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November 11, 2019

Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget Honorable Representative Cameron Henry, Chairman P.O. Box 44294 Baton Rouge, LA 70804

Dear Chairman Henry:

This letter is respectfully submitted to comply with language in Act 10 of the 2019 Regular Legislative Session regarding the disbursement of college accreditation funds appropriated to the LCTCS Board of Supervisors. The language stipulates, "however that of the funds appropriated herein out of the Higher Education Initiatives Fund, the allocation shall be based on a plan approved by the Louisiana Community and Technical Colleges Board of Supervisors and reported to the Board of Regents and the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget." To that end, the LCTCS Board approved plans from Northshore Technical Community College and Central Louisiana Technical Community College for the use of these funds at its' October 2019 meeting, allocating \$1 million to each college from the \$2 million appropriation. Attached is the approved board item.

Should you have any further questions, please contact Joseph Marin, Chief Operations Officer for the LCTCS Board of Supervisors at imarin@lctcs.edu or via phone at 225-922-1635.

Respectfully,

Monty E. Sullivan, President

Attachment



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LOUISIANA COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

TO: Dr. Monty Sullivan

President

FROM: Joseph F. Marin

Chief Operations Officer

DATE: October 2, 2019

RE: Accreditation Funding Plans

FOR BOARD ACTION

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Board approve plans submitted by Northshore Technical Community College and Central Louisiana Technical Community College for the use of accreditation funds appropriated.

Background: The 2019 Regular Legislative Session provided \$2 million in state funds to the LCTCS Board budget for accreditation purposes for Northshore Technical Community College and Central Louisiana Technical Community College with the understanding that the funding would be allocated based on a plan approved by the Board and reported to the Board of Regents and the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget. An information item was provided to the Board at the August meeting with the intent that each college would present plans for the use of funds for action at the next regularly scheduled meeting in October.

The plan for the use of funds for Northshore Technical Community College include \$600K in personnel related costs for general education faculty and librarian related positions and \$400K for software purchases, library subscriptions and related SACS accreditation costs. The plan for Central Louisiana Technical Community College include \$763K for positions related to library services, general education faculty, academic and institutional effectiveness with the remaining \$267K dedicated to library subscriptions and other direct SACS accreditation related costs.

Fiscal Impact: \$2 million in State General Funds appropriated in the 2019 Regular Legislative Session providing \$1 million each to Northshore Technical Community College and Central Louisiana Technical Community College.

Prior Board Action: The Board received an information item on these funds at the August 2019 meeting.

Benefits to the System: The funds will provide fiscal relief to Northshore Technical Community College and Central Louisiana Technical Community College in providing the resources to assist with the accreditation process for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

Approved for Distribution to the Board

Dr. Monty Sullivan, President

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