

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Young Memorial and LAMPI Consolidation with SLCC

What are the LCTCS campus realignments about?

For nearly two decades, the LCTCS Board of Supervisors has been proactive in monitoring the fiscal and programmatic stability of the system's 13 colleges. This annual exercise ensures that the Board is abreast of college resources and that colleges are able to operate effectively and offer programs that, meet local workforce demands, lead students to job opportunities, or on a path to transfer to a four-year university.

Given the state's current budget challenges combined with the projected financial challenges over the next 18 months, the Board is once again being proactive by establishing a plan that will allow colleges to hold true to the mission of providing access to academic and workforce training.

The LCTCS Board of Supervisors directed system staff and college chancellors and directors to review all operations and provide detailed plans on how to best move the system and colleges forward. The result of this extensive review led to the creation of a "*Strategic Sustainability and Growth Plan*". This plan clearly provides a strategy to keep colleges fiscally viable and in a position to meet our obligations in the most streamlined and responsible way possible.

The Strategic Sustainability and Growth Plan was presented at the Board of Supervisors meeting on March 8, 2017 and was unanimously approved. The plan contains strategic recommendations and college campus and instructional site realignments. The campus and instructional site realignments will provide for the efficient administration and delivery of instructional and workforce training and deliver better services to students and industry.

The realignments will become effective July 1, 2017, or as soon as possible thereafter.

What does this mean for SLCC?

For SLCC, this means that the Young Memorial campus of South Central Louisiana Technical College (SCLTC) will become an SLCC campus. This campus is located in Morgan City and has an affiliated marine training facility in Houma (Louisiana Marine and Petroleum Institute, or LAMPI), which will also transition to SLCC.

This consolidation means the citizens of St. Mary Parish will have more education and training opportunities as LCTCS will now have one college focused on serving the parish. In addition, it brings to the SLCC family additional programming we don't currently offer and will hopefully allow us to offer programming in the Morgan City area that is not currently available.

The executive committee and others will begin meeting their counterparts immediately to ensure that we are doing what is necessary and needed to continue to serve the community.

Why are all of the SCLTC campuses going to other colleges, instead of just one?

Dividing the SCLTC campuses among River Parishes Community College, Fletcher Technical Community College, and SLCC will allow each SCLTC campus to operate as fiscally viable as possible while remaining focused on student services in each campus community.

Will programs move to another campus or be phased out?

At this time, there are no plans to move or phase out programs. With plans for Young Memorial and LAMPI to become part of SLCC, this offers a huge opportunity to the community for university preparation and associate degree offerings. As a pure technical college, associate degrees and general education courses could not be offered. As occurs regularly across LCTCS

colleges, program offerings or changes in programs are continuously evaluated through the LCTCS Program Health Index to ensure all communities are best serving students through high-wage, high-demand, sustainable programs.

How will this impact students? What differences will they see?

The goal for all of us should be a seamless transition for Young Memorial students. We will work together to minimize any disruptions, but certainly policies, processes, and procedures will be reviewed in consultation with SLCC. In addition, as there is a tuition differential between Young Memorial and SLCC, new students will have tuition and fees assessed at the SLCC level per the plan approved by the LCTCS Board of Supervisors. Current students will be grandfathered at the current Young Memorial tuition and fee schedule through June 30, 2019. Students will be notified of changes via email, Canvas, and any other appropriate medium.

How long will the consolidation take?

Numerous internal processes will need to be consolidated, many of which will take time and proper planning. An important part of integration will be moving Young Memorial from a college under the accrediting body Council on Occupational Education (COE) to an institution under the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC).