**Minutes**

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

**August 31, 2016**

The Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) Advisory Board met on Wednesday, August 31, 2016, at 10:42 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

MaryAnn Coleman Rhonda Bridevaux

Shan Davis Alice T. Brown

Denise LaTour Dr. Tireka Cobb

Amy Marix Kelvin Deloch

Brooks Powell Carol Fulco

Ann A. Smith Jack Hart

 Robyn Lively

 Deborah Paul

 Gus Wales

**LOSFA Advisory Board Members Absent**

John Condos

Zachary Faircloth

Michael Murphy

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 Staff provided the advisory board members with updates on the following programs: 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 Section 315 to add interest rates to be applied to deposits and Earnings Enhancements in eligible accounts for the year ending December 31, 2015.

 **On motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Ms. LaTour, the LOSFA Advisory Board unanimously recommends that the Louisiana Tuition Trust Authority authorize publication of the final rule.**

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 AP Computer Science A as an equivalent of Mathematics in the TOPS Core Curriculum for students graduating from high school in 2014 and later.

 **On motion of Ms. Cable, seconded by Ms. Marix, the LOSFA Advisory Board unanimously recommends publication of the final rule.**

It was proposed that the Advisory Board consider the 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. After discussion of the requests,

 **On a motion of Ms. Coleman, seconded by Ms. Davis, the LOSFA Advisory Board unanimously recommended that the Board of Regents approve the requests for Stefan (670212), Chelsea (585409), Devin (703624), Cherish (608670), Hailey (593557), Andrew (580595), Chelsea (596635), Pauline (561277), Alyssa (555773), Colby (689432), Jordan (661152), Amber (556236), McKenzie (712242), and Nathan (649449) except for Taylor (563812) .**

Ms. Davis asked for further clarification on Taylor’s (563812) request for exception. Ms. Lively and Dr. Boutté further explained the student’s situation. After more discussion about this exceptional circumstances case:

 **On a motion of Mr. Powell, seconded by Ms. Davis, the LOSFA Advisory Board recommended that the Board of Regents approve the request for Taylor (563812). Chairman Smith called for a roll call vote. The results of the voting were six yeas and one nay, and the motion carried.**

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