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**AGENDA**  
**STATEWIDE PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, April 26, 2023  
12:25 p.m.

Claiborne Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Louisiana Purchase Room  
1201 North Third Street  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Consent Agenda

A. TOPS Exceptions – TOPS provisions that require students to remain continuously enrolled and to earn the annual credit hours required during the academic year.

IV. Adjournment

Committee Members: Darren G. Mire, Chair, Wilbert D. Pryor, Vice Chair, David J. Aubrey, Randy L. Ewing, Stephanie A. Finley, Felix R. Weill, Judy A. Williams-Brown

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## **Agenda Item III.A.**

### **Consent Agenda: TOPS Exceptions**

Requests for exception to the TOPS 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 their immediate control and that necessitate full or partial withdrawal from or non-enrollment in an eligible postsecondary institution.

Four requests for exception were reviewed and approved by the LOSFA Advisory Board at its meeting on March 2, 2023. The students have presented facts and circumstances that the students believe justify the granting of an exception as an exceptional circumstance.

#### **LOSFA Advisory Board Recommendation**

**The LOSFA Advisory Board recommends approval of TOPS requests for exception as presented.**