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SUBJECT: Campus Realignments

DATE: April 13, 2021

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LCTCS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

FOR BOARD ACTION:

Recommendation: Based upon the analysis of college budget plans and the accreditation plans of Central Louisiana Technical Community College (CLTCC) provided by Chancellor Sawtelle and in support of the college achieving accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), staff recommends that the Board approve the following college campus and instructional site realignments thereby improving CLTCC's accreditation effort and allowing for the administration and delivery of instructional and workforce training effective July 1, 2021, or as soon as possible thereafter, with all funds, obligations, property, personnel, programs, facilities and functions:

1. The Central Louisiana Technical Community College Avoyelles Campus and the accompanying prison education program is to be realigned with South Louisiana Community College.
2. The Central Louisiana Technical Community College Lamar Salter Campus is to be realigned with SOWELA Technical Community College.
3. The Central Louisiana Technical Community College Natchitoches Campus is to be realigned with Bossier Parish Community College.
4. The Central Louisiana Technical Community College Sabine Valley Campus is to be realigned with Bossier Parish Community College.

Any student enrolled in a program or course of study at the above realigned campuses and instructional sites, prior to the realignment, shall be permitted to complete such program or course of study at no greater cost. The cost to the student prior to the realignment of such campuses shall remain in effect for a period not to exceed two years, ending on July 1, 2023, provided all applicable aid and scholarships are first applied to the student's cost of attendance.

All impacted college leaders are to provide communication plans to the Board at the June 2021 meeting, including strategies and plans for the successful realignment of campuses and instructional sites factoring, at a minimum, such issues as personnel, budgets/finances, facilities, student tuition/fees, definition of timely progress towards completing a program or course of study, and notification plans for U.S. Department of Education and Veteran Affairs, and accreditation.

Background: The LCTCS has always sought to establish linkages and organizational structures for aimed at greater efficiency and effectiveness in the delivery of instructional

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learning and in response to workforce training needs. In order to effectively meet the needs of communities and address ongoing changes in workforce training requirements, LCTCS has continued to work with each of its member colleges to achieve SACS accreditation. The proposed campus realignments are being offered with this in mind. The implementation of a single instance of a comprehensive information system, Banner, will facilitate these transitions while technological advances in the last few years will facilitate general educational offerings in addition to existing campus technical offerings. The proposed campus realignments will accomplish the following:

1. The Avoyelles Campus realignment to South Louisiana Community College, a college with healthy financial reserves, will allow for the delivery of transferable general education programs in the Marksville area which will be added to existing technical offerings.
2. The Lamar Salter Campus realignment with SOWELA Technical Community College, who already has a local presence with its campus in Oakdale, will align the campus under one financially strong college and provide the area in and around Leesville the training focus required by the regional economy.
3. The Natchitoches and Sabine Valley Campus realignments to Bossier Parish Community College will provide for the delivery of transferable general education courses and linkages to Northwestern State University while building on their technical offerings.

Additionally, the LCTCS will commit to the following to assist with the transition of campuses. Specifically, any tuition and fee revenue generated at realigned campuses will remain at the campus. Secondly, CLTCC cash balances associated with realigned campuses will be kept whole by the board office. Lastly, the LCTCS and Board of Regents will seek funding from the Legislature to establish a college accreditation fund to provide resources when needed for planned targeted strategic expenditures to help colleges, such as CLTCC, meet SACSCOC standards.

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated savings are undeterminable at this time.

History of Prior Actions: The Board took action at the March 2017 meeting to realign the Central Louisiana Technical Community College Oakdale campus with SOWELA Technical Community College and the Sabine Valley Campus and Natchitoches Campus were realigned from Northwest Louisiana Technical College to Central Louisiana Technical Community College, among other realignments unrelated to the current realignment.

Benefits to System: Approval of these realignments will maximize the efforts of CLTCC to achieve SACSCOC accreditation. Further, the citizens in the communities impacted by this realignment will be able to build upon existing career and technical education while offering more transferable general education opportunities to the citizens of the state.



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

4-14-21
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