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TO: Dr. Monty Sullivan

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FROM: Dr. Emily Campbell W

Chief Enrollment Management Officer

Dr. Amber Blair

Director of Student Engagement & Grant Initiatives

SUBJECT: LCTCS College Free Expression Policies, Staff Training, and SGA

Engagement

DATE: 3/25/2019

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. At that meeting, Board Staff indicated that a workshop was being planned for spring 2019.

Since the December Board meeting, LCTCS held a one-day, in-person workshop, on March 1, 2019. Fifty-three (53) faculty and staff from all 12 colleges in Student Affairs, Academic Affairs, Human Resources, and Campus Security and Facilities attended. The following topics were covered (agenda attached): 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; and best practices in college process/procedures. Certificates for attendance were provided to attendees, and a sign-up sheet for enrollment in the future online Canvas course was distributed. LCTCS staff are currently working to create the online Canvas course, which is planned to roll out in fall 2019. The online course will be made available to faculty, staff, student organizations, and SGA representatives.

Approved for Recommendation to the Board

Dr. Monty Sulliva

4-10-19

Date



Free Expression Training Workshop

Friday, March 1, 2019

LCTCS Office • 265 South Foster Drive • Baton Rouge, LA 70806 SIS/IT Building, First Floor, Conference Room 106

AGENDA

9:30am

Registration and Coffee

10:00am

Opening Remarks, Program Overview, and Welcome

Dr. Amber Blair, Director of Student Engagement & Grant Initiatives, LCTCS

10:15am

General Overview of the First Amendment of the United States Constitution

Mr. Leo Hamilton

Types of Free Expression, Covered and Not Covered

Mr. Leo Hamilton

Group Activity: College Policy Review Roundtable and Table Question Generation

Mr. Leo Hamilton & Dr. Amber Blair

11:30am

Lunch

12:15pm

Overview of Act 666 of the 2018 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature

Mr. Leo Hamilton

Overview of LCTCS Policy # 2.018

Mr. Leo Hamilton

Free Expression in Higher Education: Case Studies

Mr. Leo Hamilton

Best Practices in College Processes and Procedures and Answers to Table Questions

Mr. Leo Hamilton

2:00pm

Closing Remarks, Safe travels home!

This training will be converted into a Canvas course. Please be sure to provide Amber Blair with the names and email addresses for any faculty, staff, or student leader who should be contacted about enrolling in this course. A certificate of completion will be provided upon course completion. Sign-Up sheet is in the back of the room.

Special thanks to:

Mr. Leo Hamilton