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A RESOLUTION

TO URGE AND REQUEST THE UNIVERSITY TO ROLL BACK THE MINIMUM HEALTHCARE STANDARDS IMPOSED ON INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS TO PREVIOUS LEVELS CONSISTENT WITH THE MINIMUM HEALTHCARE STANDARDS REQUIRED BY THE US FEDERAL GOVERNMENT (IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL STUDENT VISA REQUIREMENTS)

PARAGRAPH 1: WHEREAS, THE UNIVERSITY, ACTING INDEPENDENTLY OF FEDERAL LAW, INCREASED THE MINIMUM STANDARD OF HEALTH INSURANCE; AND

PARAGRAPH 2: WHEREAS, SUCH AN INCREASE IN STANDARDS HAS REDUCED THE NUMBER OF PROVIDED AND AVAILABLE PLANS TO INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS; AND

PARAGRAPH 3: WHEREAS, THESE PLANS ARE SIGNIFICANTLY MORE EXPENSIVE THAN THOSE PLANS PREVIOUSLY OFFERED; AND

PARAGRAPH 4: WHEREAS, INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ARE LEGALLY PROHIBITED FROM WORKING A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF HOURS ON CAMPUS OR ANY OUTSIDE THE UNIVERSITY DUE TO THEIR VISA REQUIREMENTS; AND

PARAGRAPH 5: WHEREAS, ALL INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ARE NOW FACED WITH PAYING SIGNIFICANTLY MORE MONEY (SOME CASES HAVING COSTS TRIPLE) FOR INSURANCE SUCH THAT IN MANY CASES DOES NOT PROVIDE A SUBSTANTIAL BENEFIT, AND ONLY A BURDEN; AND

PARAGRAPH 6: WHEREAS, THE UNIVERSITY CAN REMEDY THIS SITUATION BY SIMPLY NOT ENACTING CHANGES TO THE CURRENT POLICY AND KEEPING INTERNATIONAL STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS AT THE FEDERALLY MANDATED MINIMUM LEVEL; AND

PARAGRAPH 7: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE THAT THE UNIVERSITY URGENTLY RECONSIDER THEIR POLICY IN REGARDS TO INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND ALLOW THEM TO BUY INSURANCE AT THE FEDERALLY MANDATED LEVEL, AND

PARAGRAPH 8: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE TRANSMITTED TO F. KING
ALEXANDER, UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT; AND UNIVERSITY PROVOST KOUNBÉ.

PARAGRAPH 9: 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:

ALEX DE GRAVELLE
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

ZACHARY A. FAIRCLOTH
STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

DATE:________________________  DATE:________________________