

## Continuing Education

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### LSU Salaries

Les Miles \$4.3 million annual salary makes him the highest paid person at LSU. While that may be no surprise, did you know there are six other assistant coaches who make more than the LSU Chancellor?



### Quick Links

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### Dear Johnette,

Just over a year ago, J. Michael Johnson, the appointed Dean of the Judge Paul Pressler School of Law, sat in my office sharing detailed plans for Louisiana College's proposed law school in Shreveport. Shortly after that visit, the plans started unraveling. The law school was denied accreditation last June, and in September, Johnson resigned. He was not replaced. This week, the planned home for the school, the Joe D. Waggoner federal building, was put up for sale.

These problems plaguing the proposed law school are far from the biggest problems facing the private Baptist college in Pineville. Louisiana College remains on warning for its second year in a row with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the regional accrediting agency, and last month, LC President Joe Aguillard barely survived an attempt to oust him by some members of the Board of Trustees. The Board is scheduled to meet in special session again this month to discuss budgetary concerns.

And the Louisiana Legislature is considering a handful of bills affecting higher education, including bills that would give tuition authority to the management boards. The SBBA is joining a statewide coalition supporting the transfer of tuition authority to the higher education boards.

### Shreveport-Bossier Higher Education News

- A familiar face at Louisiana Tech has been selected to serve as the University's Vice President of Research and Development. Dr. Stan Napper will fill the former spot held by President-elect Les Guice. [\*Louisiana Tech Website, 04.16.13\*](#)
- Louisiana College has put the Joe D. Waggoner Federal Building on the market for \$4 million. The building was purchased by the college in 2011 to house its Shreveport-based law school, which has never opened. [\*The Alexandria Town-Talk, 04.12.13\*](#)
- Following an editorial praising the MOU signed by the

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Biomedical Research Foundation and LSUHSC, the Monroe New-Star did an in depth piece on the BRF, which under a final agreement would also assume management for E.A. Conway hospital in Monroe. [\*The Monroe News-Star, 04.14.13\*](#)

## Louisiana Higher Education News



- A bill to create a task force to link college funding to performance has passed in the Senate Education Committee. Schools with more majors in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) would also receive more money than those focusing on liberal arts degrees. [\*NOLA.com, 04.10.13\*](#)
- The Advocate's Koran Addo examines Governor Jindal's shift in thinking about using one-time money for recurring expenses. Jindal has proposed using one-time and contingency funds to cover \$489 million of next year's higher education budget. [\*The Advocate, 04.15.13\*](#)
- Members of the LSU Board of Supervisors are each given 20 LSU scholarships to award, but they are not required to disclose who gets them. A bill before the Louisiana legislature would require disclosure. [\*The Advocate, 04.15.13\*](#)
- Discussions about capping TOPS have come to a halt in the legislature with Governor Jindal's announcement he would veto any bill that limits the award. "I don't see any need to cap TOPS," Jindal said. [\*The Advocate, 04.15.13\*](#)
- The Senate Retirement Committee has unanimously approved a bill that would retain current employer contribution rates for pensions. Leadership of all the higher education boards supported the measure saying plans to lower it would kill efforts at recruiting. [\*The Advocate, 04.15.13\*](#)

## National Higher Education News

- Unless Congress acts soon, the interest rate on many student loans will double on July 1, going from 3.4% to 6.8%. [\*The New York Times, 04.08.13\*](#)
- Seven of the eight Ivy League schools had a lower acceptance rate this year than last, with Harvard accepting only 6 out of every 100 students who applied. But Jeff Selingo with The Chronicle of Higher Education says parents should be looking harder at graduation rates than acceptance rates. [\*Linked In: Jeff Selingo, 04.09.13\*](#)

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Sincerely,

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