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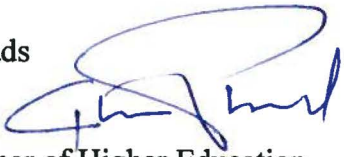
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Memorandum

To: System Heads

From: Jim Purcell   
Commissioner of Higher Education

RE: Role, Scope and Mission Statements

House Concurrent Resolution No. 30 (HCR 30) of the 2011 Legislature requires, among other things, that the Board of Regents establish role, scope and mission statements for each of the colleges and universities. Facing the possibility of severe projected budget reductions in 2010, the Board of Regents worked with NCHEMS to draft some work related to potential impacts of budget cuts, including changes to role, scope and missions of colleges and universities. Since some of the work required by HCR 30 had already been developed, the staff engaged NCHEMS to revisit its earlier work and revise the statements as appropriate. NCHEMS has completed its work and submitted a draft report for review.

RS 17:3128 requires that "After consultation with each postsecondary education management board, the chancellor, and the president of each public institution of postsecondary education, the Board of Regents shall devise, describe, and establish a mission for each ... institution within each system." At this time, I am asking each system and member campus to review and comment on the role, scope and mission statement included in the attached draft.

As expected, role, scope and mission statements for the same type of institution (statewide universities/regional universities /two-year colleges) are constructed similarly. While I invite general comments regarding the overall document, it is on the individual draft role, scope and mission statements that I seek your direct input. As you can see, all draft statements follow a prescribed format: A short introductory statement, 1. Audiences; 2. Array of Programs and Services, and; 3. Special Programs/Features. The third item (Special Programs/Features) has intentionally been left blank so that you may complete this section. Please identify up to five bullets listing any combination of high quality academic programs/institutes/centers, etc. that you wish to highlight that make the campus unique. These programs/features should be tied directly to the institution's role, scope and mission.

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In cooperation with your member campuses, please review the role, scope and mission statement for each campus and submit the completed Special Programs/Features section by no later than **Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>** to Dr. Larry Tremblay ([larry.tremblay@la.gov](mailto:larry.tremblay@la.gov)). It is my intent to present the results of the review to the Board of Regents at its meetings on January 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Attachment