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A RESOLUTION

To urge and request that the administration and faculty senate consider and implement improvements to Policy Statement 22 so that students with university excused absences are fairly and uniformly accommodated.

PARAGRAPH 1: Whereas, LSU acknowledges that students as a result of unavoidable and sometimes unpredictable circumstances may miss scheduled class or graded assignments; and,

PARAGRAPH 2: Whereas, LSU has provided a policy statement that attempts to accommodate and protect these students from undeserving penalties; and,

PARAGRAPH 3: Whereas, PS-22, the current policy concerning absences states:

Class attendance is the responsibility of the student. The student is expected to attend all classes. A student who finds it necessary to miss class assumes responsibility for making up examinations, obtaining lecture notes, and otherwise compensating for what may have been missed. The course instructor will determine the validity of a student’s reason(s) for absences and will assist those students who have valid reasons.

PARAGRAPH 4: Whereas, it has been made apparent to the student senate that the current verbiage of PS-22 is insufficient and needs proper adjustment; and,

PARAGRAPH 5: Whereas, when compared to the flagship 2020 peer universities, LSU’s excused absence policy (PS-22) is dissimilar and very much lacking; and,

PARAGRAPH 6: Whereas, there have been many cases brought to the executive vice provost which expose the current weakness of PS-22 from both the students and the faculty; and,

PARAGRAPH 7: Whereas, the faculty senate proposed a similar resolution (FSR 10-05) that failed five years ago due to a small wording issue and has not been revisited since; and,
PARAGRAPH 8: WHEREAS, THE STUDENT SENATE PASSED LEGISLATION (SGR NO. 33) REGARDING THE UNSPECIFIC DEFINITION OF “VALID REASONS FOR ABSENCES” AND “APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTATION” WHICH HAS NOT BEEN IMPLEMENTED; AND,


and will devise a system for making up any quiz, exam, or other work that contributes to the final grade of the student. Such make-up work should be equal in difficulty to the original graded material and should be administered at a reasonable time, mutually agreed upon by both parties.

PARAGRAPH 10: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE URGE AND REQUEST THAT THE ADMINISTRATION AND FACULTY SENATE CONSIDER AND IMPLEMENT IMPROVEMENTS TO POLICY STATEMENT 22 SO THAT STUDENTS WITH UNIVERSITY EXCUSED ABSENCES ARE FAIRLY AND UNIFORMLY ACCOMMODATED.

PARAGRAPH 11: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION AND A SYNOPISIS OF THE EXCUSED ABSENCE POLICIES OF LSU’S FLAGSHIP 2020 PEER UNIVERSITIES, TREATED AS A AUXILLARY DOCUMENT, BE TRANSMITTED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE FACULTY SENATE, DR. CASSIDY, DR. MATT LEE, AND DR. RICHARD KOUBEK.

PARAGRAPH 12: THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON PASSAGE BY A SIMPLE MAJORITY (ONE-HALF PLUS ONE) 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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ADAM GRASHOFF       ANDREW MAHTOOK
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE      STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

DATE:____________________       DATE:____________________