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A RESOLUTION

To urge and request LSU Information Technology Services and the Office of the University Registrar to provide a preferred name option on Moodle rosters and profiles.

PARAGRAPH 1: Whereas, many international, transgender and gender non-conforming students prefer to use a name other than their legal name; and

PARAGRAPH 2: Whereas, use of a legal name for many of these students may result in uncomfortable situations and can disturb many students academic experience; and

PARAGRAPH 3: Whereas, the LSU Office of the University Registrar’s mission statement states: “The Office is committed to providing faculty, staff, and students with an array of exceptional academic services;” and

PARAGRAPH 4: Whereas, Louisiana State University Policy Statement 01 – Equal Opportunity Policy, effective February 5th 2013, states: “To assure equal opportunity for all qualified persons in admission to, participation in, or employment in the programs and activities which the University operates without regard to race, creed, color, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, religion, sex, national origin, age, mental or physical disability, or veteran’s status;” and

PARAGRAPH 5: Whereas, PS-01 further states: “Administrative officers are responsible for the implementation of the Equal Opportunity Program within their assigned areas;” and

PARAGRAPH 6: Whereas, the Office of the University Registrar is charged with ensuring a safe and equal academic experience for all students; and,

PARAGRAPH 7: Whereas, the Office of the University Registrar can provide for equality and student safety by providing records that protect students from an uncomfortable environment; and

PARAGRAPH 8: Whereas, such institutions as Vanderbilt University, the University of Michigan, the University of Massachusets at Amherst, and numerous other institutions have already implemented such policies.
PARAGRAPH 9: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AND AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE STUDENT SENATE THAT THE OFFICE OF THE UNIVERSITY REGISTRAR AND LSU INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES SHOULD IMPLEMENT A PREFERRED NAME OPTION FOR MOODLE ROSTERS AND PROFILES; AND

PARAGRAPH 10: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE TRANSMITTED TO THE OFFICE OF THE UNIVERSITY REGISTRAR; BRIAN T. NICHOLLS, CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER FOR LSU INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES; AND MICAH CASWELL, LGBTQ PROJECT COORDINATOR FOR THE OFFICE OF MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS.

PARAGRAPH 11: THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON PASSAGE BY A SIMPLE MAJORITY (1/2) 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 W. GRASHOFF              JOHN S. WOODARD
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE          STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

DATE:_____________________  DATE:____________________