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AGENDA

STATEWIDE PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, December 7, 2016 • 11:00 a.m.

Claiborne Building
Thomas Jefferson Room 1-136, Sections A and B
1201 North Third Street, First Floor
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Consent Agenda
 - A. Approval of Exceptions
- IV. Other Business
- V. Adjournment

Committee Members: Marty Chabert, Chair; Gray Stream, Vice Chair; Thomas Henning; Benson Kinney; Robert Levy; Collis Temple III; Joseph Wiley

Consent Agenda
Agenda Item III.A.

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.

BACKGROUND:

Sections 705.A.6 and 7 of the TOPS administrative rules require TOPS recipients to continue to enroll full-time for the fall and spring semesters of each academic year, to remain enrolled throughout the semester, and to earn a minimum of 24 credit hours by the end of the academic year. Section 2103.E authorizes the governing body to grant an exception to the full-time, continuous enrollment and 24-hour requirements when the “student/recipient has exceptional circumstances that are beyond his immediate control and that necessitate full or partial withdrawal from or non-enrollment in an eligible postsecondary institution.”

Ten requests for exception to the full-time, continuous enrollment, and 24 hour requirements were reviewed and approved by the LOSFA Advisory Board at its meeting of November 15, 2016. The students have presented facts and circumstances that the students believe justify the granting of an exception as an exceptional circumstance.