**Minutes**

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

**January 24, 2017**

The Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) Advisory Board met on Tuesday, January 24, 2017, at 10:47 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**

MaryAnn Coleman Dr. Sujuan Boutté

Zachary Faircloth Rhonda Bridevaux

Denise LaTour Alice T. Brown

Michael Murphy Dr. Tireka Cobb

Brooks Powell Kelvin Deloch

Ann A. Smith Carol Fulco

 Jack Hart

 Robyn Lively

Deborah Paul Gus Wales

**LOSFA Advisory Board Members Absent**

Amy Cable

John Condos

Shan Davis

Amy Marix

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Six members were present, which did represent a quorum**.**

**On motion of Mr. Faircloth, seconded by Ms. Coleman, the LOSFA Advisory Board approved the minutes with corrections from the December 14, 2016 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.

Under New Business, it was proposed that the Advisory Board consider publication of final rule to amend Sections 703 and 1903 of the Scholarship and Grant Program Rules to add AP Computer Science A as a course that may be graded on a 5.0 scale for graduates of 2018 and later and to delete a provision requiring certain information be included on students’ fee bills.

**On a motion of Ms. Coleman seconded by Mr. Faircloth, the LOSFA Advisory Board recommend that the Board of Regents authorize publication of the final rule.**

It was proposed that the Advisory Board consider 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 a motion of Mr. Faircloth seconded by Ms. Coleman, the LOSFA Advisory Board unanimously recommends that the Board of Regents approve the requests for Sarah (765110), Eric (608065), Caitlin (565937), Jacob (652127), Kendrick (643858), and Alecia (696141).**

There being no further business, Mr. Faircloth made a motion to adjourn at 11:47 a.m. and Ms. LaTour seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.