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LOUISIANA COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

TO: Dr. Monty Sullivan
LCTCS President

FROM: Joseph F. Marin
Chief Operations Officer

DATE: May 28, 2020

RE: Suspension of Online Registration Fee

APPROVED

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LCTCS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

FOR BOARD ACTION

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Board temporarily suspend assessment of the online registration fee by LCTCS colleges beginning with the fall 2020 semester through the spring 2022 semester.

Background: In August 2009, in accordance with Act 307 of the 2009 Regular Legislative Session, the LCTCS Board of Supervisors established a separate uniform online tuition rate for all LCTCS colleges and implemented a \$20 per student per semester registration fee for online courses. The Board raised the online registration fee from \$20 to \$40 at its August 2011 meeting. At the June 2015 meeting, the Board eliminated the separate tuition rate for online courses and put it in line with the regular credit hour tuition rate but retained the \$40 registration fee for online courses. The fee was originally assessed to cover operational costs associated with the implementation of online course delivery. However, since then, LCTCS colleges have moved more to online course delivery as the norm and not the exception, particularly since the COVID-19 pandemic. It is anticipated that going forward, online course delivery will become even more commonplace and that the fee could be seen as a hindrance to enrollment, particularly when factoring LCTCS college tuition rates as compared to states that border Louisiana.

Fiscal Impact: In FY 2019-20 the online registration fee has generated \$2.4 million however, the impact to potential enrollment growth and the revenue it may generate is undetermined.

History of Prior Actions: The Board increased the online registration fee from \$20 to \$40 at the August 2011 meeting.

Benefits to the System: The suspension of the online registration fee will increase enrollment for LCTCS.


Approved for Recommendation to the Board
Dr. Monty Sullivan, President

6-10-2020
Date






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