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A RESOLUTION

TO URGE AND REQUEST THE STATE LEGISLATURE GOVERNING THE STATE OF LOUISIANA TO RELINQUISH TUITION CONTROL OF PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES IN THE STATE TO EACH RESPECTIVE INSTITUTION

PARAGRAPH 1: Whereas, Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College (LSU) is the flagship institution of higher learning in the state of Louisiana and;

PARAGRAPH 2: Whereas, the university is going through an economic hardship while trying to sustain an academic atmosphere of excellence and development and;

PARAGRAPH 3: Whereas, the State of Louisiana is the only state that requires a legislative approval to alter tuition amounts and;

PARAGRAPH 4: Whereas, the administration and numerous boards established to delegate the operations of this university are apt to adequately know and handle the current situations facing the university and;

PARAGRAPH 5: Whereas, those persons are apt to run all operations of the university;

PARAGRAPH 6: Whereas, a stipulation exists within the reaccreditation process outlined by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACS-COC) stating that the flagship university of Louisiana should have “minimal political influence” and;

PARAGRAPH 7: Whereas, “minimal political influence” can be construed to mean tuition control of the university being housed within the power of the State Legislature and;

PARAGRAPH 8: Whereas, each institution has unique monetary and academic needs;

PARAGRAPH 9: Whereas, the Legislature as a governing body cannot absolutely know the necessities of each respective institution and;
WHEREAS, this demonstrated need is evident and would also require an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana and;

