**Minutes**

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

**October 13, 2016**

The Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) Advisory Board met on Thursday, October 13, 2016, at 10:44 a.m. in the 6th Floor Conference 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**

MaryAnn Coleman Dr. Sujuan Boutté

John Condos Rhonda Bridevaux

Shan Davis Dr. Tireka Cobb

Denise LaTour Carol Fulco

Brooks Powell Robyn Lively

Ann A. Smith Deborah Paul Gus Wales

**LOSFA Advisory Board Members Absent**

Amy Cable

Zachary Faircloth

Amy Marix

Michael Murphy

**Guests Present**

Zana Harris (Proxy for COSBP)

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**On motion of Mr. Condos, seconded by Ms. Coleman, the LOSFA Advisory Board approved the minutes from the August 31, 2016 meeting.**

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

 Under New Business, **i**t was proposed that the Advisory Board consider publication of final rule to amend the Scholarship and Grant Program Rules to implement Act 18, Act 388, and Act 503 of the 2016 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature.

**On motion of Ms. Coleman seconded by Mr. Condos, 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 Mr. Condos seconded by Ms. Davis, the LOSFA Advisory Board unanimously recommended that the Board of Regents approve the requests for Ava (590367), Chelsea (657626), Alexis (598030), Brooke (694824), and Chelsea (649918).**

There being no further business, Mr. Condos made a motion to adjourn at 12:10 p.m. and Ms. Davis seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.