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## LOUISIANA COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

TO: Dr. Monty Sullivan

President

Joseph F. Marin Chief Operations Officer FROM:

Resolution Regarding Athletic Programs SUBJECT:

DATE: June 4, 2019

## FOR BOARD ACTION

**Recommendation:** Given ongoing concerns of financial stability, staff recommends the following board resolution:

"Given the financial stability of LCTCS colleges, the expansion of athletic programs and the long-term financial and programmatic obligations that athletic programs place on a college, the Board directs the President and board staff, in conjunction with college chancellors, to develop a comprehensive policy to address a review process for the establishment, expansion and operation of athletic programs at LCTCS colleges."

Background: Currently, four LCTCS colleges have athletic programs to varying degrees: Baton Rouge Community College, Bossier Parish Community College, Delgado Community College and most recently, Nunez Community College. While athletic programs may play a role in the "student experience" at two-year colleges, there are financial and programmatic considerations that should be factored when either starting, expanding or operating an athletic program. Currently there exists no system policy for that to occur from the perspective of the Board. As such, this resolution is to urge and request that such a policy be developed by board staff, in conjunction with LCTCS college leaders, for presentation, and ultimately, action by the Board.

Fiscal Impact: N/A

History of Prior Action: While the board has approved past student referendums on athletic fees for Baton Rouge Community College, Bossier Parish Community College and Nunez Community College, it has not taken any action on developing policies for the review of athletic programs.

Approved for Recommendation to the Board

Dr. Monty Sullivan, President