



CALENDAR

JULY 1:

U.S. Senate takes up action on appropriations bills

JULY 3:

Congress breaks for Independence Day

FACTS ON THE GEAX:

The LSU Ourso College of Business STUDENTS IN FREE ENTERPRISE TEAM was named a national champion in the USA Campbell's/Sealed Air Business Ethics Competition.

SESSION END FINALIZES FLAGSHIP GAINS

On Monday, the 2006 Regular Session closed and LSU received significant investments from the legislature and Governor Blanco. Most notably, \$3.2 million was dedicated to “flagship initiatives,” which include new faculty positions and graduate assistantships. The Governor also fulfilled her pre-session pledge for a 5 percent faculty increase. The appropriations are vital in retaining key faculty and signaling to students that LSU can offer a high-quality educational opportunity. As a side note, LSU faculty are predicted to eclipse their record for research grants by the end of this year, some of which is hurricane and coastal related.

VETERINARY MEDICINE GETS MONEY, NEW SERVICES

If you have ever taken Rex or Oreo to the small animal clinic at the Vet School, you probably missed the sophisticated disease research center that brings in millions of dollars in research grants. The Legislature appropriated \$500,000 for the school to take over the Animal Diagnostic Lab from the La. Dept. of Agriculture. The \$300,000 arbovirus monitoring program was transferred to the school from the Dept. of Health & Hospitals. West Nile Virus is a form of arbovirus. The teaching component of the school will receive another \$1 million, money needed to keep the school’s educational offerings above par.

PUBLIC SERVICES EXPAND

The FACES Lab was designated as the Louisiana Repository for Unidentified and Missing Persons Information Program, a cooperative effort with State Police to identify human remains. The Fire & Emergency Training Institute saw the return of its statutorily dedicated money that was reduced after the hurricanes. The School of Social Work’s Truancy Program will expand into Allen Parish with state funding of \$75,000.

ONE-TIME FUNDS

LSU will also receive one-time money for library and scientific acquisitions (\$2 million) and the state match for LSU's backlog of professorships (\$3 million). The Board of Regents will distribute \$5.5 million to state colleges and universities that took in students from hurricane-affected institutions. LSU took in 2,700 students after the storms.

OVERVIEW & FACILITIES

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