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AGENDA
STATEWIDE PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Monday, January 14, 2019 • 1:30 p.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 TOPS Exceptions
- V. Other Business
- VI. Adjournment

**Committee Members: T. Jay Seale III, Chair, Jacqueline Wyatt, Vice Chair, Claudia Adley
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**Statewide Programs
January 14, 2019**

**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 meetings of December 6, 2018 (5 exceptions) and January 10, 2019 (5 exceptions). The students have presented facts and circumstances that the students believe justify the granting of an exception as an exceptional circumstance.