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TO: Dr. Monty Sullivan
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FROM: Joseph F. Marin
Chief Operations Officer

DATE: December 9, 2019

RE: LCTCS Policy #2.019 "Athletic Programs"

APPROVED
12/11/19
LCTCS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

FOR BOARD ACTION

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Board approve LCTCS Policy #2.019 titled "Athletic Programs."

Background: There currently exists no system policy regarding the establishment and monitoring of athletic programs at LCTCS colleges even though currently such programs exist at Baton Rouge Community College, Bossier Parish Community College, Delgado Community College and Nunez Community College. While athletic programs may play a role in the learning environments of our college, as the policy states, "institutions must ensure that each program is financially self-sustaining and compliant with all applicable statutes, policies, and national affiliate regulations." This policy provides a framework for that to occur regarding the establishment of new athletic programs and expansion of current athletic programs while ensuring proper monitoring of existing athletic programs.

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Prior Board Action: This policy was presented to the Board for review and advisement at the October 9, 2019 board meeting.

Benefits to the System: The policy provides a framework for the establishment of new athletic programs and also the monitoring of existing athletic programs at LCTCS colleges.

Monty Sullivan signature
Approved for Distribution to the Board
Dr. Monty Sullivan, President

12-11-19
Date

LOUISIANA COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM
Policy # 2.00619

Title: ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

Authority: Board Action	Original Adoption: Effective Date:	New Proposed Upon Board Action
	Last Revision:	Initial

The Louisiana Community and Technical College system recognizes that athletics not only enhances learning, but serves as an opportunity for students, staff, and the community to share in the college experience. As the ultimate authority for authorizing all athletic programs, the Board supports student participation in sports and athletics; however, LCTCS institutions must ensure that each program is financially self-sustaining and compliant with all applicable statutes, policies, and national affiliate regulations.

Proposed Athletic Program

LCTCS institutions proposing a new athletic program must first submit a proposal to the LCTCS President and the LCTCS Board of Supervisors. The LCTCS Board of Supervisors must approve the proposal before the athletic program may be established. All new programs will commence on the club level, be sustained for one year, and be NJCAA compliant (or applicable national affiliate) before advancing to the next appropriate level.

Each proposal will include supporting documentation to indicate self-sufficient funding source, compliance with Title IX and with any appropriate national affiliate (NJCAA). Submissions must also include a description of how the program will support the mission of the institution. The Board of Regents operating budget form related to athletic programs may be used to provide financial information although alternative forms may be used.

Existing or Expanding Athletic Programs

On an annual basis, all athletic programs must submit a compliance report to the LCTCS President and LCTCS Board of Supervisors. Each submission must demonstrate financial, Title IX, and appropriate national affiliate (NJCAA) compliance. The use of volunteer coaching staff is strictly prohibited. Any affiliation with non-college athletic focused organizations without board approval is prohibited. If approved, this policy shall also apply to any existing agreements, either written or implied. Additionally, the use of any college logos or trademarked symbols by non-college entities without the expressed written permission of the college is prohibited.

In the event of a program's failure to maintain acceptable financial standards or repeated compliance violations, the LCTS Board of Supervisors reserves the right to discontinue any athletic program or sport should it be deemed in the best interest of the student body, the college, or system, including the repeal of any associated athletic fees.