSU System. Now they have to vote again. *The Advocate, 11.16.12*
- Following weeks of voiced concern over the proposed LSU System consolidation, Interim President Bill Jenkins puts out a letter to try to calm the waters. *LSU System, 11.15.12*
- Former LSU health care administrator Roxane Townsend, who was ousted by LSU a few months ago, lands a top job at the University of Arkansas. On her way out the door she says what she thinks. "I worry what the future of health care will be in Louisiana. I cannot be effective here." *The Advocate, 11.16.12*
- The dean of the LSU medical school in New Orleans may be headed to Kansas University Medical Center. He is one of three finalists for a vice chancellor position. *NOLA.com, 11.15.12*
- The chief financial officer for the flagship campus may be packing his bags and heading to Kentucky. Eric Monday is said to be the "preferred candidate" for the finance job at the University of Kentucky. *The Kernel, 11.15.12*
- The Lake Charles American Press Editorial Board comments on the flight of top talent in higher education. Seems some can't get out of the state fast enough. *Lake Charles American Press, 11.14.12*



National Higher Education News

- Students taking free online courses, offered by highly elite universities under a consortium called Coursera, may soon get college hours. The American Council on Education is considering recommending that colleges give transfer credit. *The Chronicle of Higher Education, 11.13.12*

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Sincerely,

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