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Featured Report



Original AGB report from August 2012 highlights serious problems in the LSU System. "It must be noted that no tradition of strategic planning exists within the system."

Dear Johnette,

Broken, is a kind description of the portrait painted of the LSU System by the Association of Governing Boards (AGB) in a report released in late August that managed to fly below media radar. "The tradition, within the system, is of campuses going their own way, with little check, control, or direction. The word confederation is frequently used to describe them," writes the AGB.

But to those of us in Northwest Louisiana, the most interesting paragraphs in the report are the ones providing insight into the flagship coalition agenda. The report makes clear there are those in the coalition who would like to "jettison" LSUS out of the system along with LSU-Alexandria and LSU-Eunice, although most people interviewed around the state clearly do not support that plan.

Finally, when looking over the report, be sure to check out the top paragraph on page 4, where it references the "many" who worry northwest Louisiana could someday have a "rival flagship."

For a report to a governmental body, it's pretty interesting reading. [AGB Report](#)



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Louisiana Higher Education News

- The LSU System Chief appeals to the legislature for

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more stable funding for higher education. Rising fixed costs such as health care and retirement are consuming almost the entire allocation from the state. *The Advocate, 11.12.12*



- The LSU Faculty Senate President has accused the LSU Supervisors of violating open meetings laws. *The Advocate, 11.7.12*
- State Department of Health and Hospitals documents, recently made public, show that LSU hopes to cover \$135.6 million with public-private partnerships involving its seven south Louisiana hospitals. *The Advocate, 11.12.12*
- A Florida-based health care system is chosen by DHH to take over a Mandeville psychiatric hospital slated for closure. *NOLA.com, 11.8.12*
- It's official: the U.L System has a new President. Meet Sandra K. Woodley from the University of Texas System. *The Advocate, 11.11.12*

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National Higher Education News

- For the first time, 33% of American adults between the ages of 25 and 29 have a 4-year college degree, a statistic up 5% from 2006. *The Christian Science Monitor, 11.12.12*

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Sincerely,

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