Dear Johnette,

It wasn't on their agenda, but that didn't stop members of the LSU Board of Supervisors from voting late Friday afternoon to consolidate the jobs of LSU System President and Chancellor of LSU Baton Rouge. A second vote could come as early as this Friday to strip the title of Chancellor from the head of LSUHSC Shreveport, a move sure to anger local community leaders. More information here.

The LSU Hospitals have long generated money to help fund the state's medical schools. With fewer hospital beds, there is predictably less money for schools, $83 million to be exact. Here's the story.

Louisiana Tech researchers are working on a technology that could convert natural gas to liquid fuel at far less cost. More here.

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- A fuel conversion technology created at Louisiana Tech has lead to the creation of a new company and high hopes from local investors. LA Tech News Release 10.29.12
- The University of Phoenix is closing physical campuses across the nation including their campus in Bossier City. The Advocate, 10.22.12

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- The LSU Board of Supervisors voted late Friday to consolidate top jobs at the system office and flagship campus. The Advocate, 10.29.12
- As LSU aligns top jobs, system changes are expected to follow. NOLA.com 10.26.12
• LSU System realignment comes after a report requested by the Supervisors was released last week by the Association of Governing Boards. The report recommends that LSUHSC in Shreveport be lead by a Vice President instead of a Chancellor. A vote on this could come as early as Friday.  

  *AGB Report to Supervisors, 10.25.12*

• Supervisors discover hospital cuts equal less money for medical schools. Shortage is around $83 million and chancellors say they can't make it up.  

  *The Advocate, 10.29.12*

• A timeline has been set in the search for a U.L. System President. Finalists expected to be named by the end of the week.  

  *The Advocate, 10.24.12*

• LSU Alexandria Chancellor is one of two finalists for President of Drury University. Selection could be named as early as this week.  

  *The Town Talk, 10.24.12*

• Louisiana College in Alexandria is launching a $50 million capital campaign with much of the money going toward improvements in student housing.  

  *Associated Press, 10.25.12*

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**National Higher Education News**

• For Profit Colleges are hemorrhaging students as families question the value of a costly education. Hundreds of millions in profits may be a thing of the past.  

  *The Wall Street Journal, 10.25.12*

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