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APPROVED

TO: Dr. Monty Sullivan
LCTCS President
FROM: Dr. René Cintrón
Chief Academic Affairs Officer
SUBJECT: Request for Endorsement of U.S. Department of Education Pathways
DATE: 08/29/2018

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LCTCS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

FOR BOARD REVIEW AND ACTION:

Recommendation: Staff recommends LCTCS Board Approval of an endorsement of the U.S. Department of Education Pathways application and COE Letter of Acknowledgement.

Background: Central Louisiana Technical Community College (CLTCC), Northshore Technical Community College (NTCC), and Northwest Louisiana Technical College (NWLTC) seek the endorsement of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System Board of Supervisors to advance a Department of Education "Pathways" application. The U.S. Department of Education provides colleges accredited by the Council on Occupational Education the ability to apply financial aid in support of transferrable courses aligned with a course sequence specific to a field of study not leading to a credential. A requirement of the U.S. Department of Education is that the college submit signed Memorandums of Understanding between the college and university as well as a Letter of Acknowledgement by the accrediting body.

Recent economic development announcements in North Louisiana require additional graduates in information technology, advanced cyber security, and advanced manufacturing. In addition, there is a strong need in the northwest region for graduates in a wide variety of health care occupations. In Central Louisiana, graduates are needed in the areas of advanced manufacturing, information technology, and health sciences. Similarly, in the Northshore region, recent economic development announcements, such as DXC Technology, express the need for information technology graduates as well as requests for advanced manufacturing, maritime, and health sciences sectors.

These workforce demands require CLTCC, NTCC, and NWLTC to demonstrate occupational career pathways supportive of graduate success through gainful employment in high-wage, high-demand sectors. Upon the endorsement of the Board of Supervisors of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System, LCTCS President Dr. Monty Sullivan will seek a Letter of Acknowledgement from the Council on Occupational Education for pathways supportive of biological sciences, computer science, business administration, advanced manufacturing, industrial technologies, maritime industry sectors, and other high demand occupations.

Fiscal Impact: No additional cost will be incurred; however, increased enrollments is expected to sustain mission critical occupational education programs relevant to the local, regional, and state economy.

History of Prior Action: There is a history of revising programs to meet student and industry needs.

Benefits to the System: USDOE Pathways drive student and graduate success as well as allow colleges to respond effectively to the needs of business and industry.



Approved for Recommendation to the Board
Dr. Monty Sullivan

9-12-18

Date