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4 **STUDENT SENATE**

5 **S13RS**

6 **SGR No. 5**

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9 **A RESOLUTION**

10 **TO RECOMMEND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN EMERGENCY RESPONSE AMNESTY**
11 **POLICY AT LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY**

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13 **PARAGRAPH 1:** WHEREAS, THE LSU COMMUNITY HAS A NEED FOR AN
14 EMERGENCY RESPONSE AMNESTY POLICY TO ENCOURAGE
15 RESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOR IN ALCOHOL-RELATED EMERGENCIES,
16 AND;

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18 **PARAGRAPH 2:** WHEREAS, EXTENSIVE BACKGROUND RESEARCH HAS BEEN DONE
19 ON SIMILAR POLICIES AT PEER INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS: THE
20 UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY, THE
21 UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA, THE
22 UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA, THE UNIVERSITY OF
23 LOUISVILLE, THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS – SAN ANTONIO, AND
24 VIRGINIA TECH, AND;

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26 **PARAGRAPH 3:** WHEREAS, THIS POLICY SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE
27 STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT AND APPROVED BY THE STUDENT
28 CODE OF CONDUCT REVIEW COMMITTEE, AND;

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30 **PARAGRAPH 4:** WHEREAS, THE FINAL POLICY SHALL REFLECT THE NEEDS AND
31 CULTURE OF THE LSU COMMUNITY, AND;

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33 **PARAGRAPH 5:** WHEREAS, IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THERE IS A FINAL WORDING
34 APPROVAL PROCESS AND THAT THIS IS A NON-BINDING
35 RECOMMENDATION OF THE STUDENT SENATE, AND;

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37 **PARAGRAPH 6:** WHEREAS, THE STUDENT SENATE RECOMMENDED EMERGENCY
38 RESPONSE AMNESTY POLICY SHOULD READ AS FOLLOWS:

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41 **“A Policy on Emergency Response Amnesty for the Students of the Louisiana State**
42 **University and Agricultural and Mechanical College**

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44 **Philosophy**

- 45 • “Louisiana State University is an interactive community in which students,
46 faculty and staff together strive to pursue truth, advance learning and uphold the
47 highest standards of performance in an academic and social environment.”¹
48 • The University views the health and safety of its students as an utmost priority.
49 • Responsible behavior in an alcohol-related emergency is encouraged and
50 appreciated from all members of the LSU community.
51 • Hesitation in situations where immediate medical attention may be needed
52 because of excessive alcohol consumption can lead to more damaging health
53 consequences.

- 54 • The Policy on Emergency Response Amnesty for the Students of Louisiana State
55 University and Agricultural and Mechanical College is designed to create a
56 community where students will not hesitate to seek emergency medical attention
57 when faced with an alcohol-related emergency due to fear of University
58 ramifications.
- 59 • This Policy is in place to promote each student's safety, to encourage personal
60 accountability, and to foster a sense of responsibility within each student.
- 61 • The purpose of the Policy is to increase the likelihood that students will seek
62 medical assistance for those suffering the effects of an alcohol-related emergency
63 and to eliminate University charges upon the student, student responder or
64 organization for infractions of the *Student Code of Conduct* concerning the
65 consumption, possession or distribution of alcohol in situations which meet the
66 below-mentioned criteria for Medical Amnesty.

67 68 **Policy**

- 69 • Emergency Response Amnesty may be granted to a student(s) in need of medical
70 attention in an alcohol-related emergency, to a student(s) who calls for medical
71 assistance on behalf of another individual(s) needing medical attention or to
72 student organizations that seek medical assistance for a student(s) in need of
73 medical attention.
- 74 • The students and organizations who need, receive or seek medical attention will
75 be eligible for Emergency Response Amnesty from *Student Code of Conduct*
76 charges, receiving no permanent record with the University beyond a record that
77 Medical Amnesty was granted.
- 78 • Provided that the individual student(s) complies with the Department of
79 Residential Life, or Student Advocacy and Accountability and meets any
80 requirements set forth by these offices, the student(s) or organization in question
81 will not be charged for alcohol-related infractions of the *Student Code of Conduct*.
- 82 • This Policy applies only to those students or organizations that seek emergency
83 medical assistance in connection with an alcohol-related medical emergency and
84 does not apply to students found by University employees or law enforcement.
- 85 • This Policy is not intended to cover repeat offenders. Students in need of medical
86 attention repeatedly are not guaranteed Emergency Response Amnesty. Therefore,
87 past the first incident, the availability of Emergency Response Amnesty to the
88 student in need of medical attention will fall to the discretion of the Dean of
89 Students.
- 90 ○ Student responders who call on behalf of another student are eligible for
91 Medical Amnesty more than once.
- 92 • Infractions not related to the consumption, possession or distribution of alcohol
93 may still be evaluated per the *Student Code of Conduct*.
- 94 • This Policy is not intended to shield students or organizations from any legal
95 ramifications that may arise in on or off-campus situations involving local, state
96 or federal law enforcement.

