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A Resolution
To urge and request the implementation of an Interfaith Prayer & Meditation Room in the LSU Student Union

PARAGRAPH 1: WHEREAS, the lack of space on campus for prayer and meditation was a concern raised during the International Student Luncheon; and

PARAGRAPH 2: WHEREAS, this room will provide a convenient on campus location for daily religious practices; and

PARAGRAPH 3: WHEREAS, the University of New Orleans and Ohio State University have implemented similar interfaith prayer and meditation areas in their student unions; and

PARAGRAPH 4: WHEREAS, this space will allow for individuals and small groups to come together in a quiet space for prayer, meditation, and/or reflection throughout the day; and

PARAGRAPH 5: WHEREAS, this room will promote communication and productive discussion between students of similar or different backgrounds and beliefs; and

PARAGRAPH 6: WHEREAS, this area will promote cultural understanding and will foster solidarity between students of many diverse backgrounds and religious beliefs; and

PARAGRAPH 7: WHEREAS, the Interfaith Prayer and Meditation Room is to be used for prayer, meditation, and religious observances; not as a lounge, study room, meeting room, or for proselytizing in any form; and

PARAGRAPH 8: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE SUPPORTS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN
INTERFAITH PRAYER AND MEDITATION ROOM IN THE LSU STUDENT UNION, AND

PARAGRAPH 9: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE TRANSMITTED TO RACHEL HENRY, LSU STUDENT UNION DIRECTOR; AND MARGOT CARROL, DIRECTOR OF AUXILIARY SERVICES; AND ZACHARY FAIRCLOTH, STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT.

PARAGRAPH 10: 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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ALEX DE GRAVELLE  ZACHARY A. FAIRCLOTH
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE  STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

DATE:____________________  DATE:____________________