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Minutes

**Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) Advisory Board
 January 14, 2021**

LOSFA

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The Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) Advisory Board met on Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 10:30 am via virtual platform due to COVID-19 restrictions implemented through Executive Order. Chair MaryAnn Coleman called the meeting to order and the roll was called.

LOSFA Advisory Board Members Present

Present

Barrye Bailey
 Dr. Amy Cable**
 MaryAnn Coleman
 Dr. Leroy Davis
 Wendy Grubb
 Kristi Lawson
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 Amy Marix
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 Lyndra Smith
 Darius Spurlock
 Terri Underwood

LOSFA Advisory Board Members Absent

Stone Cox
 Dr. Jim Henderson

***Joined during Program Updates*

Eight members were present, which did represent a quorum.

On motion of Ms. Grubb, seconded by Ms. Talbert the LOSFA Advisory Board approved the minutes from the December 1, 2020 meeting of the LOSFA Advisory Board.

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

Dr. Cable joined the meeting during Program Updates.

Under New Business, it was proposed that the LOSFA Advisory Board consider rulemaking to implement COVID-19 as an objective circumstance for which students may request an exception to the continuous enrollment, full time, and earned annual hours requirements for TOPS; to add two dual enrollment calculus courses as TOPS core curriculum equivalents; to provide that the calculus courses will be graded on a 5.0 scale for the purpose of calculating a student's TOPS high school GPA; and to add a provision that a proprietary or cosmetology school that enrolls a student who is receiving a Chafee Educational and Training Voucher (ETV) shall report whether a student is making satisfactory academic progress in accordance with the school's policy regarding a student's continued eligibility to participate in federal financial aid programs.

On motion of Dr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Talbert, the LOSFA Advisory Board recommended that the Louisiana Board of Regents adopt the rulemaking in emergency rules and authorize the Executive Director of LOSFA to publish a notice of intent to make these rules permanent.

It was proposed that the Advisory Board consider 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 Dr. Davis seconded by Ms. Lawson, the LOSFA Advisory Board recommended that the Louisiana Board of Regents approve the requests for Daniel (965051), Patrick (867400), Katherine (948322), Courtney (821208), Jonathon (893807), Jinaki (763626), Linsey (794791), Paul (874217), Ely (912382), Cherelle (824727), Charles (902581), Emma (849617), Haley (826679), Christian (837863), Eden (892253), and Michael (786036).

There being no further business, Ms. Marix made a motion to adjourn at 11:51 a.m. which was seconded by Ms. Bailey.