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LOUISIANA STATE SENATE

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### **SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND CHILDREN SENDS OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES STATEMENT ON PRESIDENT F. KING ALEXANDER REGARDING HIS MISHANDLING OF SEXUAL ASSAULT AND HARASSMENT CLAIMS**

The Louisiana Senate Select Committee on Women and Children submitted a statement to the Oregon State University (OSU) Board of Trustees to address issues surrounding former Louisiana State University President F. King Alexander regarding his leadership over Title IX policies at LSU and his handling of sexual misconduct at LSU. The OSU Board of Trustees will meet on March 17, 2021 at 12:30pm PST. The Board will consider the findings and recommendations of the LSU Husch Blackwell report, entitled “Louisiana State University Title IX Review.”

The live stream of the Board meeting can be accessed through the following website:  
<https://leadership.oregonstate.edu/trustees/osu-board-trustees-video-stream>

The Senate Select Committee on Women and Children held a day-long hearing on March 10, 2021, to discuss and find policy recommendations to address sexual misconduct allegations and incidents at Louisiana’s colleges and universities. The meeting included current and former students describing their accounts of sexual assault as well as testimony from Scott Schneider, a partner at Husch Blackwell who issued the report. The report includes an in-depth review of LSU’s Title IX policies and the allegations of sexual harassment and assault the University.

“Upon reading the Husch Blackwell report and listening to the testimony of many of the victims of these heinous events, it appears that President Alexander was made aware of the allegations of abuse on students and directed minimal to no disciplinary consequences to the employees in leadership positions. These individuals were, above all else, responsible for protecting these students,” said Senator Regina Barrow, Chair of the Senate Select Committee on Women and Children. “Our committee is requesting that the Oregon State University Board of Trustees take these inactions into consideration and help right the wrongs done to these survivors and their families.”

The Senate Select Committee on Women and Children will hold a press conference on Friday, March 19, 2021, on the steps of the Louisiana State Capitol upon adjournment of the

Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget meeting to discuss the committee's next steps in addressing the issue of sexual assaults and harassment on college campuses.

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