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Higher Education Quote of the Week:

"We're choosing a system president - not a secretary. We allocate more time to filling civil service vacancies than the time that would be allotted to choose a system president."

- Southern University Faculty Senate Vice President Albert Samuels on the search for a new President of Southern University.

Dear Johnette,

Since arriving as interim President at Grambling, Dr. Cynthia Warrick has been forced to make some tough and highly unpopular decisions in an attempt to get the school's fiscal house in order. Grambling is facing a \$3.7 million deficit this year, and there is some speculation the school might file financial exigency as early as this month. Exigency would provide Warrick with greater latitude in laying off faculty.

Therefore, it is not terribly surprising that Grambling's faculty senate passed a vote of "no confidence" last week and requested UL System President Sandra Woodley dismiss her.

Faculty senate leadership had several complaints including that she has belittled them and taken significant actions without consulting them. "Perhaps one of Warrick's worst efforts has been to draft a mission statement to replace our decades-old mission statement, departing from our commitment to educate the daughters and sons of slaves and their descendants and to more recently provide a four-year degree institution," said Faculty Senate President Herbert Simmons. [Click here for more on Grambling.](#)

Shreveport-Bossier Higher Education News

- Willis-Knighton Health System has given \$30,000 to create a scholarship endowment for nursing and allied health students attending Northwestern. The fund will support 10 scholarships beginning next year. [Shreveport Times, 11.29.14](#)

Louisiana Higher Education News

- The Board of the Southern University System has voted to suspend its search for a new president after critics complained the search was going too fast. The job was advertised November 9th with applications due at the



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end of the month. The search has now been delayed to January 9th. ***The Advocate, 11.29.14***

- U.S. Senator and gubernatorial candidate David Vitter has reversed his position on Common Core. Vitter now opposes the standards. "I don't believe we can achieve that Louisiana control, buy-in and success I'm committed to if we stay in Common Core," he said. Vitter now wants Louisiana to establish its own standards and testing. ***Shreveport Times, 12.01.14***
- According to the Pew Charitable Trusts, Louisiana colleges are not high on the list of those chosen by international students. Only 2.7% of Louisiana college students come from abroad, and only 11 states have a smaller percentage of foreign students. ***NOLA.com, 12.01.14***

National Higher Education News

- The administration at the University of Virginia has suspended all Greek activities for the semester following a blistering story in Rolling Stone about a gang rape at a campus fraternity house. Paul Wright, the former head of UVA's Fraternity Alumni Association, told the Washington Post, "I think the fraternity system probably has one chance to fix itself. If we don't get this right, people are going to ask for fraternities to be banned, and they are going to have a point." ***Washington Post, 11.29.14***

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Sincerely,

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