

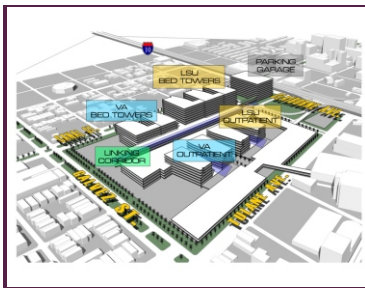
CHANCELLOR'S Notes



June 15, 2007

LSU/VA hospital plan progresses

The new LSU/VA hospital moved one step closer to becoming our new university teaching hospital in downtown New Orleans yesterday with final legislative passage of SCR 76 by the House. The week before the Senate voted favorably for the measure which approves the business plan for the new hospital.



This is a tremendous step forward for medical education and GME and will be key to our ability to successfully address the health care shortage.

Next, the resolution will go to the Governor for her signature. US Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Alphonso Jackson must then approve the use of the \$226 million of CDBG funds, along with the previously approved \$74 million, together totaling the required \$300 million state commitment of hurricane recovery funds to the project.

We are grateful for this vote of confidence by both the Senate and the House as well as the support of Governor Blanco, her administration, and the State Office of Facilities Planning.

LSUHSC awarded \$5.5 million for vaccine center

We held a press conference today to announce that Alistair Ramsay, PhD, has been awarded \$5.5 million by the Louisiana Board of Regents to develop the Louisiana Vaccine Center. This application was ranked #1 among 32 proposals.



Dr. Alistair Ramsay

The center will work to develop vaccines to prevent or better treat life-threatening infectious diseases like intractable tuberculosis and

HIV/AIDS.

The center is a collaborative effort with 17 research groups from LSUHSC, 5 from Tulane, and 1 from Xavier. As PI, Dr. Ramsay will also be the Center Director.

Dr. Harold Stokes from the Board of Regents spoke, as did Kurt Weigle, Executive Director of the Downtown Development District.

The center is another milestone in our recovery, one that will also contribute to economic diversity and the development of the medical district and biosciences industry.



Dr. Harold Stokes

LSUHSC designated as ACS Accredited Education Center

We were notified yesterday by the American College of Surgeons that we have been designated as a Level 1 Accredited Education Institute, becoming the 14th in the country. Because we are the only one in this part of the country, we will serve as a regional institute.

ACS-approved regional Education Institutes offer practicing surgeons, surgical residents, medical students, and members of the surgical team a spectrum of educational opportunities including those that address acquisition and maintenance of skills; and focus on new

procedures and emerging technologies.

Level 1 institutes are called Comprehensive Education Institutes, with more rigorous requirements for accreditation.

Drs. John Paige and Charles Hilton, who will lead our institute, and Sheila Chauvin, PhD, were instrumental in getting us this prestigious honor.

This designation provides more evidence of the excellence of our education enterprise and it is an accomplishment of which we can all be justifiably proud.



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