



Health Sciences Center  
HEALTH CARE SERVICES DIVISION

### ***For Immediate Release***

BATON ROUGE - Robert Plaisance, Assistant Vice-President for Medical Fiscal Policy for the Louisiana State University System has been appointed to the position of interim Chief Executive Officer for the LSU Health Sciences Center Health Care Services Division. The appointment was announced today by John A. Rock, M.D., Chancellor of the LSU Health Sciences Center.

Plaisance assumes his responsibilities as CEO immediately and will perform the duties of both offices concurrently until a permanent successor is named to the departing James L. Brexler, who leaves the division officially March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004.

In announcing the appointment, Dr. Rock expressed his deep gratitude to Plaisance for his willingness to accept the dual burdens inherent in managing both his duties to the System office and those of the Division which manages eight of Louisiana's ten public hospitals

"Bob Plaisance is the quintessential team player," Rock stated. "He brings a critical sense of expertise to both roles during this interim period."

Plaisance is a 1976 undergraduate of the University of New Orleans, attaining a Masters in Public Administration in 1986 from his alma mater. He joined the administrative staff of the LSU School of Medicine in 1977. He served the medical school as an Associate Dean of Finance for an eighteen-year period before joining the leadership team of the System office in September of 1998.

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