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A RESOLUTION

TO URGE & REQUEST THE ADMINISTRATION TO IMPROVE GRADUATE STUDENT STIPENDS WITH THE AIM OF REDUCING GRADUATE STUDENT DEBT AND INCREASING LSU COMPETITIVENESS IN RECRUITING GRADUATE STUDENTS

PARAGRAPH 1: WHEREAS the student senate seeks to support the Faculty Staff Senate in their endeavors to improve graduate student funding and

PARAGRAPH 2: WHEREAS Faculty Senate Resolution 16-11 states “the minimum graduate stipend at LSU according to PS-21 is $10,800 for a 9-month appointment which is well below the median graduate stipend of $20,000 offered by universities around the US” and

PARAGRAPH 3: WHEREAS FSR 16-11 states “LSU’s stipend is in the lowest 10th percentile” of national universities and

PARAGRAPH 4: WHEREAS Faculty Senate seeks to raise Graduate Student stipends to 125% of the National Poverty Threshold and

PARAGRAPH 5: WHEREAS FSR 16-11 states “the most promising graduate students tend to choose programs that offer competitive stipends”

PARAGRAPH 6: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE SUPPORTS AN EFFORT TO IMPROVE GRADUATE STUDENT STIPENDS WITH THE AIM OF REDUCING GRADUATE STUDENT DEBT AND INCREASING LSU COMPETITIVENESS IN RECRUITING GRADUATE STUDENTS, AND

PARAGRAPH 7: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE TRANSMITTED TO FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT COPE, AREND W. A. VAN GEMMERT, AND LSU PRESIDENT F. KING ALEXANDER

PARAGRAPH 8: THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON PASSAGE BY A SIMPLE MAJORITY (ONE-HALF PLUS ONE) VOTE OF THE LSU STUDENT SENATE AND SIGNATURE BY THE PRESIDENT, UPON LAPSE OF TIME FOR PRESIDENTIAL ACTION, OR IF VETOED BY THE PRESIDENT AND SUBSEQUENTLY APPROVED BY THE SENATE, ON THE DATE OF SUCH APPROVAL.