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**SUBJECT:** 

LCTCS College Free Expression Policies, Staff Training, and SGA

Engagement

DATE:

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### FOR BOARD INFORMATION:

At the November 2018 LCTCS Board of Supervisors meeting, the Board approved LCTCS Policy #2.018, entitled "Campus Free Expression." The Policy was promulgated in response to Act 666 of the 2018 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature. Act 666 requires each postsecondary education management board to develop and adopt policies on campus free expression. The Act also requires each public postsecondary institution to adopt and implement policies in compliance with management board policies. Following the approval of LCTCS Policy #2.018, Supervisors McConduit and Yantis requested an update at the December Board meeting on the status of college free expression policies, plans for training of college staff, and Student Government Association (SGA) engagement in the implementation of college free expression policies.

Since the November Board meeting, all LCTCS colleges have submitted to Board staff their college-level free expression policies. The college policies have been reviewed by Board staff and General Counsel to ensure compliance with Act 666 and LCTCS Policy #2.018.

Board staff are currently planning training for college staff, to take place during the early part of the spring 2019 semester. The training will be a one-day, in-person workshop, which will then be turned into an online, self-paced course (available through Canvas). The workshop and online course will cover the following topics: a general overview of the First Amendment of the United States Constitution and the types of expression covered/not covered; Act 666 of the 2018 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature; LCTCS Policy #2.018; free expression in higher education case studies; best practices in college process/procedure; and a quiz. Each college will be asked to send 4 attendees to the workshop (an employee within the Student Affairs Division, the Academic Affairs Division, Human Resources, and Campus Security/Facilities). Those who attend the workshop will provide to System staff the names of those college staff who should be enrolled in the online course. Certificates of completion will be provided to those who complete the online course.

An online course will also be built and made available to SGA representatives. The online course will cover the following topics: a general overview of the First Amendment of the United States Constitution and the types of expression covered/not covered; Act 666 of the 2018 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature; and LCTCS Policy #2.018. Providing this information to student leaders will empower them to educate their fellow students about the rights afforded to them and the necessity of time, place, and manner limitations.

Approved for Recommendation to the Board

Dr. Monty Sullivan

12-12-18 Date