



Continuing Education

Volume 2 Number 412- *The Weekly Newsletter of the SBBA* - September 30, 2013



Higher Education Quote of the Week:

"Before bringing football back in 2000, Louisiana College had turned into almost a 'girl's school'. But now, after 13 years, our male-to-female ratio is almost 50/50."

-- Louisiana
College President
Joe Aguillard

Dear Johnette,

The LSU Board of Supervisors felt the ire of Judge Janice Clark yet again last week. After months of claiming there were 35 semifinalists for the top job at LSU, the Board turned over fewer names as part of an agreement with the court. The Advocate writes the LSU attorney claimed "35 was just an approximate number and the actual total could be smaller by 10 or so."

The LSU Board of Supervisors was sued by The Advocate and The Times-Picayune months ago for allegedly violating open records laws when they refused to reveal the names of candidates in the search.

As a result of the disparity in the number of candidates reported and submitted, the LSU Board is facing more than \$140,000 in contempt of court fines, attorneys' fees, and penalties to be paid to the newspapers. Clark ordered the Board pay newspaper penalties of \$100 a day to both The Advocate and Times-Picayune "until such time as all the documents are finally and fully delivered."

The LSU Board of Supervisors is filing an appeal with the Louisiana 1st Circuit Court of Appeals.



Shreveport-Bossier Higher Education News

- Louisiana College and LSU Alexandria are both putting more money and emphasis on athletics in hopes of luring more students to their campuses. Twenty-seven percent of Louisiana College's students are student athletes. [*Alexandria Town-Talk, 09.29.13*](#)

Quick Links

Colleges and
Governing Boards

Louisiana Higher Education News

- UL System President Sandra Woodley is encouraging the Board of Regents to revisit provisions of the GRAD act

[Bossier Parish Community College](#)

[Centenary College](#)

[LSUHSC Shreveport](#)

[LSU Shreveport](#)

[Louisiana Tech](#)

[Northwestern](#)

[Northwest LA Technical College](#)

[Southern University at Shreveport](#)

[LA Board of Regents](#)

[LCTCS System](#)

[LSU System](#)

[Remington College](#)

[Southern University System](#)

[University of LA System](#)

[SBBA Member Organizations](#)

[African American Chamber](#)

[Biomedical Research Foundation](#)

[Bossier Chamber](#)

[CERT](#)

[Committee of One Hundred](#)

[Manufacturers Managers Council](#)

[Shreveport Chamber](#)

[North Louisiana Economic Partnership](#)

that are inflicting unintended consequences on some Louisiana colleges. Woodley says Grambling, Nicholls, and the University of New Orleans are all on a fiscal watch list due to insufficient funding. She is also advocating for a re-examination of admission standards for both Southern and Grambling. ***The Alexandria Town-Talk, 09.26.13***



- There's another national Top 10 ranking for LSU, but don't expect a news release bragging about it. Playboy Magazine has ranked LSU as the #7 party school in the nation. ***The Lafayette Advertiser, 09.26.13***
- An audit of the Southern University System Foundation books reported inadequate record-keeping related to the Bayou Classic and insufficient policies in place to ensure money is spent as donors intended, but the auditors reported no misuse of funds. Foundation Executive Director Ernie Hughes said, "This was a clean audit with no major findings. I'm not overly alarmed." ***The Advocate, 09.26.13***
- State District Judge Janice Clark has imposed more fines and fees on the LSU Board of Supervisors as part of the lawsuit over their refusal to release the names of those considered for LSU President last spring. ***The Advocate, 09.27.13***
- LSU Professor and political writer Bob Mann argues LSU fines should not be paid from taxpayer dollars or foundation funds; he believes they should be paid by the individual members of the Supervisors out of personal funds. Mann writes, "I have no doubt that more than 90 percent of the public would object to any taxpayer funds being used to pay fines assessed for the board's illegal actions." ***NOLA.com, 09.26.13***

National Higher Education News

- The looming government shutdown in Washington, D.C. would have only a small effect on higher education provided it is short-lived. According to the Chronicle of Higher Education, "a lapse of longer than a week could severely curtail the cash flow to those colleges with federal grants." ***The Chronicle of Higher Education, 09.30.13***
- Collegemeasures.org has released a report this month entitled "Higher Education Pays: But a Lot More for Some Graduates Than Others." Among the more interesting findings is "what you study matters more than where you study and some short-term higher education credentials are worth as much as some longer-term ones." ***Collegemeasures.org, 09.30.13***

For more information on higher education in Northwest

Louisiana, please visit our website at www.sbba4he.org

Sincerely,

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

*You are welcome to forward this newsletter to others
in your network who are interested in higher education.*

*For more information on becoming a member of the SBBA, or
providing direct support for our work, please contact
Dr. Johnette Magner at jmagner@sbba4he.org*

[Forward this email](#)



Try it FREE today.

This email was sent to jmagner@sbba4he.org by jmagner@sbba4he.org |
[Update Profile/Email Address](#) | Instant removal with [SafeUnsubscribe™](#) | [Privacy Policy](#).

SBBA | 400 Edwards Street | Shreveport | LA | 71101