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**AGENDA**

**STATEWIDE PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, May 23, 2018 10:45 a.m.**

**Claiborne Building  
Louisiana Purchase Room  
1201 North Third Street, First Floor  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Consent Agenda
  - A. Approval of Exceptions
- IV. Other Business
- V. Adjournment

**Committee Members: T. Jay Seale III, Chair, Jacqueline Wyatt, Vice Chair, Claudia Adley, Marty Chabert, Thomas Henning, Richard Lipsey, Charles McDonald, Wilbert Pryor and Collis Temple III.**

**Consent Agenda**  
**Agenda Item III.A.**

Requests for exception to the TOPS regulatory provisions that require students to remain continuously enrolled and to earn the annual credit hours required during the academic year.

**BACKGROUND:**

Sections 705.A.6 and 7 of the TOPS administrative rules require TOPS recipients to continue to enroll in the fall and spring semesters of each academic year, to remain enrolled throughout the semester, and to earn the annual credit hours required by the end of the academic year. Section 2103.E authorizes the governing body to grant an exception to these requirements when the "student/recipient has exceptional circumstances that are beyond his immediate control and that necessitate full or partial withdrawal from or non-enrollment in an eligible postsecondary institution."

Ten requests for exception were reviewed and approved by the LOSFA Advisory Board at its meeting of May 3, 2018. The students have presented facts and circumstances that the students believe justify the granting of an exception as an exceptional circumstance.