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STUDENT SENATE

S15RS

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A RESOLUTION

TO URGE AND REQUEST THAT THE OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS OF LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY (LSU) TO HAVE A CONVERSATION WITH STUDENTS ABOUT DESIGNING A STUDENT SCHEDULE ORGANIZATION APPLICATION AS PART OF MYLSU.

PARAGRAPH 1: WHEREAS, LSU POLICY STATEMENT 29 MANDATES THAT “IT IS THE UNIVERSITY’S INTENT TO PROVIDE IN ALL TEACHING FACILITIES AN ENVIRONMENT CONDUCIVE TO STUDY AND LEARNING; AND,

PARAGRAPH 2: WHEREAS LSU POLICY STATEMENT 45 EXPLAINS HOW THE CHARGE OF COURSES AND CURRICULA COMMITTEE HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY “TO APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE, AFTER REVIEW, PROPOSE ADDITIONS OF, ALTERATIONS OF, AND ELIMINATIONS OF ALL COURSES, CURRICULA, AND DEGREE PROGRAMS SUBMITTED BY COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS, OR REFERRED BY THE OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS; AND

PARAGRAPH 3: WHEREAS, THE PURPOSE OF LSU POLICY STATEMENT 50 EXPRESSES THE NEED OF ORGANIZATIONAL MATERIALS THAT DEPICT THE UNIVERSITY’S ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE “AND TO DEFINE THE ROLE AND FUNCTION OF THE MUTUALLY SUPPORTIVE COMPONENTS COMPRISING THE FACULTY” AND THE STUDENTS;

PARAGRAPH 4: ADDITIONALLY, LSU POLICY STATEMENT 50 DECLARES THE FACULTY HAS AUTHORITY OVER “COURSES AND CURRICULA; AND

PARAGRAPH 5: WHEREAS, THE PURPOSE LSU POLICY STATEMENT 117 DESCRIBES THAT IT EXISTS “TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PERIODS OF THE YEAR DURING WHICH RESIDENCE CLASSES WILL BE OFFERED AND REGARDING THE APPROVAL OF THE ACADEMIC CALENDAR,” ALTHOUGH IT DOES NOT REQUIRE A CERTAIN DATE FOR CLASS AVAILABILITIES TO BE LISTED; AND

PARAGRAPH 6: WHEREAS, THE COURSE OFFERINGS CATALOG AVAILABLE ONLINE DOES NOT PROVIDE ALL THE INFORMATION ABOUT CLASSES BY A CERTAIN DATE, SUCH AS PROFESSOR AND LOCATION, ONLY SOME ARE LISTED BEFORE AND DURING SCHEDULING DATES; AND

PARAGRAPH 7: WHEREAS, RESOURCES EXIST SUCH AS MYEDU, COLLEGERULED, AND FREECOLLEGESCHEDULEMAKER THAT WOULD ALLOW STUDENTS TO PLAN SCHEDULES AHEAD OF TIME, MAY NOT BE CONSISTENT WITH COURSES, TIMES, AND PROFESSORS THAT WILL DEFINITELY BE AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS, ALTHOUGH STUDENTS SHOULD HAVE ACCESS TO PLAN THEIR SCHEDULES BEFORE

55 SCHEDULING OCCURS, EVEN WITHOUT ENROLLING IN THE
56 CLASSES; AND
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58 **PARAGRAPH 8:** WHEREAS, STUDENTS SHOULD BE ABLE TO PLAN THEIR
59 SCHEDULES AT LEAST A SEMESTER OR TWO IN ADVANCE IN ORDER
60 TO SEE WHEN CLASSES ARE AVAILABLE SO THEY CAN MAKE
61 ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY AHEAD OF TIME AS OPPOSED TO
62 MISSING OPPORTUNITIES TO TAKE COURSES AND FALLING BEHIND
63 ON THEIR TRACK TO GRADUATE; AND
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65 **PARAGRAPH 9:** WHEREAS, ALLOWING STUDENTS TO VIEW COURSE OFFERINGS,
66 COMPLETE WITH LOCATIONS AND PROFESSORS WELL IN ADVANCE
67 WOULD ALLOW STUDENTS TO MAKE BETTER DECISIONS ABOUT
68 COURSE TIMES/LOCATIONS, AND COULD EVEN ALLOW STUDENTS
69 THE OPPORTUNITY TO PLAN COURSES FURTHER INTO THE
70 FUTURE; AND
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72 **PARAGRAPH 10:** WHEREAS, INCLUDING A “SCHEDULIZER” –TYPE STUDENT
73 ORGANIZATION TOOL AS A PART OF MYLSU COMPLETE WITH ALL
74 OFFERED COURSES, LISTED WITH PROFESSORS AND LOCATIONS
75 WOULD ALLOW FOR STUDENTS TO DESIGN SCHEDULE AHEAD OF
76 TIME AND BETTER PLAN FOR THEIR FUTURES AS LSU STUDENTS.
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78 **PARAGRAPH 11:** THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LOUISIANA
79 STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE THAT THE OFFICE
80 OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS CREATE AN APPLICATION AS A PART OF
81 MYLSU THAT ALLOWS FOR STUDENTS TO DESIGN FUTURE
82 SCHEDULES BASED OFF OF ACTUAL COURSE OFFERINGS, PRIOR TO
83 ACTUAL SCHEDULING, AND WITHOUT ENROLLING STUDENTS IN
84 THE COURSES.
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86 **PARAGRAPH 12:** BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS
87 RESOLUTION BE TRANSMITTED TO DR. STUART BELL,
88 ACADEMIC AFFAIRS EXECUTIVE VICE CHANCELLOR AND
89 PROVOST; DR. T. GILMOUR REEVE, VICE PROVOST FOR
90 ACADEMIC PROGRAMS, PLANNING & REVIEW; BRIAN T. NICHOLS,
91 CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER; JANET NEWHALL, EDM,
92 COORDINATOR FOR ACADEMIC PROGRAMS, PLANNING AND
93 REVIEW; AND ROBERT K. DOOLOS, UNIVERSITY REGISTRAR.
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95 **PARAGRAPH 13:** THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON PASSAGE BY A
96 SIMPLE MAJORITY (ONE-HALF PLUS ONE) VOTE OF THE LSU
97 STUDENT SENATE AND SIGNATURE BY THE PRESIDENT, UPON
98 LAPSE OF TIME FOR PRESIDENTIAL ACTION, OR IF VETOED BY THE
99 PRESIDENT AND SUBSEQUENTLY APPROVED BY THE SENATE, ON
100 THE DATE OF SUCH APPROVAL.