

Institutional Mission, Governance, and Effectiveness

INSTITUTIONAL MISSION

1. *The institution has a clear and comprehensive mission statement that guides it; is approved by the governing board; is periodically reviewed by the board; is communicated to the institution's constituencies.*

JUDGMENT OF COMPLIANCE

- Compliance
 Partial Compliance
 Non-compliance

STATEMENT OF RATIONALE FOR JUDGMENT OF COMPLIANCE

LSUE's overall mission is defined in the *Master Plan for Public Postsecondary Education: 2001* prepared by the Board of Regents, the state's overall coordinating authority for postsecondary education. Authority to develop the plan is provided in Article VIII, Section V, of the *Louisiana Constitution*, which requires the Board of Regents to "formulate and make timely revision of a master plan for postsecondary education." The Legislature passed Acts 241 of 1987 and 1360 of 1997 requiring that the Board of Regents, in cooperation with each system management board, and with the chancellor and president of each public postsecondary institution, establish a mission for each public university system and for every institution within each system. The current LSUE mission statement in the *Master Plan* was reviewed at public hearings and approved by the Board of Regents.

The overall plan establishes three general goals for postsecondary education in Louisiana:

1. Increase Opportunities for Student Access and Success
2. Ensure Quality and Accountability
3. Enhance Services to Communities and State

The mission statement for Louisiana State University at Eunice establishes LSUE's mission within the overall framework of postsecondary education in Louisiana:

Louisiana State University at Eunice (LSUE) is a comprehensive community college primarily serving portions of Acadiana and the southwest region of Louisiana. It provides quality educational offerings and programs to residents of Southwest Louisiana. The college addresses the needs of its community by providing transfer programs and occupational education degree programs as well as enrichment and remediation services. LSUE serves as a multi-purpose residence center of LSU A&M. It is the statewide provider of undergraduate instruction in Fire Science outside of metropolitan New Orleans. LSUE is categorized as an SREB Two-Year 1 institution, as a Carnegie Associate's College, and as a COC/SACS Level I institution. It will provide both associate and certificate programs as well as comprehensive developmental education

services. The college will offer no upper level undergraduate or graduate level courses and will maintain Open Admissions. LSUE is located in Region IV.

In 2000, the LSUE Strategic Planning Committee developed a mission statement that is included in the *LSUE Strategic Plan: A Blueprint for the Future*, a five-year planning document. The statement is consistent with the Board of Regents' mission statement, but is more specific. The mission statement incorporated in the *Strategic Plan* is published in the "Institutional Mission" chapter of the *2003-2004 LSUE Catalog*. Under the *Bylaws of the LSU Board of Supervisors*, Article VII, Section 2. d., the President of the LSU System is charged with defining "the mission of each campus or institution." The mission statement included in LSUE's *Strategic Plan* was approved by the LSU System and by the LSU Board of Supervisors at the January 2003 meeting. When a new five-year plan is prepared, the mission statement will be resubmitted to the LSU Board of Supervisors for review. In addition, if the mission statement is revised at any time, the revised statement will be submitted to the LSU Board of Supervisors for review.

Source	HC	Electronic	URL
Board of Regents Master Plan for Public Postsecondary Education: 2001	X	<u>X</u>	
LSU Board of Supervisors Bylaws and Regulations	X	<u>X</u>	
LSU at Eunice Strategic Plan: A Blueprint for the Future	X	<u>X</u>	
2003-2004 LSUE Catalog	X	<u>X</u>	
Minutes of the LSU Board of Supervisors			http://www.lsusystem.lsu.edu/minutes.htm
1974 State Constitution			http://senate.legis.state.la.us/Documents/Constitution/