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Higher Education Quote of the Week:

"We need to have a focus that's not so self-focused but Louisiana focused. This is not about higher education. It is really about Louisiana. If all of the stakeholders can keep that in mind we can manage our own self-interests but find strategies

Dear Johnette,

The Southern University System Board has decided to revisit their recent decision not to renew the contract for Baton Rouge campus President James Llorens. The change of heart and decision to vote again next Monday followed a student-led social media campaign and town hall meeting opposing the Board's action. About a dozen students also hosted a sit-in outside System President Ron Mason's office for several hours one day last week.

Interviews for the Chancellor's job at LSUS have wrapped up, and now it's up to LSU President King Alexander to announce his pick. The LSU Board of Supervisors is not scheduled to meet again until March 21st.

Shreveport-Bossier Higher Education News

- The Consul General of France in New Orleans is speaking February 20th at Centenary College. The public is invited to attend. [*Centenary Website, 02.14.14*](#)

Louisiana Higher Education News

that work in the long run." - Dr. Sandra Woodley, President of the University of Louisiana System.



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- The Southern Board appears to be buckling after Southern students protested against their recent vote not to renew the contract for campus President James Llorens. The Board is planning to meet again February 24th for a second vote on the matter. "I think it's all about the children," said Board member Tony Clayton. "You have to yield to the students. They're our bosses." [NOLA.com, 02.15.14](#)
- The President of the University of New Orleans recently notified faculty and staff there would be more layoffs this spring. Massive cuts in state funding combined with a loss of 8000 students since Hurricane Katrina has created serious financial troubles for the school. [NOLA.com, 02.15.14](#)
- The Editorial Board of the Lake Charles American Press has endorsed raising the bar for receiving the TOPS award. [Lake Charles American Press, 02.16.14](#)
- After the LSU System released a study last week showing LSU employs 37,000 people and has a statewide economic impacts of \$3.9 billion, the Advocate Editorial Board weighed in on the true value of higher education to the state. "We should as taxpayers demand that the state seek to grow our population of college-educated workers of the future." [The Advocate, 02.17.14](#)

National Higher Education News

- Just one week after U.S. Representative Elijah Cummings accused more than 100 colleges of imposing illegal hurdles for students wanting to apply for financial aid, more than a dozen colleges have changed their policies or tweaked their language on their websites. [Inside Higher Ed, 02.17.14](#)

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