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**Minutes**

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

**December 6, 2018**

The Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) Advisory Board met on Thursday, December 6, 2018 at 10:48 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

Raphael Curtis Rhonda Bridevaux

Wendy Grubb Alice T. Brown

Kristi Lawson Dr. Tireka Cobb

Brooks Powell Brittany Francis

Carol Fulco

Brett Hunt

Robyn Lively

Jerry Oubre

Deborah Paul

Gus Wales

**LOSFA Advisory Board Members Absent**

Dr. Leroy Davis

Richard Davis, Jr

Katraya Williams

Sujuan Boutté, Ed.D.

Executive Director

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Five members were present, which did not represent a quorum, therefore, in accordance with the Meeting Notice, the Chairman called the Executive Committee of the Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Advisory Board to order.

The following members of the Executive Committee were present: Chairman Coleman and Mr. Powell. Chairman Coleman temporarily appointed Mr. Curtis, Ms. Grubb and Ms. Lawson.

**On motion of Ms. Grubb, seconded by Ms. Lawson, the LOSFA Advisory Board approved the minutes from the November 8, 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, BESE Tuition Program for Teachers, Go Grant and LCTCS Go Grant Noncredit Pilot Program, John R. Justice Program, TOPS and GO Youth ChalleNGe Program.

Under New Business, it was proposed that the Advisory Board consider the adoption of a meeting date for May 17, 2019 and to change the previously adopted date of March 7, 2019 to March 14, 2019.

**On motion of Mr. Powell, seconded by Mr. Curtis, the LOSFA Advisory Board adopted the meeting date of May 17, 2019 and to change the previously adopted date of March 7, 2019 to March 14, 2019.**

It was proposed that the Advisory Board consider six (6) 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.

Chairman Coleman requested that the Advisory Board consider Katelyn (801308) separately from the other students.

**On motion of Ms. Grubb, seconded by Mr. Powell, with the exception of Katelyn (801308), the LOSFA Advisory Board recommended that the Board of Regents approve the requests for Lauren (746578), Abigale (849706), Lyric (793548), Benjamin (760497), and Rilee (754291).**

The Advisory Board received more information regarding Katelyn’s request from Senior Attorney Robyn Lively, and discussion took place.

**On motion of Ms. Grubb, seconded by Mr. Powell, the LOSFA Advisory Board voted to defer action on Katelyn’s request to a future Advisory Board meeting.**

There being no further business, Ms. Lawson made a motion to adjourn at 11:58 a.m. which was seconded by Mr. Curtis.