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## LOUISIANA COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

TO: Dr. Monty Sullivan

LCTCS President

THROUGH: Joseph F. Marin

Chief Operations Officer

FROM: Joel Watkins

Director of Budget and Planning

**DATE:** June 13, 2017

**RE:** Academic Year 2017-2018 Tuition and Mandatory Fee Schedule

## FOR BOARD ACTION

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Board reaffirm tuition affordability to students and maintain the current tuition and mandatory fees schedule for the 2017-2018 academic year. Furthermore, recognizing the need for fiscal prudence, the Board requests the board office to implement a process for the review and approval of fees associated with the cost recovery of high cost programs.

**Background:** Over the years, colleges and universities have increased tuition or assessed additional mandatory attendance fees. However, since the establishment of GRAD Act, these increases have accelerated with annual increases in tuition of ten percent. Unfortunately, colleges did not realize the benefits of any additional income as the state decreased its funding effort by the same amount of the tuition increases. These tuition and fee increases, which were deemed necessary to maintain the fiscal viability of higher education, have had a disproportionate impact on students at two year colleges as most of these students do not receive state tuition assistance (i.e. TOPS) or have much less is available to defray living expenses while attending college through their federal Pell award.

To highlight the impact of these increases, the average annual tuition and mandatory attendance fees for a full-time student attending an LCTCS community college in the fall of 2009 was \$2,000. Today, this amount is \$4,100, an increase of more than 100%. The annual tuition and mandatory attendance fees for technical colleges was under \$1,000 in the fall of 2009 and is currently \$3,000, equaling a 200% increase.

Fiscal Impact: N/A

History of Prior Actions: The board began implementing GRAD Act tuition increases beginning in the fall 2010 semester per Act 741 of the 2010 Regular Legislative Session. Recently the board utilized authority under Act 377 of 2015 to increase the Enterprise Resource Program (ERP) Fee from \$3 per credit hour to \$5 per credit hour at the November 2015 meeting. While there is currently no final decision on the appropriations bill for the ensuing fiscal year with much fiscal uncertainty, House bill 113 of the 2017 Regular Legislative Session, which extends the provisions of Act 377 of 2015 from June 30, 2017 to June 30, 2020, has been passed by the legislature and sent to the governor for his signature. Additionally, the board also implemented an Excess Credit Hour Fee at the June 2016 executive committee meeting, which was later ratified by the full board.

Fall 2017 Semester Resident Tuition and Mandatory Fee Schedules

	Community College/				
	Technical Community Colleges				
SCH	Tuition	Mand- atory Fees	Excess Credit Hour Fee	Total Tuition and Mandatory Fees	
1	\$138.96	\$31.00	\$0.00	\$169.96	
2	\$277.92	\$62.00	\$0.00	\$339.92	
3	\$416.88	\$93.00	\$0.00	\$509.88	
4	\$555.84	\$124.00	\$0.00	\$679.84	
5	\$694.80	\$155.00	\$0.00	\$849.80	
6	\$833.76	\$186.00	\$0.00	\$1,019.76	
7	\$972.72	\$217.00	\$0.00	\$1,189.72	
8	\$1,111.68	\$248.00	\$0.00	\$1,359.68	
9	\$1,250.64	\$279.00	\$0.00	\$1,529.64	
10	\$1,389.60	\$310.00	\$0.00	\$1,699.60	
11	\$1,528.56	\$341.00	\$0.00	\$1,869.56	
12 13 14 15	\$1,667.52	\$372.00	\$0.00	\$2,039.52	
16	\$1,667.52	\$372.00	\$150.96	\$2,190.48	
17	\$1,667.52	\$372.00	\$301.92	\$2,341.44	
18	\$1,667.52	\$372.00	\$452.88	\$2,492.40	
19	\$1,667.52	\$372.00	\$603.84	\$2,643.36	
20 21	\$1,667.52 \$1,667.52	\$372.00 \$372.00	\$754.80 \$905.76 + \$150.96 for each	\$2,794.32 \$2,945.28	
			additional SCH over 21		

Baton Rouge Community						
College						
Tuition	Mand- atory Fees	Excess Credit Hour Fee	Total Tuition and Mandatory Fees			
\$134.89	\$31.00	\$0.00	\$165.89			
\$269.78	\$62.00	\$0.00	\$331.78			
\$404.67	\$93.00	\$0.00	\$497.67			
\$539.56	\$124.00	\$0.00	\$663.56			
\$674.45	\$155.00	\$0.00	\$829.45			
\$809.34	\$186.00	\$0.00	\$995.34			
\$944.23	\$217.00	\$0.00	\$1,161.23			
\$1,079.12	\$248.00	\$0.00	\$1,327.12			
\$1,214.01	\$279.00	\$0.00	\$1,493.01			
\$1,348.90	\$310.00	\$0.00	\$1,658.90			
\$1,483.79	\$341.00	\$0.00	\$1,824.79			
\$1,618.68	\$372.00	\$0.00	\$1,990.68			
\$1,618.68	\$372.00	\$146.89	\$2,137.57			
\$1,618.68	\$372.00	\$293.78	\$2,284.46			
\$1,618.68	\$372.00	\$440.67	\$2,431.35			
\$1,618.68	\$372.00	\$587.56	\$2,578.24			
\$1,618.68 \$1,618.68	\$372.00 \$372.00	\$734.45 \$881.34 + \$146.89 for each additional SCH over 21	\$2,725.13 \$2,872.02			

Tuition	Mand- atory Fees	Excess Credit Hour Fee	Total Tuition and Mandatory Fees
\$91.75	\$31.00	\$0.00	\$122.75
\$183.50	\$62.00	\$0.00	\$245.50
\$275.25	\$93.00	\$0.00	\$368.25
\$367.00	\$124.00	\$0.00	\$491.00
\$458.75	\$155.00	\$0.00	\$613.75
\$550.50	\$186.00	\$0.00	\$736.50
\$642.25	\$217.00	\$0.00	\$859.25
\$734.00	\$248.00	\$0.00	\$982.00
\$825.75	\$279.00	\$0.00	\$1,104.75
\$917.50	\$310.00	\$0.00	\$1,227.50
\$1,009.25	\$341.00	\$0.00	\$1,350.25
\$1,101.00	\$372.00	\$0.00	\$1,473.00
\$1,101.00	\$372.00	\$103.75	\$1,576.75
\$1,101.00	\$372.00	\$207.50	\$1,680.50
\$1,101.00	\$372.00	\$311.25	\$1,784.25
\$1,101.00	\$372.00	\$415.00	\$1,888.00
\$1,101.00	\$372.00	\$518.75	\$1,991.75
\$1,101.00	\$372.00	\$622.50 + \$103.75 for each additional SCH over	\$2,095.50

**Benefits to the System:** Continuation of existing tuition and mandatory fee levels will assist in maintaining current enrollment levels and not place additional financial burdens on our students.

Approved for Recommendation to the Board

Dr. Monty Sullivan, President

Date