

MINUTES**LOUISIANA COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2012
8:00 A.M.**

**Louisiana Community & Technical College System Office
265 South Foster Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70806
~ 2nd Floor - Small Conference Room ~**

** The Board of Supervisors of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System reserves the right to enter into Executive Session in accordance with R.S. 42.6.

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Executive Committee of the Louisiana Community and Technical College Board of Supervisors met on Thursday, April 26, 2012, at the LCTC System Office, 2nd floor, small conference room. Mr. Vincent St. Blanc, III, Board Chair, called the Executive Committee meeting to order at 8:06 a.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Bonni Blouin, Coordinator of Board Services, called roll and a quorum was established. The following Executive Committee members were in attendance: Vincent St. Blanc, Chair; Michael Murphy, 2st Vice Chair; Woody Ogé, 2nd Vice Chair (via teleconference); Stevie Smith, Immediate Past Chair (via teleconference). Additional Board members present for the meeting included: Deni Grissette, Timothy W. Hardy and Stevie Toups.

C. YEAR TWO CERTIFICATION OF COLLEGE REPORTS PURSUANT TO THE GRAD ACT

Dr. May stated that a yearly certification is completed in terms of the GRAD Act. He stated that legislation requires that the LCTCS Board of Supervisors perform the data collection. He noted that in the past, the report is prepared to meet the deadline required by the Board of Regents and then the report is presented to the LCTCS Board to adopt. He stated that due to timing issues, the deadline for the report (May 1st), did not coincide with the monthly Board meeting, therefore, an Executive Committee meeting was necessary to adopt the plan. He added that he would like to present a long-term solution for this issue so that in the future, it is not necessary to hold an Executive Committee meeting for this purpose.

Dr. Monty Sullivan provided an explanation of the agenda item being considered, Year Two Certification of College Reports Pursuant to the GRAD Act. He stated that the GRAD Act represents an agreement between institutions of post-secondary education with the State of Louisiana in exchange for some performance measures and accomplishments and performance items. He noted that institutions are given flexibility, most important of which is tuition and the ability to increase

tuition. He mentioned that the Board acted in August 2010 to provide initial certification to all sixteen (16) LCTCS institutions and followed by re-certifying/approving year one reports in May 2011. He noted that data was collected for a 1-year period, the targets were reviewed and all institutions met the targets. He stated that the action taken today would approve Year 2 of the data which states that all LCTCS colleges have met the targets that they projected in year 2 of the GRAD Act. He provided a summary of that information. Dr. Sullivan further explained that the GRAD Act is made up of five sections, the most important of which is the student success portion. The student success portion is the primary point section for an institution to continue in their certification. He noted that continued certification equals continued access to the autonomies, the most important being the tuition flexibility, as well as the performance funding.

Dr. Sullivan distributed two handouts related to the report. He noted that the reports include the items that make up the overall student success measure. He reviewed the information contained in each of the documents. A question and answer period followed.

On motion of Supervisor Murphy, seconded by Supervisor Toups, the Executive Committee voted to authorize the System President to preliminarily certify the year two reports of LCTCS colleges pursuant to the GRAD Act. (Final certification of the year two reports are scheduled for consideration at the May 2012 meeting of the Board of Supervisors.) The motion carried.

Dr. May stated that he has asked Dr. Monty Sullivan to develop a Board policy that would authorize the System President to respond to the Board of Regents on this issue and then report to the LCTCS Board of Supervisors once the report has been submitted. He added that if there are any issues with the report, this information would be communicated to the Board. He stated that having a policy in place would avoid the need for calling a special meeting of the Board just for the purpose of adopting this report to meet a deadline.

D. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was presented for consideration.

E. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Supervisor Grissette, seconded by Supervisor Toups, the Executive Committee adjourned at 8:23 a.m.