## LOSFA

**Minutes**

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

**January 15, 2020**

The Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) Advisory Board met on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 10:38 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**

Barrye Bailey Dr. Sujuan Boutté

MaryAnn Coleman Rhonda Bridevaux

Kristi Lawson Alice Brown

Brooks Powell Dr. Tireka Cobb

Shawn Williams Kelvin Deloch

Ebony Holmes

Brett Hunt

Torrie Lawson

Robyn Lively

Deborah Paul

Terri Underwood

**LOSFA Advisory Board Members Absent**

Dr. Amy Cable

Dr. Leroy Davis

Wendy Grubb

Katraya Williams

Sujuan Boutte, Ed.D.

Executive Director

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Five members were present, which did not represent a quorum.

Ms. Coleman called the meeting into Executive Committee in accordance with the agenda. Three members of the Executive Committee were present. Ms. Coleman temporarily appointed Ms. Bailey and Mr. Williams to the Executive Committee and a quorum was established.

The LOSFA Advisory Board voted to amend the agenda by changing the order of the agenda to consider the Minutes, Executive Director Update under Program Updates, Old Business and New Business before the other agenda items.

**On motion of Ms. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Bailey, the LOSFA Advisory Board approved changing the order of the agenda to consider the Minutes, Executive Director Update under Program Updates, Old Business and New Business before the other agenda items.**

**On motion of Ms. Bailey seconded by Mr. Powell, the LOSFA Advisory Board approved the minutes as amended from the December 13, 2019 meeting.**

Dr. Boutte provided the Advisory Board members with the Executive Director Update.

Under Old Business, it was proposed that the Advisory Board consider recommending publication of final rule to amend Section 703 of the Scholarship and Grant Program Rules to add certain Cambridge University courses as equivalents in the TOPS core curriculum for graduates of 2018 and later, to add certain Cambridge University courses as honors courses that may be graded on a 5.0 scale for graduates of 2018 and later, and to add certain Honors courses approved to be graded on a 5.0 scale for graduates of 2018 and later.

**On motion of Ms. Lawson seconded by Ms. Bailey, the LOSFA Advisory Board recommended the Board of Regents authorize publication of the final rule.**

Under New Business, it was proposedthat the Advisory Board consider the attached 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. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Powell, the LOSFA Advisory Board recommended that the Board of Regents approve the requests for Lauren (822273), Amaia (833091), Breloneya (805480), Macy (851448), Moeisha (817411), Jaicelyn (862134) and Allison (818174).**

Staff provided the Advisory Board members with updates on the following programs: Louisiana Savings Programs, LOSFA Field Outreach for Statewide and Intensive Services, BESE Tuition Program for Teachers, Go Grant, John R. Justice Program, TOPS, and the GO-Youth ChalleNGe Program.

There being no further business, Mr. Williams made a motion to adjourn at 12:12 p.m. which was seconded by Ms. Bailey.