

## Continuing Education

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### Higher Education Quote of the Week:

"It will be up to the Legislature and the governor and the Louisiana Board of Education. I don't think anyone's going to do anything about it unless we tell them we're going to close those laboratory schools."  
- Grambling

### Dear Johnette,

Grambling State University is facing a \$3.7 million deficit this current fiscal year, and Interim President Cynthia Warrick is forecasting immediate changes that could significantly impact both students and faculty. Beginning this spring, faculty will increase teaching loads from 12 to 15 hours and be required to take furloughs. Fifteen faculty members will also receive retirement incentives.

Warrick says both an 11% drop in enrollment this fall and state cuts are to blame. "State budgets have been cut -- all these Republican governors have decided they can balance their budgets on higher education," she said.

Warrick is also threatening to close Grambling's laboratory schools this May and terminate some faculty if more funding is not provided. "Somebody has got to go," she said. "We just can't afford it and there is no knight in shining armor bringing me \$3 million." [For more on the story click here.](#)

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### Shreveport-Bossier Higher Education News

- Decisions regarding WISE funding will be officially approved by the Regents next month, but a committee

*President Cynthia Warrick on her request for additional state money to help cover a projected \$3.7 million shortfall.*



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is already beginning to sign off on plans. Locally, the LSUHSC Foundation provided \$400,000 for a required match, which enabled the Shreveport medical school to receive more than a \$1 million from the fund. This money will be used to expand the number of medical students admitted each year, with the goal to grow the class size over five years from 125 students to 150. [\*The Advocate, 11.01.14\*](#)

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## Louisiana Higher Education News

- Ebola fears have prompted Jindal administration officials to tell a group of researchers planning to attend a global health conference in New Orleans to stay home. The researchers banned from the conference, sponsored by the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, include those from Sierra Leone, Guinea, and Liberia. The banned attendees include some of the leading researchers on Ebola. [\*Chronicle of Higher Education, 11.03.14\*](#)
- Even though the number of applicants to American Bar Association-accredited law schools dropped eight percent this year, the LSU Law Center in Baton Rouge saw an increase of 12 percent this fall. Officials attribute the growth to the school's focus on specializations. "Whether or not that is sustainable remains to be seen, but we certainly hope it is," said Law School Chancellor Jack Weiss. [\*NOLA.com, 11.01.14\*](#)

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## National Higher Education News

- The Obama Administration is moving forward with the "gainful employment rule" which would deny federal funding to some for-profit colleges producing graduates who reportedly don't make enough money to pay off their loans. Bobby Jindal is opposed to this plan. [\*NOLA.com, 10.30.14\*](#)

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- The Washington Post Editorial Board argued this week that when states subsidize higher education, they are really subsidizing affluent families. "This is so much a part of the American fabric that few stop to think about its regressive aspect," Editor Fred Hiatt wrote. ***Washington Post, 11.02.14***

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Sincerely,

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