**Minutes**

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

**July 28, 2016**

The Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) Advisory Board met on Thursday, July 28, 2016, at 10:44 a.m. in the Mobile/Manchac Room of the Galvez Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Dr. Sujuan Boutté 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

Zachary Faircloth Dr. Tireka Cobb

Amy Marix Kelvin Deloch

Michael Murphy Carol Fulco

Brooks Powell Jack Hart

Ann A. Smith Robyn Lively

 Deborah Paul

 Gus Wales

**LOSFA Advisory Board Members Absent**

John Condos

Denise LaTour

**Guests Present**

**Dr. Edwin Litolff**

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 The first item of business was the election of a chairperson for the Advisory Board.

 **On motion of Ms. Coleman, seconded by Ms. Davis, the LOSFA Advisory Board unanimously elected Ms. Smith as chairperson.**

 Mr. Brooks Powell made a self-nomination as Vice Chairperson for the LOSFA Advisory Board.

 **On motion of Ms. Smith, seconded by Ms. Cable the LOSFA Advisory Board unanimously elected Mr. Powell as vice chairperson.**

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 the adoption of meeting dates for the period August through December 2016.

 **On motion of Ms. Marix, seconded by Mr. Powell, the LOSFA Advisory Board unanimously adopted the proposed meeting dates for the period of August through December 2016.**

It was proposed that the Advisory Board consider rulemaking to amend Sections 703 and 1903 of the Scholarship and Grant Program Rules to add AP Computer Science A as a course to be graded on a 5.0 grading scale beginning with graduates of 2018 and to delete a provision requiring certain information be included on students’ fee bills.

 **On motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Ms. Marix, the LOSFA Advisory Board unanimously recommended that the Board of Regents adopt the proposed amendments in emergency rules, authorize the Executive Director of LOSFA to publish notice of the emergency rules, and authorize the Executive Director to publish notice of intent to make these rules permanent.**

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.

 **On a motion of Ms. Davis, seconded by Ms. Cable, the LOSFA Advisory Board unanimously recommended that the Board of Regents approve the requests for Katelyn (702751), Rachel (616523), Joshua (715241), Anna (654948), and Jack (652765).**

 There being no further business, Ms. Marix made a motion to adjourn at 12:34 p.m. and Mr. Powell seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.