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GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

BATON ROUGE

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- WHEREAS, higher education in Louisiana is a crucial asset, and it is at risk; and
- WHEREAS, Louisiana's colleges and schools are the public nurseries of our future, and neglect of their welfare is a kind of silent social suicide; and
- WHEREAS, the public and many state leaders have not sufficiently recognized the value of higher education; and
- WHEREAS, as the chief administrative officer of the State, it is my duty to make clear the relationship between higher education and economic growth, higher education and social progress, higher education and a responsible citizenry, and higher education and Louisiana's future; and
- WHEREAS, colleges and universities are the institutions to which we turn to acquire the knowledge and skills that are critical to succeed in a technologically-advanced society; and
- WHEREAS, an increasingly open, global economy requires that all Louisiana citizens be better educated, more skilled, more adaptable, and more capable of working collaboratively; and
- WHEREAS, a strong postsecondary education is the great equalizer in our society; and
- WHEREAS, higher education needs to change in fundamental ways; and
- WHEREAS, more students come to campus after being out of high school for years, more come from diverse backgrounds; and
- WHEREAS, more students are employed, more have families, more attend college part-time; and
- WHEREAS, the Southern Regional Education Board's Commission for Educational Quality has provided a blueprint for states to make the necessary changes in higher education for the public good;

NOW, THEREFORE, I EDWIN W. EDWARDS, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the state constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby establish a special Higher Education Commission for the 21st Century, which shall be domiciled in the Office of the Governor and hereinafter referred to as the 21st Century Commission.

FURTHER, The 21st Century Commission shall:

1. prepare a specific strategy to re-state the case for higher education; and,
2. recommend specific changes that higher education needs to make in order to respond more effectively to students and to the state.

FURTHER, The 21st Century Commission shall be composed of the following to be appointed by and to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, and the 21st Century Commission shall select the chairperson from the following members:

1. Representative Jimmy Long, Member, Southern Regional Education Board's Commission, Natchitoches, LA.
2. Mr. Bill Fenstermaker, President, Lafayette Chamber of Commerce and Fenstermaker & Associates, Lafayette, LA.
3. Mr. Aldan McDonald, President, Liberty Bank & Trust, New Orleans, La.
4. Mr. Sam Williams, Owner & Operator of McDonalds at Baton Rouge, LA, and at Central, LA, and Member of Executive Committee, Chamber of Commerce, Baton Rouge, LA.
5. Ms. Monica Azar, Student Bar Association President, Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA.
6. Mr. Stanley W. Muller, Architech, The Muller Group, Metairie, LA.
7. Dr. Larry Crain, Commissioner of Higher Education, Baton Rouge, LA.
8. Mr. Dan Packer, General Manager, Plant Operations, Watterford III, Luling, LA.
9. Dr. Mary Ella Sanders, Radiation Onocologist, Turo Hospital, New Orleans, LA.
10. Mr. Harry McInnis, Jr. , Vice President, McInnis Brothers, Inc., Minden , LA.
11. Ms. Mary Washington, Practicing Classroom Teacher, Northside High School, Lafayette, LA.
12. Mr. Jimmy Don Hudson, Assistant Manager, Corporate & External Affairs, South Central Bell, Monroe, LA.
13. Mr. Chuck McCoy, Retired Banker & Education Activist, Baton Rouge, LA.

14. Senator Cecil Picard, Chairman, Senate Education Committee, Abbeville, LA.
15. Mr. Victor Bussie, President, Louisiana AFL-CIO, Baton Rouge, LA.
16. Dr. Mary Lou Applewhite, Dermatologist, Private Practice, Baton Rouge, LA.
17. Mr. James D. Serra, Vice President and General Manager, KPLC-TV, Lake Charles, LA.

FURTHER,

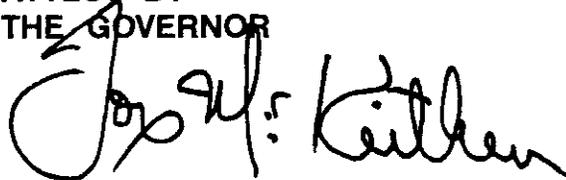
Staff support shall be provided by the State Board of Regents, and when necessary by members of the other governing boards of higher education, as well as the Governor's office.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 10th day of March, 1994.


GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR**



SECRETARY OF STATE