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Dr. Aubra Gantt
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Dear Dr. Gantt,

The Office of Academic Affairs and Workforce Development respectfully request your review and approval of Southern University at Shreveport's (SUSLA) 2026–2027 Board of Regents Academic Plan. As part of the Louisiana Board of Regents' annual academic planning process, each institution must develop and submit an Academic Plan for review and approval.

To ensure the plan reflects the University's strategic priorities and workforce mission, the Deans, Department Chairs, and Office of Institutional Effectiveness conducted a comprehensive review of SUSLA's current academic portfolio. Based on this review, the University proposes terminating two certificate programs: Web Development (Certificate of Applied Science) and Dialysis Technician (Certificate of Technical Studies). These programs are recommended for termination because of low student participation and completion. Specifically, there have been no student enrollments or program completers during the past two academic years. Given the lack of enrollment and credential attainment, continuing these programs is no longer viable or aligned with the University's resource utilization goals.

All programs identified as low-enrolled programs have received formal notification indicating that they are under review for enrollment and completion performance. The notification advises that the program is in its second consecutive year of monitoring and that failure to demonstrate sufficient improvement in enrollment and completion outcomes may result in the recommendation for program termination at the conclusion of the current academic year.

Additionally, SUSLA proposes the development of a new certificate program, Bookkeeping (Certificate of Applied Science) and a new associate degree program, Engineering Technology (Associate of Science).

These proposed programs will provide accessible, career-focused pathways aligned with regional workforce needs. The Bookkeeping certificate will prepare students for entry-level roles as an auditing clerk, payroll, and financial recordkeeping, while the Engineering Technology associate

degree will support technical workforce development in applied engineering, manufacturing, industrial operations, and emerging technologies. Together, these programs will expand credential options, strengthen SUSLA's academic portfolio, and support economic and community growth.

The proposed changes are designed to expand educational opportunities, enhance workforce readiness, promote economic development, and better serve the needs of our students, employers, and the communities we support.

We respectfully request your approval of the 2026–2027 Board of Regents Academic Plan and appreciation for your continued support of Southern University at Shreveport's academic and workforce development initiatives.

Respectfully,

Jo Ann Brown

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Approved: 
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