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A RESOLUTION
TO URGE AND REQUEST A JOINT CONVOCATION BE HELD INCLUDING LSU SYSTEM PRESIDENT JOHN LOMBARDI, CHANCELLOR MICHAEL MARTIN, LSU FACULTY SENATE, LSU STAFF SENATE, AND LSU STUDENT GOVERNMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

PARAGRAPH 1: WHEREAS, LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY’S BUDGET SITUATION HAS ENDURED SEVERE CUTS; AND,

PARAGRAPH 2: WHEREAS, STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF ALIKE ARE CONCERNED FOR OUR UNIVERSITY’S FUTURE IN THE UPCOMING LEGISLATIVE SESSION; AND,

PARAGRAPH 3: WHEREAS, STUDENTS ARE DISTURBED BY THE NOTION THAT THE UNIVERSITY’S BUDGET WILL NOT BE CUT, YET WE WILL POSSIBLY HAVE TO ENDURE TUITION HIKES AND MID-YEAR BUDGET CUTS, AS THE PREVIOUS RECORDS HAVE SHOWN; AND,

PARAGRAPH 4: WHEREAS, THE AVERAGE STUDENT IS CONCERNED ABOUT A MULTITUDE OF FACTORS AFFECTED BY A DECREASED BUDGET, INCLUDING GRADUATION TIMES, QUALITY OF CLASSES, AND QUALITY OF SUPPORT SERVICES, AND NATIONAL REPUTATION OF THE UNIVERSITY; AND,

PARAGRAPH 5: WHEREAS, BOTH LSU STUDENT LEADERS, FACULTY SENATE, AND STAFF SENATE NEED TO BE TRUTHFULLY INFORMED ABOUT THE LEGISLATIVE AND BUDGET SITUATION FROM TOP UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATORS; AND,

PARAGRAPH 6: WHEREAS, THE OBJECTIVE OF THIS JOINT CONVOCATION WOULD BE TO FORMULATE REAL SOLUTIONS BY THE UNIVERSITY’S TOP ADMINISTRATORS AND THE MOST AFFECTED PARTIES – STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF – WHICH CAN BE PRESENTED TO LEGISLATORS; AND,

PARAGRAPH 7: WHEREAS, QUESTIONS IN THE JOINT CONVOCATION MAY BE ASKED BY BOTH FACULTY AND STAFF SENATE MEMBERS AND LSU STUDENT GOVERNMENT MEMBERS TO BOTH SYSTEM PRESIDENT LOMBARDI AND CHANCELLOR MARTIN, MODERATED BY STUDENT GOVERNMENT SPEAKER AARON CAFFAREL;

PARAGRAPH 8: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE STUDENT SENATE URGE AND REQUEST A JOINT CONVOCATION BE HELD INCLUDING LSU SYSTEM PRESIDENT JOHN LOMBARDI, CHANCELLOR MICHAEL MARTIN, LSU FACULTY SENATE, LSU STAFF SENATE, AND LSU STUDENT GOVERNMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
PARAGRAPH 9: This bill 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.

PARAGRAPH 10: Upon approval, copies of this legislation shall be sent to the following: LSU System President John Lombardi, Chancellor Michael Martin, Faculty Senate President Kevin Cope, and LSU Director of External Affairs Jason Droddy.

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Aaron Caffarel                                    Cody Wells
Speaker of the Senate                             Student Body President

Date:____________________                            Date:____________________