WHEREAS, the students of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College urge and request that this change occurs in an attempt to establish a monetary buffer when the university undergoes budget cuts and reform.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AND AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE STUDENT SENATE THAT AN AMENDMENT BE MADE TO THE CONSTITUTION GOVERNING THE STATE OF LOUISIANA SO THAT TUITION CONTROL BE AT THE SOLE DISCRETION OF EACH RESPECTIVE PUBLIC INSTITUTION WITHIN THE STATE.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE TRANSMITTED TO GOVERNOR PIYUSH “BOBBY” JINDAL, SENATOR ROBERT ADLEY, PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE JOHN A. ALARIO, JR., SENATOR R.L. “BRET” ALLAIN, II, SENATOR “JODY” AMEDEE, SENATOR CONRAD APPEL, PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE SHARON WESTON BROOME, SENATOR TROY E. BROWN, SENATOR SHERRI SMITH BUFFINGTON, SENATOR NORBY CHABERT, SENATOR DAN CLAITOR, SENATOR PAGE CORTEZ, SENATOR A.G. CROWE, SENATOR JACK DONAHUE, SENATOR YVONNE DORSEY-COLOMB, SENATOR DALE M. ERDEY, SENATOR RICK GALLOW, SENATOR ELBERT L. GUILLORY, SENATOR DAVID HEITMEIER, SENATOR RONNIE JOHNS, SENATOR ROBERT W. “BOB” KOSTELKA, SENATOR ERIC LAFLEUR, SENATOR GERALD LONG, SENATOR DANIEL “DANNY” MARTINY, SENATOR FRED H. MILLS, JR., SENATOR JEAN-PAUL J. MORRELL, SENATOR DAN “BLADE” MORMISH, SENATOR EDWIN R. MURRAY, SENATOR BEN NEVERS, SENATOR BARROW PEACOCK, SENATOR JONATHAN “J.P.” PERRY, SENATOR KAREN CARTER PETERSON, SENATOR NEIL RISER, SENATOR GARY SMITH, SENATOR JOHN R. SMITH, SENATOR GREGORY TARVER, SENATOR FRANCIS THOMPSON, SENATOR MIKE WALSWORTH, SENATOR RICK WARD, III, SENATOR MACK “BODI” WHITE, REPRESENTATIVE JAMES MORRIS, REPRESENTATIVE ROY BURRELL, REPRESENTATIVE BARBARA NORTON, REPRESENTATIVE PATRICK WILLIAMS, REPRESENTATIVE ALAN SEAUGH, REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS CARMODY, REPRESENTATIVE RICHARD BURFORD, REPRESENTATIVE JEFF THOMPSON, REPRESENTATIVE HENRY BURNS, REPRESENTATIVE EUGENE REYNOLDS, REPRESENTATIVE PATRICK JEFFERSON, REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT SHARDOIN, REPRESENTATIVE JAMES FANNIN, REPRESENTATIVE JOHN MORRIS, REPRESENTATIVE FRANK HOFFMANN, REPRESENTATIVE KATRINA JACKSON, REPRESENTATIVE MARCUS HUNTER, REPRESENTATIVE MAJOR THIBAUT, REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES CHANEY, REPRESENTATIVE STEVE PYLANT, REPRESENTATIVE JOHN F. “ANDY” ANDERS, REPRESENTATIVE TERRY BROWN, REPRESENTATIVE KENNY COX,
REPRESENTATIVE FRANK HOWARD, REPRESENTATIVE LANCE HARRIS, REPRESENTATIVE HERBERT DIXON, REPRESENTATIVE LOWELL HAZEL, REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT JOHNSON, REPRESENTATIVE REGINA BARROW, REPRESENTATIVE JAMES ARMES, REPRESENTATIVE NANCY LANDRY, REPRESENTATIVE DOROTHY SUE HILL, REPRESENTATIVE MICHAEL DANAHEY, REPRESENTATIVE A B FRANKLIN, REPRESENTATIVE BRET GEMYANN, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE CHUCK KLECKLEY, REPRESENTATIVE JOHN GUINN, REPRESENTATIVE BERNARD LEAS, REPRESENTATIVE STEPHEN ORTEGO, REPRESENTATIVE LEDRICKA THIERRY, REPRESENTATIVE MICKEY GUILLORY, REPRESENTATIVE JACK MONTOUCET, REPRESENTATIVE STUART BISHOP, REPRESENTATIVE VINCENT PIERRE, REPRESENTATIVE JOEL ROBIDEAUX, REPRESENTATIVE MIKE HUVAL, REPRESENTATIVE BOB HENSGENS, REPRESENTATIVE TAYLOR BARRAS, REPRESENTATIVE SIMONE CHAMPAGNE, REPRESENTATIVE SAM JONES, REPRESENTATIVE JOE HARRISON, REPRESENTATIVE GORDON DOVE, REPRESENTATIVE LENAR WHITNEY, REPRESENTATIVE JERRY GISCLAIR, REPRESENTATIVE JEROME RICHARD, REPRESENTATIVE GREGROY MILLER, REPRESENTATIVE RANDAL GAINES, REPRESENTATIVE EDWARD PRICE, REPRESENTATIVE EDDIE LAMBERT, REPRESENTATIVE KAREN GAUDET ST. GERMAIN, REPRESENTATIVE ALFRED WILLIAMS, REPRESENTATIVE KENNETH HAVARD, REPRESENTATIVE DALTON HONORÉ, REPRESENTATIVE VALARIE HODGES, REPRESENTATIVE BARRY IVEY, REPRESENTATIVE HUNTER GREENE, REPRESENTATIVE PATRICIA HAYNES SMITH, REPRESENTATIVE STEPHEN CARTER, REPRESENTATIVE ERICH PONTI, REPRESENTATIVE FRANKLIN FOIL, REPRESENTATIVE ROGERS POPE, REPRESENTATIVE JOHN BEL EDWARDS, REPRESENTATIVE STEPHEN PUGH, REPRESENTATIVE SCOTT SIMON, REPRESENTATIVE HAROLD RITCHIE, REPRESENTATIVE KEVIN PEARSON, REPRESENTATIVE JOHN SCHRODER, REPRESENTATIVE KIRK TALBOT, REPRESENTATIVE JULIE STOKES, REPRESENTATIVE JOSEPH LOPINTO, REPRESENTATIVE CLAY SCHEXNAYDER, REPRESENTATIVE CAMERON HENRY, REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT BILLIOT, REPRESENTATIVE PATRICK CONNICK, REPRESENTATIVE BRYAN ADAMS, REPRESENTATIVE CHRISTOPHER BROADWATER, REPRESENTATIVE GIROD JACKSON III, REPRESENTATIVE JOHN BERTHELOT, REPRESENTATIVE TIMOTHY BURNS, REPRESENTATIVE GREGROY CromER, SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE WALT Leger III, REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS WILLMOTT, REPRESENTATIVE HELENA MORENO, REPRESENTATIVE NICK LORUSSO, REPRESENTATIVE SHERMAN MACK, REPRESENTATIVE TERRY LANDRY, REPRESENTATIVE JARED BROSSETT, REPRESENTATIVE NEIL ABRAMSON, REPRESENTATIVE WESLEY BISHOP, REPRESENTATIVE AUSTIN BADON, REPRESENTATIVE EDWARD JAMES, REPRESENTATIVE JEFFERY “JEFF” ARNOLD, REPRESENTATIVE RAYMOND GAROFALO, REPRESENTATIVE PAUL HOLLIS, AND REPRESENTATIVE CHRISTOPHER LEOPOLD.
PARAGRAPH 14: 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.

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MEREDITH WESTBROOK        R. TAYLOR COX
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE      STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

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