

LCTCS Board of Supervisors
Resolution to Urge and Request LCTCS Colleges to Develop Learning Engagement Strategies During COVID-19 Response and Onward

Whereas LCTCS colleges have historically labored to serve the educational and workforce training needs of the citizens of the State of Louisiana; and

Whereas the State of Louisiana, and the nation, has recently had to deal with the realities of the COVID-19 pandemic and has had to implement measures limiting social interaction to inhibit the spread of the impact from this pandemic; and

Whereas the pandemic has also had a great impact on all facets of life of individuals, private enterprise and government; and

Whereas LCTCS colleges, along with other Louisiana colleges and universities, has had to make substantive changes to both operational and instructional delivery methods (through the migration to “on-line” only coursework where possible) in order to facilitate instruction during this period; and

Whereas the LCTCS Board of Supervisors recognizes that the ‘hands on’ training needed for effective career and technical instruction is a challenge for LCTCS colleges and also recognize that many of the students served by LCTCS colleges may not have access to broad band internet nor the hardware to facilitate “on-line” instructional delivery; and

Whereas the impact on the state budget and, that given the above, self-generated revenues are unknown at this time but are anticipated to be negatively impacted; and


Whereas the majority of the budget for LCTCS colleges are enrollment driven through tuition and self-generated revenues; and

Whereas, the federal government through the recent CARES Act provided funding to assist students and institutions; and

Whereas the impact from any budget reductions can be best mitigated through measures implemented earlier in the fiscal year, rather than later; and

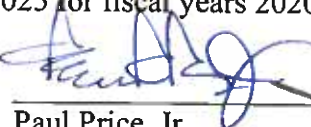
Whereas, the LCTCS has convened a task force of college leaders to develop strategies to manage the challenges currently facing our colleges;

Therefore, be it resolved, the LCTCS Board of Supervisors urges and requests that LCTCS colleges, in conjunction with the system president, continue the extraordinary work of delivering on the two-year college mission for the people of Louisiana in these unprecedented times while taking the steps necessary to mitigate the immediate and longer term impacts of the pandemic and the economic downturn on the delivery of education and training, to include but not be limited to preparing for potential state general fund reductions in fiscal year 2021, preparing for uncertain enrollment and operational changes that will likely impact revenue and expenses, maximizing the institutional funds under the CARES Act, and bolster efforts to provide college sponsored institutional financial aid to students by authorizing the temporary elimination of the financial aid cap specified in LCTCS policy #5.025 for fiscal years 2020 and 2021.




Stephen Toups
Chair LCTCS Board

Date: May 6, 2020



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