

CHANCELLOR'S NARRATIVE
LSU HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER IN NEW ORLEANS
2014-15 OPERATING BUDGET

The Fiscal Year 2014-15 appropriation for the LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans Campus is \$171,995,609. In absolute dollars, it is an increase of \$1.8 million from our operating budget in Fiscal Year 2013-2014. We have set the following priorities for increases in spending:

- Restoring core mission functions that we have been funding from other sources and reserves.
- Increased employer contributions to retirement and health insurance.
- Increased risk management premiums.

Our campus continues our emphasis on creating and enhancing alternative sources of funding:

- LSUHSC-NO continues to seek new and/or expanded relationships with private and not-for-profit health care entities. We anticipate about \$17 million in new clinical revenue from contracts this fiscal year.
- LSUHSC-NO expects to leverage investments we are making in cardiovascular and genomic research to bring in additional sponsored research dollars.
- We have expanded enrollment in Allied Health, Nursing and Public Health and hope through a capital outlay appropriation and WISE funds to expand enrollment in our D.D.S. program.

We are cautiously optimistic that there will not be a mid-year reduction of state general funds and it will be possible to revisit the issue of merit increases for faculty and staff.