97 98 **Student**

- 99 • To qualify for Emergency Response Amnesty, the student(s) must meet the
100 following stipulations: the student must need and receive medical attention and
101 the student must meet with and comply with the Department of Residential Life
102 and/or Student Advocacy and Accountability according to the individual situation.
- 103 • The student(s) agrees to meet with and abide by the conditions set forth by the
104 Department of Residential Life and/or Student Advocacy and Accountability who

- 105 may make requirements of the student, limited to behavioral and educational
106 programs, counseling, alcohol awareness student success plans or any other
107 appropriately deemed alcohol awareness plan to attain academic, social and
108 personal integrity with consideration to any local, state, and federal repercussions.
- 109 • Should the student(s) not agree to the standards set by the above mentioned
110 offices, he/she will be subject to appropriate actions from the University as
111 outlined in the *Student Code of Conduct* and will not be eligible for Medical
112 Amnesty.
 - 113 • Repeat offenders are subject to courses of action as deemed appropriate by
114 Student Advocacy and Accountability.
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116 **Student Responder**

- 117 • Emergency Response Amnesty is granted to students who seek medical attention
118 for an individual or respond to the emergency by helping the student(s) in need in
119 contacting medical assistance. Amnesty may be granted to students seeking help
120 for an individual, protecting responders and callers from University action
121 regarding the consumption, possession or distribution of alcohol.
 - 122 • Student responders are eligible only if they seek help before being reported by
123 University employees or law enforcement agencies.
 - 124 • The student responder(s) agrees to meet with and abide by the conditions set forth
125 by the Department of Residential Life and/or Student Advocacy and
126 Accountability who may make requirements of the student, limited to behavioral
127 and educational programs, counseling, alcohol awareness student success plans or
128 any other appropriately deemed alcohol awareness plan to attain academic, social
129 and personal integrity with consideration to any local, state, and federal
130 repercussions.
 - 131 • Student responders are eligible for reoccurring Medical Response Amnesty.
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133 **Organizations**

- 134 • A student organization is any organization at LSU that is officially registered with
135 Campus Life.
- 136 • LSU organizations are considered affiliated with an incident, and are thus eligible
137 for amnesty, if the incident occurs at an official organization event.
- 138 • When an organization acts to respond to a medical emergency, it shall be granted
139 Emergency Response Amnesty and not charged with violations of the *Student*
140 *Code of Conduct* for activities related to the consumption, possession and
141 distribution of alcohol; however, it will still be subject to charges for any
142 violations of local, state or federal law by law enforcement officials and may be
143 held accountable for any further violations from the organization's Nationals,
144 Campus Life, or Greek Life.
- 145 • Members of the organization may be contacted to discuss the event with Student
146 Advocacy and Accountability, who may make requirements of the organization,
147 limited to behavioral and educational programs, counseling, alcohol awareness
148 student success plans or any other appropriately deemed alcohol awareness plan
149 to attain academic, social and personal integrity for its officers and/or members
150 with consideration to any local, state, and federal repercussions.
- 151 • Organizations are not eligible to receive Emergency Response Amnesty more
152 than once every four years or until all liable members are no longer enrolled at
153 LSU, though the Dean of Students may evaluate leniency on a case-by-case basis.

- 154 • Students and student responders are still eligible for Emergency Response
155 Amnesty even if they are members of an organization affiliated with the incident
156 and the organization was not eligible for Emergency Response Amnesty.
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159 ¹ *LSU Commitment to Community*, adopted as a “Statement of University Position,” May 5th, 1995 “
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162 **PARAGRAPH 7:** THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LOUISIANA
163 STATE UNIVERSITY AND AGRICULTURAL AND
164 MECHANICAL COLLEGE STUDENT SENATE THAT AN
165 EMERGENCY RESPONSE AMNESTY POLICY BE IMPLEMENTED AT
166 LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY WITH STRONG CONSIDERATION
167 OF THE STUDENT SENATE PROPOSAL.
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169 **PARAGRAPH 8:** BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS
170 RESOLUTION BE TRANSMITTED TO KATHLEEN WHITE,
171 DEAN OF STUDENTS; JENNIE STEWART, ASSOCIATE DEAN OF
172 STUDENTS; MATT GREGORY, ASSOCIATE DEAN OF STUDENTS;
173 MICHAEL SMITH, COORDINATOR, STUDENT ADVOCACY AND
174 ACCOUNTABILITY; THE STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT REVIEW
175 COMMITTEE.
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177 **PARAGRAPH 9:** THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON PASSAGE BY A
178 SIMPLE MAJORITY (1/2) VOTE OF THE LSU STUDENT SENATE
179 AND SIGNATURE BY THE PRESIDENT, UPON LAPSE OF TIME FOR
180 PRESIDENTIAL ACTION, OR IF VETOED BY THE PRESIDENT AND
181 SUBSEQUENTLY APPROVED BY THE SENATE, ON THE DATE OF
182 SUCH APPROVAL.
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201 **Meredith Westbrook**
202 **Speaker of the Senate**

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201 **R. Taylor Cox**
202 **Student Body President**

203 **Date:** _____

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