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“A Resolution in Support of LOUIS, The Louisiana Library Network”

Introduced by Kenneth McMillin at the Request of the UNO University Senate

Whereas access to library resources is important to undergraduate and graduate education, research, and outreach of LSU A&M faculty, staff, and students, and

Whereas Research I standing and SACS accreditation is highly dependent upon the library resources available to the LSU community, and

Whereas LOUIS, the Louisiana Library Network, provides essential information resources and services that contribute to the success of our university and college students and faculty through a consortium of 47 member libraries, and

Whereas These essential resources and services include the LSU Library automation system and catalog of the library collections, electronic research databases and full-text journals, remote access to library resources through authentication of users, Interlibrary loan and reciprocal borrowing among all member libraries, and the Louisiana Digital Library, as well as centralized servers and an expert support staff, and

Whereas LOUIS purchased over \$19 million of resources for member libraries in 2010 for only \$3.1 million, representing a huge savings to each campus and to the state, and

Whereas In the past, the Board of Regents provided 70% of the funding, with member institutions contributing 30%, a feasible amount for all members, and

Whereas LOUIS funding is uncertain for 2011, and LSU and other institutions do not have the funds to cover the Board of Regent’s share, especially in the face of current dramatic budget cuts, making library resources and services across the state in peril as of July 1, 2011, and

Whereas Governor Bobby Jindal has repeatedly exhorted institutions of higher education in Louisiana to do “more with less,” and

Whereas LOUIS, the Louisiana Library Network, has been saving the state money by doing more with less since 1992,

Therefore be it resolved that the Board of Regents is implored to restore full funding for LOUIS in their budget as an essential resource for students and faculty across the state of Louisiana.