**Minutes**

**Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) Advisory Board**

**April 27, 2017**

The Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) Advisory Board met on Thursday, April 27, 2017, at 10:50 a.m. in the Oliver Pollock Room of the Galvez Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chairman Ann A. Smith called the meeting to order and the roll was called.

**LOSFA Advisory Board Members Present Staff Members Present**

Amy Cable Dr. Sujuan Boutté

Shan Davis Rhonda Bridevaux

Amy Marix Alice T. Brown

Brooks Powell Dr. Tireka Cobb

Ann A. Smith Carol Fulco

 Brett Hunt

 Robyn Lively

Deborah Paul

 Jerry Oubre

 Gus Wales

**LOSFA Advisory Board Members Absent**

MaryAnn Coleman\*

John Condos

Zachary Faircloth

Denise LaTour\*

Michael Murphy

*\*Joined meeting as set forth in the minutes.*

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Five members were present, which did not represent a quorum**.**

Ms. LaTour joined via conference call and a quorum was established.

**On motion of Ms. Cable, seconded by Ms. Davis, the LOSFA Advisory Board approved the minutes from the March 3, 2017 meeting.**

Staff provided the Advisory Board members with updates on the following programs: START Saving Program, LOSFA Field Outreach for Statewide, Concentrated and Intensive Services, Go Grant, John R. Justice Program and TOPS.

Ms. Coleman arrived during Program Updates.

Under Old Business, it was proposed that the Advisory Board consider publication of final rule to amend Section 703 of the Scholarship and Grant Program Rules to add Human Anatomy and Physiology as an equivalent to Biology II in the TOPS core curriculum, to add Human Anatomy and Physiology as a dual enrollment course that may be graded on a 5.0 scale for graduates of 2018 and later, and to add Pre-Calculus as a gifted course that may be graded on a 5.0 scale for graduates of 2018 and later.

**On motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Ms. Marix, the LOSFA Advisory Board recommends the Board of Regents authorize publication of the final rule.**

Under New Business, it was proposed that the Advisory Board consider the attached requests for exception to the TOPS regulatory provisions that require students to enroll full-time, to remain continuously enrolled, and to earn at least 24 credit hours during the academic year.

**On motion of Ms. Coleman seconded by Ms. Marix, the LOSFA Advisory Board unanimously recommends that the Board of Regents approve the requests for Kaleb (664812), Stephanie (654328), Kailyn (628775), Taylor (654142), Kaitlin (712675), Alyssa (653626), and Addie (695293).**

It was proposed that the Advisory Board consider the adoption of meeting dates for the period

July through December 2017. After discussion, the agenda item was deferred until the next meeting of the Advisory Board.

There being no further business, Ms. Coleman made a motion to adjourn at 11:49 a.m. and Ms. Cable seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.