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LOUISIANA OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

— A PROGRAM OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS —

Minutes

Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) Advisory Board January 19, 2023

The Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) Advisory Board met on Thursday, January 19, 2023, at 10:54 a.m. in the Oliver Pollock Conference Room of the Galvez Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair MaryAnn Coleman called the meeting to order and the roll was called.

LOSFA Advisory Board Members Present

Barrye Bailey
MaryAnn Coleman
Ethan Estis
Dr. Jim Henderson
Mary Katherine Hooper *
Kristi Lawson

Staff Members Present

Dr. Sujuan Boutté
Anna Breaux
Rhonda Bridevaux
Alice T. Brown
Dr. Tireka Cobb
Shayne Creppel

Ebony Holmes
Brett Hunt
Daniel Loving
Robyn Lively
LaVonya Malveaux
Parker Maness
Deborah Paul
Robert Roux
Terri Underwood

Virtual Attendees

Andrew Granger

Guests Present

LOSFA Advisory Board Members Absent

Dr. Leroy Davis
Sharmain Lazard-Talbert
Amy Marix

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Six members were present, which did represent a quorum.

Chair MaryAnn Coleman noted two edits to the minutes from the December 6, 2022, meeting of the LOSFA Advisory Board.

On motion of Dr. Henderson, seconded by Ms. Bailey the LOSFA Advisory Board approved the minutes from the December 6, 2022, meeting of the LOSFA Advisory Board, with edits.

Staff provided the Advisory Board members with updates on the following programs: Louisiana's Saving Programs, LOSFA College Access, Success and Communications, LOSFA Student Engagement, LOSFA GEAR UP/Field Outreach Services, GO Grant, John R. Justice Program, GO-Youth Challenge Program, MJ Foster Promise Program, the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) and the Executive Director update.

Under New Business, 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. Henderson, seconded by Ms. Bailey, the LOSFA Advisory Board recommended that the Louisiana Board of Regents approve the requests for Madison (890919), John (979821), Jackson (1011520), Ashlei (999066), Harley (927801), Donte (983774), Logan (960498), Fatima (956207), Gavin (960875), Heba (943988), Braelyn (929413), Charles (938200), Sydney (945393), Logan (888669), Jon (982798), and Tarneisha (916130).

It was proposed that the Advisory Board consider the attached request for exception to the TOPS statutory provision that requires a student to begin a home study program no later than the conclusion of the tenth grade.

On motion of Ms. Bailey seconded by Mr. Estis, the LOSFA Advisory Board recommended that the Louisiana Board of Regents approve the request for Micah (1069457).

There being no further business, Ms. Hooper made a motion to adjourn at 12:20 p.m., which was seconded by Dr. Henderson.