**Minutes**

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

**March 1, 2018**

The Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) Advisory Board met on Thursday, March 1, 2018, immediately following the Joint Meeting of the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) Advisory Board and the Louisiana Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Account Advisory Council in the Oliver Pollock Conference Room of the Galvez Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chairman Ann Smith called the meeting to order and the roll was called.

**LOSFA Advisory Board Members Present**

**Present Staff Members**

MaryAnn Coleman Dr. Sujuan Boutté

Shan Davis Rhonda Bridevaux

Kristi Lawson – Proxy for Denise LaTour Alice T. Brown

Carol Pool Kelvin Deloch

Brooks Powell Carol Fulco

Ann A. Smith Jack Hart

 Robyn Lively

 Deborah Paul

 Gus Wales

**LOSFA Advisory Board Members Absent**

Amy Cable

John Condos

Armond Duncan

Amy Marix

Michael Murphy

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Six members were present, which did represent a quorum.

**On motion of Ms. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Powell, the LOSFA Advisory Board approved the minutes from the January 11, 2018 meeting.**

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

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 Korean as an equivalent to foreign language in the TOPS Core Curriculum beginning with 2018 graduates.

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

Under New Business, 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.

**On motion of Ms. Davis seconded by Ms. Lawson, the LOSFA Advisory Board recommends that the Board of Regents approve the requests for Lendelle (741659), Daniel (629598), Micayla (736603), Brooklyn (681628), Kandyce (691050) and Alexis (598030).**

There being no further business, Ms. Coleman made a motion to adjourn at 11:56 a.m. and Ms. Davis seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.