Dear Johnnette,

We are just a week away from the announcement of a new President for Louisiana Tech. It’s down to two finalists, but there is a clear favorite: current EVP Les Guice. Meanwhile all searches are on hold in the LSU System until a new President of the flagship is chosen.

Interim LSU President Bill Jenkins is traveling the state for a series of town hall meetings. He will hold two in Shreveport on December 11th. The first will be held at 10:30 am at LSUHSC in the auditorium in the Medical School, Room 1-400. The second will be in the LSUS gym at 2:30 p.m. These meetings are open to the public and designed to allow for input into the proposed LSU System reorganization plan. SBBA members will be there to weigh in on the importance of keeping our Chancellor at LSUHSC. We hope you will come, too.

Shreveport-Bossier Higher Education News

- The search for a new Chancellor for LSUS is put on hold until LSU hires a new system President. Interim LSUS Chancellor Paul Sisson is expected to apply when the search commences. *Shreveport Times, 11.21.12*
- The Louisiana Tech search committee is expected to select their choice this week for the next President of Louisiana Tech. The nominee will then be formally approved by the U.L. Board on December 4th. Insiders have their money on Tech’s current EVP Les Guice. *Monroe News-Star, 11.19.12*

Louisiana Higher Education News

- NWLA gets additional representation on the Search Committee for the next President of LSU. Dr. Cherie-Ann Nathan, a highly-regarded physician and researcher at LSUHSC in Shreveport, will join fellow Shreveporter...
John George on the committee.  *LSU System Website, 11.19.12*

- The Baton Rouge Advocate's editorial board continues to argue for more transparency from the LSU Board of Supervisors. "The way in which the LSU Board of Supervisors conducted the merger vote gave the clear impression that it was trying to fast-track a very important policy matter without the inconvenience of public input." *The Advocate, 11.25.12*

- Board of Regents and flagship coalition member Roy O. Martin submits his thoughts to newspapers around the state on why One LSU is good idea. *The Advocate, 11.24.12*

- Former LSUHSC Professor Steve Pruett responds to Roy Martin letter. "I can tell you that morale is as low as I have seen it anywhere." *Shreveport Times, 11.25.12*

- The Southern University System selects a new leader, choosing attorney Bridget Dinvaut, one of the board’s newest members. *The Advocate, 11.25.12*

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**National Higher Education News**

- The formulas used to determine national college rankings are debated around the country, with differing views right here in Louisiana. *The Advocate, 11.26.12*

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Sincerely,

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

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