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**Minutes**

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

**November 8, 2018**

The Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) Advisory Board met on Thursday, November 8, 2018 at 10:38 am in the Oliver Pollock Conference Room of the Galvez Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chairman Maryann Coleman called the meeting to order and the roll was called.

**LOSFA Advisory Board Members Present**

**Present Staff Members**

MaryAnn Coleman Dr. Sujuan Boutté

Richard Davis, Jr Rhonda Bridevaux

Leslie Gilliland\* Alice T. Brown

Wendy Grubb Dr. Tireka Cobb

Kristi Lawson Kelvin Deloch

Jessica Lee\*\* Brittany Francis

 Carol Fulco

 Brett Hunt

 Robyn Lively

Deborah Paul

 Gus Wales

**LOSFA Advisory Board Members Absent**

Dr. Leroy Davis\*\*\*

Brooks Powell\*\*\*

*\*Proxy for Raphael Curtis*

*\*\** *Proxy for Katraya Williams*

*\*\*\*Joined as outlined in the minutes*

**Guest Present**

Amy Cable

Sujuan Boutté, Ed.D.

Executive Director

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Dr. Leroy Davis

Richard Davis, Jr.

Wendy Grubb

Kristi Lawson Brooks Powell

Katraya Williams

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Six members were present, which did represent a quorum.

**On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Grubb, the LOSFA Advisory Board approved the minutes from the September 6, 2018 meeting.**

Staff provided the Advisory Board members with updates on the following programs: START Saving Program, LA ABLE Program, LOSFA Field Outreach for Statewide and Intensive Services, Go Grant, John R. Justice Program and TOPS. Ms. Paul introduced three new programs: BESE Tuition Program for Teachers, GO Youth ChalleNGe Program, and the LCTCS Go Grant Noncredit Pilot Program and explained that Board members will receive future updates on these programs. Mr. Deloch provided an Audit update on TOPS and the National Guard Tuition Waiver Program and implications this may have on future legislation.

Dr. Davis and Mr. Powell arrived during Program Updates.

Under New Business, it was proposed that the Advisory Board consider the adoption of meeting dates for the period January through June 2019.

**On motion of Dr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Davis, the LOSFA Advisory Board adopted the meeting dates with exception of the May 2019 date for the period January through June 2019.**

It was proposed that the Advisory Board consider twelve (12) requests for exception to the TOPS regulatory provisions that require students to remain continuously enrolled and to earn the annual credit

hours required during the academic year.

**On motion of Ms. Grubb, seconded by Mr. Davis, the LOSFA Advisory Board recommended that the Board of Regents approve the requests for Olivia (763000), Alexis (802122), Janee (699266), Imani (782844), Burak (732678), Amber (780591), Daniel (705705), Trasie (734923), MeKayla (853775), Logan (810274), Morgan (699836), and Breanna (814587).**

It was proposed that the Advisory Board consider the attached request for exception to the TOPS provision that requires a student to earn a qualifying score on the ACT no later than the National ACT test date in April of the year of high school graduation.

**On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Lawson, the LOSFA Advisory Board recommended that the Board of Regents approve the request for Annalise (847503).**

There being no further business, Mr. Powell made a motion to adjourn at 12:28 p.m. which was seconded by Ms. Lawson.