## LOSFA

**Minutes**

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

**September 5, 2019**

The Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) Advisory Board met on Thursday, September 5, 2019 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

Amy Cable Rhonda Bridevaux MaryAnn Coleman Alice Brown

Wendy Grubb Dr. Tireka Cobb

Kristi Lawson Kelvin Deloch

Brooks Powell Brittany Francis

Katraya Williams Carol Fulco

Shawn Williams Brett Hunt

Torrie Lawson

Robyn Lively

Deborah Paul

Patrick Roque

Darren Smith

Paula Smith

**LOSFA Advisory Board Members Absent**

Dr. Leroy Davis

*\*Proxy for Raphael Curtis*

Sujuan Boutte, Ed.D.

Executive Director

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Eight members were present, which did represent a quorum.

**On motion of Ms. Lawson seconded by Ms. Cable, the LOSFA Advisory Board approved the minutes from the August 1, 2019 meeting.**

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

Under New Business, it was proposed that the Advisory Board consider rulemaking 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 and to add certain Cambridge University courses as honors courses that may be graded on a 5.0 scale for graduates of 2018 and later.

**On motion of Mr. Williams seconded by Ms. Williams, the LOSFA Advisory Board recommended that the Louisiana Board of Regents authorize the Executive Director to publish a notice of intent of the above rulemaking.**

It was proposed that the LOSFA Advisory Board consider four (4) 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. Grubb, seconded by Ms. Bailey, the LOSFA Advisory Board moved to consider the request for exception for Tod (750297) separately from the other three requests and recommended that the Board of Regents approve the requests for Amara (828844), Emily (769724), and Michelle (762309).**

The LOSFA Advisory Board then discussed the request for exception for Tod (750297).

**After discussion, and on motion of Mr. Powell, seconded by Mr. Williams, the LOSFA Advisory Board recommended that the Board of Regents approve the request for Tod (750297), provided that the LOSFA Advisory Board provide written notification to the student’s postsecondary institution of its concern over the circumstances giving rise to student’s request and advising that exception requests for this cause will not be approved in the future.**

There being no further business, Mr. Powell made a motion to adjourn at 12:55 p.m. which was seconded by Ms. Lawson.