

**UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT LAFAYETTE  
FACULTY SENATE REPORT**

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**Task of Committee** (please indicate the task of your committee here):

“The Governmental Concerns Committee shall call to the attention of the Senate issues pending before governmental bodies which affect higher education and shall furnish the Senate with information necessary to understanding such issues.”

**Progress Report:**

#	Since the last Faculty Senate Meeting, the <b>following has been accomplished:</b>
1.	The Committee Chair has monitored upcoming legislation pertaining to higher education in Louisiana.

**Committee Members Present at Committee Meetings:** N/A

**Anticipated Future Plans**

#	Before the next Faculty Senate Meeting, the <b>following actions are planned:</b>
1.	<i>Meet with the members of the Committee to discuss and monitor legislation and report to Senate</i>

**Action Required by the Faculty Senate** (list any action that needs to be taken by the Faculty Senate as a result of this report)

Faculty senate members should consult the the First Extraordinary Session listed below and consult the legislative website for further information.. The website can be accessed here:

<https://www.legis.la.gov/legis/BillSearchList.aspx?srch=c>

<a href="#">HB144 ABRAHAM</a>	Pending House Education	<a href="#">more...</a>
FUNDS/FUNDING: Creates the Louisiana Jobs Now Fund for the purpose of funding postsecondary education degree and certificate production in high-demand fields (OR SEE FISC NOTE SD EX)		

<a href="#">HB399 G.CARTER</a>	Pending House Education	<a href="#">more...</a>
TOPS: In the event of insufficient funding, provides for reducing or eliminating Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) awards based on certain academic and financial criteria and eliminating payment of certain stipends to students (OR SEE FISC NOTE GF EX)		

<a href="#">HB413 IVEY</a>	Pending House Education	<a href="#">more...</a>
TOPS: Creates a new Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) award, the TOPS Transfer Award, and raises grade point average and ACT score required for initial eligibility for a TOPS Opportunity Award		

<a href="#">HB414 IVEY</a>	Pending House Education	<a href="#">more...</a>
TOPS: Raises grade point average required to maintain eligibility for the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) Opportunity Award (OR DECREASE GF EX See Note)		

<a href="#">SB43</a>	<a href="#">APPEL</a>	Pending Senate Education	<a href="#">more...</a>
POSTSECONDARY ED: Constitutional Amendment to abolish the Board of Regents and the postsecondary management boards and transfer their powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities to a newly created Board of Trustees for Postsecondary Education. (2/3-CA13sl(A))			
<a href="#">SB46</a>	<a href="#">APPEL</a>	Pending Senate final passage	<a href="#">Sched. for 3/21/18</a> <a href="#">more...</a>
POSTSECONDARY ED: Provides relative to the master plan for postsecondary education. (gov sig)			
<a href="#">SB378</a>	<a href="#">APPEL</a>	Pending Senate Education	<a href="#">Sched. for 3/22/18</a> <a href="#">more...</a>
POSTSECONDARY ED: Requires public school governing authorities to share certain student data with the Board of Regents. (gov sig)			
<a href="#">SB380</a>	<a href="#">W.BISHOP</a>	Pending Senate Education	<a href="#">more...</a>
TOPS: Creates the TOPS Second Chance Award. (gov sig) (OR SEE FISC NOTE GF EX)			
<a href="#">SB431</a>	<a href="#">WALSWORTH</a>	Pending Senate Education	<a href="#">more...</a>
POSTSECONDARY ED: Provide relative to the Louisiana Office of Student and Financial Assistance. (gov sig)			
<a href="#">SB450</a>	<a href="#">MORRISH</a>	Pending Senate Education	<a href="#">more...</a>
TOPS: Changes award amounts and creates a new TOPS award. (gov sig)			
<a href="#">SB452</a>	<a href="#">MORRISH</a>	Pending Senate Education	<a href="#">more...</a>
TOPS: Changes certain TOPS initial eligibility requirements and provides relative to the sharing of certain student data. (gov sig)			
<a href="#">SB454</a>	<a href="#">MORRISH</a>	Pending Senate Education	<a href="#">more...</a>
TOPS: Provides additional TOPS awards for students who are successful in postsecondary education. (gov sig)			