

It Cuts Both Ways

The University of Louisville has absorbed nine state budget cuts in nine years totaling \$106 million. To mitigate the impact of those cuts, the university recouped more than \$95 million in cost savings and avoidances over that same time period. In a May report to the Council on Post Secondary Education, we detailed a few of these savings and efficiencies; you can see them here in the chart to the right.

So what is the problem? As we continue to make major cuts, we limit our ability to flourish. We also move further away from our HB1 mandate—to be Kentucky's premier metropolitan research university.

So what is the solution? We will continue to be accountable and good stewards of the dollars entrusted to us. But that is not enough. The legislature must find new revenue sources to ensure that the state's post-secondary educational system is not in jeopardy.

With additional state support, higher education can be accessible to all Kentuckians and a key to driving economic recovery.

SAVINGS
TO DATE



How we are saving:

- \$3 million (recurring) in energy efficiencies identified in a partnership with Siemens Building Technologies
- \$1.058 million (recurring) by refinancing long-term debt at more favorable interest rates
- \$1.2 million (recurring) by implementing an in-house digital telephone system
- \$2 million (recurring) by implementing an eProcurement purchasing system for goods and services
- \$30,000 (recurring) by reducing window cleaning to every two years
- \$2,000 (recurring) by installing power misers on vending machines that power down during off-peak hours

A Message from **Dr. Ramsey**

Dear Kentucky Policymaker,

At the University of Louisville we like to say, "It's Happening Here": quality academic offerings, important translational research improving the lives of Kentuckians and a commitment to our community. In the *President's Report* we highlight some of the things that are happening at the university to keep you up to date and to convey to you our commitment to the policy mandate you have given to us—to increase economic opportunity and quality of life for the people of our community and our state.

As a former state budget director, I certainly understand the challenges you face in these difficult economic times. We appreciate your understanding and commitment to education as a long-term key to the economic well-being of our state.

We continue to do all we can to move forward in light of shrinking state resources. As pointed out in the *President's Report*, we have seven strategies to keep moving forward, from managing costs and improving clinical income to finding solutions for turning under-performing assets into productive ones. We'll continue to do the best we can.

At the same time, let us know how we can be of assistance to you, especially during this session. Feel free to call on us. We will support you in any way we can as you deal with the challenges we face as a state.

Again, thanks for your continued support and all you do for the people of Kentucky.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'James A. Ramsey'.



UofL Across Kentucky

'Robodoc' Now Serving West Kentucky

Patients in Paducah, Ky., now have the benefit of a high-tech connection to specialists at UofL Health Care. Western Baptist Hospital is the newest partner in UofL Health Care's remote physician presence robot network whereby a doctor in Louisville can connect via the Internet to a "robodoc" in Western Baptist's emergency room.

The doctor interacts with a patient, the patient's family, physician or nurse through a live, two-way audio and video connection in the robot. This "anytime, anywhere patient care" network can lead to better diagnoses and allows patients to receive treatment in their own areas when appropriate.

The robot network began in 2007



and now includes 13 hospitals statewide. It is part of UofL Health Care's mission to serve as a resource for emergency departments across Kentucky. With a national shortage of specialized physicians, especially outside metropolitan areas, UofL Health Care continues to provide the state with innovative solutions to Kentucky's problem.

University Hospital opens critical care stroke unit

University Hospital Stroke Center opened a new critical care unit May 14. The six-bed unit complements advances the center's stroke team has made in cutting the time between the onset of stroke symptoms and treatment.

Did you know?



UofL announced that it is opening an Office of Military and Veterans Student Services this fall.

The office will support military and veterans throughout enrollment, from recruitment through admissions. The new office will provide opportunities for veterans and military personnel on campus and serve as a single point of contact. The facility will be located in the Houchens Building on Belknap Campus.

In addition, the university has launched a website dedicated to the unique needs of veterans. That site, louisville.edu/veterans, features admission, education and support resources as well information on news and events of interest to veterans.

UofL to help Kentucky prepare for **future pandemics**

UofL has received a \$2.3 million federal grant to help communities across the state prepare for possible future pandemics. The National Institute for Hometown Security grant, which was announced at a press conference May 27, will fund five collaborative research projects aimed at detection, preparedness, protection, response and recovery involving future disease outbreaks.



Dr. Ramsey announces a \$2.3 million grant to help the state prepare in case of a possible pandemic as Dr. Paul McKinney, co-leader of the grant team, looks on.

New tumor fighter shows commercial promise



A tumor-fighting discovery by researchers at UofL's James Graham Brown Cancer Center has led to the university's fifth licensing agreement with Advanced Cancer Therapeutics. UofL is part owner of the Louisville company, formed in 2007 to speed cancer treatments to the marketplace.

In this latest deal, ACT will attempt to develop and commercialize choline kinase inhibitors identified by John Trent, Brian Clem, Sucheta Telang and Jason Chesney. The researchers used molecular modeling and structure-based drug design methods developed by Trent to screen millions of chemicals for one that turned off the enzyme and found that it was able to kill lung tumors in mice. The discovery could lead to a new class of chemotherapies, the researchers say.

The screening was done using computers during downtimes in schools across the state, as part of the Kentucky Datastream Initiative.



7 Strategies to Move Us Forward

- 1** Continue finding new ways to save money and increase efficiency.
- 2** Aggressively improve balance sheet management, with an emphasis on leveraging all our assets.
- 3** Increase clinical income from our medical campus and affiliates to support education and research.
- 4** Increase contract research and commercialization income.
- 5** Create private sector partnerships.
- 6** Enhance private support through fundraising.
- 7** Use innovative revenue generating tools such as the tax increment financing plan.



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