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IMPORTANT MEETINGS TODAY
Attend one of the town hall meetings today with LSU President Bill Jenkins. For more information on when and where visit www.SBBA4he.org



Dear Johnette,

Shreveport's Bubba Rasberry has been named Chairman of the Board of Regents for 2013, a year that is expected to bring additional cuts to higher education. He's clearly got his work cut out for him. Meanwhile, Les Guice takes the President's reins at Louisiana Tech during a turbulent week for the school. Tech's athletic director's miscalculations cost Tech players a chance to play in a bowl game this year.

The LSU Board of Supervisors has voted again to merge the top jobs at the system and flagship, despite the vehement objections of the LSU Baton Rouge faculty senate.

LSU Interim President Bill Jenkins is in town today for two town hall meetings. The first will be at LSUHSC at 10:30 followed by a second meeting at LSUS at 2:30. The public is invited to attend. For more information go to the SBBA website. [Click here.](#)

Word on the street is Jenkins and transition team members are surprised by the number of emails they are getting in support of LSUHSC. Please let them know how you feel by visiting <http://www.savelsuhealthshreveport.com>. There is an online petition and email information for both the LSU Supervisors and LSU transition team.

Shreveport-Bossier Higher Education News

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- Shreveport's Bubba Rasberry has been tapped to serve as Chairman of the Board of Regents beginning in January. He has represented NWLA on the board since June 2003. [KTBS-TV3, 12.6.12](#)
- LSUS appoints Shreveport native John Vassar to serve as Interim Provost. Vassar has been Chair of the Department of Fine Arts since 2004. [KTBS-TV3, 12.05.12](#)
- SBBA Board Member Phillip Rozeman explains why all LSU campuses need consideration in the reorganization plan. [Shreveport Times, 12.10.12](#)

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Louisiana Higher Education News



- The LSU Board of Supervisors has voted a second time to merge the System President's job with the head of the Flagship. [*The Advocate*, 12.9.12](#)
- The LSU Faculty Senate President has filed a complaint against the flagship with SACS, the university's accrediting body, claiming "conflicts of interest" and "external influence." [*NOLA.com*, 12.6.12](#)
- The LSU Faculty Senate's Kevin Cope accuses Supervisors of "ramrodding" through changes to the organization. Cope tells the Baton Rouge Advocate, "For them to say this has been an inclusive process is a lie." [*The Advocate*, 12.7.12](#)
- Another LSU-BR administrator is departing. The Vice Provost of Diversity is making a lateral move to the University of Minnesota. [*The Advocate*, 12.9.12](#)
- LSU announces partnerships for three of LSU's south Louisiana Hospitals. [*The Advocate*, 12.10.12](#)
- David Hood, the former head of Louisiana's Department of Health and Hospitals, says he is troubled by the secrecy surrounding the proposed lease with the new \$1.2 billion University Medical Center in New Orleans. "We were going to have a first-class medical center to train doctors, and they were going to attract the best talent from all over the country and so forth," he says. "Where we stand now, I'm not quite sure; but it doesn't look as promising as it did before." [*Baton Rouge Business Report*, 12.7.12](#)
- The Louisiana Board of Regents is fighting to remove legislative caps on tuition. Louisiana is the only state in the country in which the Legislature has total control over tuition. [*The Advocate*, 12.7.12](#)
- The Advocate editorial board applauds the selection of Les Guice as the next Tech President. "We hope that Guice will also receive the support he needs to build on the accomplishments at Louisiana Tech." [*The Advocate*, 12.6.12](#)
- Louisiana Tech President Dan Reneau releases statement regarding Tech's bowl troubles saying "I am ultimately accountable." [*Shreveport Times*, 12.5.12](#)

National Higher Education News

- As student debt soars, Congress considers forgiving student debt through bankruptcy. [*Inside HigherEd*, 12.07.12](#)

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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.

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

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