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S16RS SGR No. 5 (Student Bill of Rights)

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A RESOLUTION

TO URGE AND REQUEST FACULTY SENATE AND STAFF SENATE TO RECOGNIZE THE
LSU STUDENT BILL OF RIGHTS

PARAGRAPH 1: WHEREAS, A STUDENT ENROLLED AT LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY SHOULD BE AWARE OF RIGHTS GRANTED AND UPHELD BY THE ADMINISTRATION, FACULTY, AND STAFF OF THE UNIVERSITY; AND

PARAGRAPH 2: WHEREAS, TUITION PAYING STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY ARE PROTECTED BY ESTABLISHED POLICIES WHICH ARE NOT EASILY ACCESSIBLE; AND

PARAGRAPH 3: WHEREAS, THERE IS NO CENTRAL DOCUMENT THAT INFORMS STUDENTS OF THESE RIGHTS; AND

PARAGRAPH 4: WHEREAS, A CENTRAL DOCUMENT WILL EMPHASIZE AND CLARIFY SUCH POLICIES OF THE UNIVERSITY THAT A STUDENT IS ABLE TO UTILIZE; AND

PARAGRAPH 5: WHEREAS, THERE ARE CURRENTLY NINE FLAGSHIP UNIVERSITIES THAT OFFER THEIR STUDENTS A BILL OF RIGHTS; AND

PARAGRAPH 6: WHEREAS, LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY WOULD BE THE FIRST SEC SCHOOL TO OFFER ITS STUDENTS SUCH A DOCUMENT; AND

PARAGRAPH 7: WHEREAS, THIS LIST IS NOT EXHAUSTIVE AND IS INITIALLY FOCUSED ON STUDENT ACADEMIC RIGHTS BASED ON EXISTING POLICIES; AND

PARAGRAPH 8: Whereas, the LSU Student Bill of Rights should read as follows:

1. Students have the right to an available professor.

2. Students have the right to be made aware of altered dates and policies on their syllabus.

3. Students have the right to updated grade information.

4. Students have the right to make up course work for excused absences.

5. Students have the right to appeal the decisions of their professors, as well as their final grade in the course.
6. Students have the right to move a Final Exam if they have three within 24 hours.

7. Students cannot have their opinions count against them.

8. Students have the right to confidentiality.

9. Students have the right to access free on-campus resources to complete any assignment.

10. Students have the right to be considered stakeholders in University policy matters that affects the campus.

**PARAGRAPH 9:** THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE THAT Faculty Senate and Staff Senate recognize the rights as outlined in this document, and

**PARAGRAPH 10:** BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE TRANSMITTED TO Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, F. King Alexander, Dean of Students Mari Fuentes-Martin, and Dr. Kouber

**PARAGRAPH 11:** 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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ADAM GRASHOFF            ANDREW MAHTOOK
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE     STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

DATE:____________________  DATE:_____________________