

LOUISIANA COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

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Title: STUDENT REFERENDA

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The Board may authorize colleges to collect fees for various purposes. Once non-student organization fees are approved and collected, those funds become property of the State of Louisiana, subject to all the rules that govern funds in the State, and the responsibility of the Board to oversee. Given that these funds are often obligated for specific purposes, the Board should be made aware in advance of steps that may jeopardize the funding source. Therefore, prior to a referendum vote of the student body or a vote of the Student Government Association body that may have financial implications, the college must obtain approval from the Board to hold the formal vote. The request for approval should include at a minimum the following elements:

- 1) Explanation of the reason for the referendum;
- 2) Exact language of the referendum as it will appear on a ballot;
- 3) Explanation of efforts to educate students on the referendum issue;
- 4) Anticipated voter turnout;
- 5) Fiscal impact of the referendum;
- 6) Explanation of the appeal process for appealing the referendum result; and
- 7) Certification by the Chancellor/Technical College Director indicating support of the item.