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Local Shreveport-Bossier business organizations worked together to halt a vote last Friday at the LSU Board of Supervisors that would have surely hurt LSUHSC.

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Dear Johnette,

Just days before a planned vote, Shreveport-Bossier business organizations, under the umbrella of the SBBA, united in opposition to the LSU Supervisors plans to demote the LSUHSC Shreveport Chancellor to a VP and have him answer to an EVP on the Baton Rouge campus. The result: the Supervisors scrapped the vote and instead elected to form a transition committee to study all options. *Get the full story*

Joining the SBBA in the effort to stall the vote were the African American Chamber, Biomedical Research Foundation, Bossier Chamber, Committee of One Hundred, Greater Shreveport Chamber, and the Manufacturing Managers Council. Attorneys with the Smitherman Law Firm and Blanchard, Walker, O'Quin and Roberts firm also opposed the vote on behalf of the Paul M. Hebert Law Center. Under the proposed plan, the law school would also suffer diminished status. To see the AGB Report to Supervisors click here.

Although 16 people applied, only one finalist was named in the hunt for a University of Louisiana President. Meet the UT Vice Chancellor who was the unanimous choice. *Here's the story*

Shreveport-Bossier Higher Education News

• LSUHSC Shreveport has plans in the works to regain its Level 1 trauma center rating from the American College of Surgeons, and private donations are pouring in to help make it happen. *The Times*, 10.31.12

Louisiana Higher Education News

 The search has officially begun for a single person to head up both the LSU System and the LSU Baton Rouge campus. The LSU System is paying a Dallas-based LSU Shreveport

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search firm \$120,000 to conduct the search. *The Advocate, 11.3.12*

 Shreveport-Bossier business organizations cry foul at LSU Board of Supervisors plans to vote on changes affecting LSUHSC without local input. The Times, 11.1.12



- The Times Editorial Board comes out against a planned vote last Friday in the Board of Supervisors. The newspaper argues the Board needs more feedback from NWLA. The Times, 11.2.12
- The Advocate Editorial Board criticizes the Supervisors "heavy-handed tactics" and lack of transparency. The Advocate, 11.4.12
- LSUHSC Shreveport faculty join NWLA business leaders in Baton Rouge to oppose proposed changes to demote LSUHSC Chancellor to Vice President. <u>The Times</u>, 11.3.12
- The doctor hired to dismantle the LSU Hospital system may make \$409,000 a year, but Dr. Frank Opelka is only expected to work as a part-time employee. <u>The</u> <u>Advocate</u>, 11.4.12
- There is only one finalist advancing in the quest for a new President of the University of Louisiana system.
 Sandra Woodley, UT Austin's Vice Chancellor of Strategic Initiatives, could be named as early as November 9th. <u>NOLA.COM</u>, 11.1.12
- LSU Alexandria Chancellor David Manuel is picked for top job at Drury University. leaving the LSU System with yet another vacancy. *The Town Talk, 10.31.12*

National Higher Education News

Through a Web site called Coursera, 1.7 million people are taking free online courses taught by top-ranked professors at elite universities. Around only since April, this organization is changing the landscape for higher education. <u>The Washington Post</u>, 11.3.12

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Sincerely,

Johnette Magner, Ph.D., Executive Director Shreveport-Bossier Business Alliance for Higher Education

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