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DATE: January 10, 2023
SUBJECT: For Review and Advisement: Retirement of LCTCS Policy #1.046 -
Delegated Authority Relating to the GRAD Act



FOR BOARD REVIEW AND ADVISEMENT

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Board accept for review and advisement the retirement of LCTCS Policy #1.046 "Delegated Authority Relating to the GRAD Act".

Background: In 2010, the Louisiana Legislature enacted Act 741, the Louisiana Granting Resources and Autonomy for Resources for Diplomas Act (GRAD Act). The GRAD Act provided for six-year performance agreements between the Louisiana Board of Regents (BoR) and Louisiana public postsecondary education systems and institutions. In October of 2010, Louisiana public postsecondary education systems and institutions entered into the initial six-year GRAD Act performance agreements with the Board of Regents. Policy #1.046 was adopted on 06/13/2012. The policy authorized the System President to act as necessary, to include certifying annual reports of the colleges, to meet the requirements of the GRAD Act. The initial six-year agreement was not be renewed by the Board of Regents. The colleges are no longer submitting annual reports to the Board of Regents.

Fiscal Impact: N/A

History of Prior Actions: The policy was initial approved on 6/13/2012.

Benefits to the System: Retirement of dated policies eliminates confusion caused by obsolete policies.

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Approved for Recommendation to the Board
Dr. Monty Sullivan

Date

**LOUISIANA COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM**  
**Policy # 1.046**

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**Title: DELEGATED AUTHORITY RELATING TO THE GRAD ACT**

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Authority: Board Action

Original Adoption: 06/13/2012

Effective Date: 06/13/2012

Last Revision: Initial

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Act 741 of the 2010 Regular Legislative session required commitments on the part of higher education institutions to improve their performance in key categories in exchange for autonomies.

The performance categories are:

1. student success
2. articulation and transfer
3. workforce and economic development
4. institutional effectiveness and accountability
5. reporting requirements

The autonomies are defined in the Act with the ability to raise tuition annually as the most prominent flexibility. That agreement was followed by the establishment of a set of performance targets for each institution.

The Act specifies a process of initial certification and continuing certification. Following passage of the Act, each LCTCS college gained initial certification from the Board of Supervisors in August 2010. Each college worked with LCTCS staff and Board of Regents staff to establish performance targets on each metric. In May 2011, all LCTCS colleges submitted the required reports for year one reporting. In that same month, the Board of Supervisors certified the reports for all LCTCS colleges. Subsequently, the reports were scored by the Board of Regents staff. Each LCTCS college was found to have passed the year one requirements thereby earning access to the autonomies for one year. Annually, as part of the six-year agreement, each college will provide a report outlining the college's progress toward meeting the performance targets. The Act requires that the reports be certified by the Board. Given the timing of data collection cycles, report submission, and the Board meeting schedule, it has been difficult to sequence Board approval of the reports with the established Board meeting dates.

Therefore, the Board shall authorize the System President to act, as necessary, to include certifying annual reports of the colleges, to meet the requirements of the GRAD Act. Formal actions taken by the System President related to the GRAD Act will be reported to the Board and formally considered by the Board for adoption at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

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