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A RESOLUTION
TO CREATE THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING PROFESSOR

PARAGRAPH 1: WHEREAS, THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT WISHES TO AWARD THOSE FACULTY MEMBERS WHO HAVE GONE ABOVE AND BEYOND FOR THE BENEFIT OF STUDENTS; AND

PARAGRAPH 2: WHEREAS, THE CREATION OF A STUDENT GOVERNMENT SPONSORED FACULTY AWARD WILL REWARD EXCELLENCE IN INSTRUCTION AND GUIDANCE FROM FACULTY TO STUDENTS; AND

PARAGRAPH 3: WHEREAS, IT IS THE HOPE OF LSU STUDENT GOVERNMENT THAT THIS AWARD WILL ALSO INSPIRE OTHER FACULTY MEMBERS TO POSITIVELY IMPACT THEIR STUDENTS; AND

PARAGRAPH 4: WHEREAS, THE AWARD WILL BE NAMED “THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING PROFESSOR”, AND THE WINNER WILL RECEIVE 1000 DOLLARS ALONG WITH A COMMEMORATIVE CRYSTAL AWARD; AND

PARAGRAPH 5: WHEREAS, THIS AWARD WILL BE GIVEN TO AN INSTRUCTOR OR PROFESSOR THAT HAS EXHIBITED ANY COMBINATION OF THE FOLLOWING;

- EFFECTIVE TEACHING STRATEGIES IN THE CLASSROOM
- PROVIDED GUIDANCE TO STUDENTS OR STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS
- WAS A MENTOR FOR AN UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH PROJECT; AND

PARAGRAPH 6: WHEREAS, NOMINATIONS FOR THIS AWARD WILL COME FROM BOTH FACULTY AND STUDENTS; AND

PARAGRAPH 7: WHEREAS, FOR A NOMINATION THE PERSON WHO IS SUBMITTING IT MUST WRITE A BRIEF 100 MINIMUM 250 WORD MAXIMUM PASSAGE DESCRIBING WHY THE NOMINEE DESERVES THIS AWARD; AND

PARAGRAPH 8: WHEREAS, CURRENTLY FACULTY CAN BE NOMINATED ONLY FOR ONE FACULTY AWARD EVERY YEAR, THIS
AWARD WILL ALLOW ANY PROFESSOR TO BE NOMINATED FOR NOT ONLY THIS AWARD BUT ALSO ANY OTHER LSU FACULTY AWARD; AND

**PARAGRAPH 9:** WHEREAS, AFTER THE PERIOD FOR NOMINATIONS HAS CLOSED EVERY FACULTY MEMBER WHO HAS BEEN NOMINATED SHALL RECEIVE A NOTICE OF CONGRATULATIONS AND ALSO A REQUEST FOR THEIR LSU BASED CURRICULUM VITAE; AND

**PARAGRAPH 10:** WHEREAS, A COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF 4 SENATE MEMBERS ALL APPOINTED BY THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS, THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS, AND 2 TO 3 FACULTY MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE LSU OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS SHALL SELECT 5 TO 10 FINAL CANDIDATES; AND

**PARAGRAPH 11:** WHEREAS, IF THE NUMBER OF TOTAL NOMINATIONS EXCEEDS 100 THE CHAIR OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS MAY APPOINT AN EXTRA SENATOR FOR EVERY 15 NOMINATIONS OVER 100 IF THEY SEE FIT; AND

**PARAGRAPH 12:** WHEREAS, IF ANY OF THE AFOREMENTIONED COMMITTEE MEMBERS HAVE BEEN IN A CLASS TAUGHT BY THAT INSTRUCTOR HE OR SHE MUST EXCUSE THEMSELVES FROM THE DISCUSSION OF JUST THAT PARTICULAR NOMINEE; HOWEVER, THE COMMITTEE MEMBER SHALL REMAIN ON THE COMMITTEE FOR THE DISCUSSION OF THE REST OF THE NOMINEES; AND

**PARAGRAPH 13:** WHEREAS, THE DEPARTMENT CHAIRS THAT ARE OVER ALL OF THE FINAL CANDIDATES SHALL THEN BE EMAILED ASKING THEM TO BRIEFLY ANSWER A FEW QUESTIONS REGARDING THEIR OBSERVATIONS, PAST EXPERIENCES, AND RECENT STUDENT EVALUATIONS OF THESE FINAL CANDIDATES; AND


**PARAGRAPH 15:** WHEREAS, IF ANY OF THE STUDENTS THAT ARE SUPPOSED TO SIT ON THIS COMMITTEE SHALL HAVE BEEN IN A CLASS TAUGHT BY A NOMINEE HE OR SHE MUST SELECT A
DIFFERENT STUDENT GOVERNMENT MEMBER TO TAKE THEIR SPOT ON THE COMMITTEE; AND

PARAGRAPH 16: WHEREAS, THIS SECOND AND FINAL COMMITTEE SHALL THEN DECIDE THE WINNER OF THE AWARD AND PASS THE SELECTION ON TO THE Office of Academic Affairs so that the winner may be honored at the annual LSU Faculty banquet; AND

PARAGRAPH 17: WHEREAS, THE FUNDING FOR THIS AWARD WILL COME FROM THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT FOUNDATION ACCOUNT FOR THE FIRST TWO YEARS OR UNTIL A PERMANENT SPONSOR ORGANIZATION IS AGREED UPON TO FUND THE AWARD; AND

PARAGRAPH 18: WHEREAS, TO AVOID ANY UNFAIR SITUATIONS THERE WILL BE NO PROFESSOR WHO CAN WIN TWO YEARS IN A ROW; AND

PARAGRAPH 19: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING PROFESSOR BE AWARDED ANNUALLY BY THIS SAME PROCESS, AND

PARAGRAPH 20: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE TRANSMITTED TO Dr. JANE W. CASSIDY, SENIOR VICE PROVOST, AND THE OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS.

PARAGRAPH 21: 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

APPROVED:

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Speaker of the Senate        Student Body President

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