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Task Force on Long-Range Planning for the Academic Environment

Sponsored by Senators Lillian Bridwell-Bowles and Judith Schiebout

Whereas the surroundings of a great University contribute greatly to the reputation of and success in recruiting at an institution such as LSU;

Whereas the recent support of the LSU Faculty Senate played a visible role in the deliberations leading to recommendations from the Baton Rouge Planning and Zoning Commission and the Baton Rouge Metro Council to re-zone property south of Baton Rouge to insure that industrial pollution would not endanger LSU students, faculty, and staff;

Whereas the LSU Faculty has members with regional, national, and international reputations in areas related to land-use policy, scientific study with regard to the environment, law and the environment, and public media communications;

Whereas faculty members in many disciplines are already engaged in deliberations about specific buildings (e.g., the Water Campus on the riverfront, the Louisiana Museum of Natural History) and their settings;

Whereas the Faculty should be in dialogue with administrative leaders involved in recommending future growth and development of the Main and South Campuses of LSU;

Whereas environmental factors and land-use policies should be a matter of great concern to all members of the LSU community;

Be it therefore resolved that the LSU Faculty Senate Executive Committee establish a **Task Force on Long-Range Planning for the Academic Environment** charged with communicating with existing campus planning entities, public planning and zoning groups (e.g., the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Metro Council) about appropriate land-use policies that impact the academic mission and environment at LSU;

Be it further resolved that this Task Force present an annual status report to the Faculty Senate during Spring Semester with specific recommendations for Faculty Senate involvement and resolutions for deliberation.