2014 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature
Strategic collaborative effort among all 45 higher education leaders statewide:

- Maintain current level of state formula funding for all public institutions
- Retain all GRAD Act tuition for reinvestment in academic and student support
- Fund Working and Innovation for a Stronger Economy fund at $40 million
BUILDING A STABLE BASE

- First time there have been no cuts to formula base funding for higher education in six years.
- Full retention of GRAD ACT tuition increases for reinvestment on campuses
  - $33 million
- 100% of formula funding is state general fund
HOUSE BILL 1033
BY SPEAKER “CHUCK” KLECKLEY
WORKFORCE & INNOVATION FOR A STRONGER ECONOMY FUND
THE WISE FUND

- $40 million performance based investment fund
- $16,850,000 in State General Fund distributed in accordance with WISE fund Legislation
- $12,150,000 Interagency Transfers available through Community Development Block Grant Funding program
- 11,000,000 Statutory Dedication available though Capital Outlay with guidelines to be developed.
- WISE Fund includes direct appropriations for Louisiana Tech, University of Louisiana at Monroe and Pennington Health Sciences Center totaling $3.5 million.
Provides $6.1 million for competitive core funding to institutions whose implementation rate is below 52%.

Provides $1 million to Southern University and $1 million Grambling State University for facility and technology upgrades related to STEM
## IMPLEMENTATION STEPS

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House Bill 6 by Representative Kevin Pearson provides authority to each management board to establish a minimum contribution rate for the Optional Retirement Plan. Without this authority, contribution rates would drop to 3.6%.

House Bill 433 by Representative Carter allows institutions to participate in reciprocity agreements for interstate, online post secondary education.
Senate Bill 62 by Senator Conrad Appel provides for the development of a common application for public higher education institutions.

Senate Bill 191 by Senator “Blade” Morrish provides for equal recognition of International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement and dual enrollment course.
Senate Bill 321 by Senator Neil Riser raises the small project cap from $500 K to $1 million for higher education capital outlay projects. Provides for short term loans payable from self generated funds.

Senate Bill 337 by Senator Conrad Appel provides for the development of an outcomes based funding formula.

Senate Bill 315 by Senator Jack Donahue allows public higher education institutions to utilize group purchasing and cooperative purchasing procurement provisions.
HCR 96 Representative Badon requests public postsecondary institutions offering baccalaureate degrees to develop and promote plans for completion of such degrees in three years.

HCR 173 by Representative Cox requests that the Board of Regents, the Taylor Foundation, LOFSA, BESE, and management boards study issues related to TOPS.

HR 152 by Representative Carter urges and request the Governor to appoint members to post secondary management boards with certain qualifications.

SR 144 by Senator Appel requests the Board of Regents and management boards to conduct comprehensive study of student articulation and transfer.
ULS Day at the Capitol 2014
“The Jazz Breakfast was a perfect networking opportunity, a great chance to hear about things happening around the state and with the UL System. Having the community partners there was a nice touch!”
ULS DAY FEEDBACK

- 100% Positive Overall Reviews
- 88% Added Value
- 100% Likely to Recommend Future Participation
“Speaker Kleckley and other legislators appeared genuinely happy to have the opportunity to recognize their home institutions, both at the jazz breakfast and during the legislative session.”
“The unity displayed by having all campuses there to commonly support our system was very good. We also portrayed strength in the diversity of our campuses.”