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A RESOLUTION
TO URGE AND REQUEST THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BIKE COMMUTER OPTION AND BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAM AT LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

PARAGRAPH 1: WHEREAS, TRAFFIC CONGESTION, PARKING AVAILABILITY, AND PEDESTRIAN AND BIKER SAFETY HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS ISSUES OF CONCERN AT LSU; AND

PARAGRAPH 2: WHEREAS, INCREASING BIKING TO CAMPUS IN LIEU OF DRIVING WOULD RELIEVE TRAFFIC CONGESTION AND INCREASE PARKING AVAILABILITY ON CAMPUS; AND

PARAGRAPH 3: WHEREAS, THE BIKE COMMUTER OPTION WOULD INCENTIVIZE BIKING BY ALLOWING A STUDENT TO REGISTER AS A BIKE COMMUTER FOR LITTLE OR NO FEE, GRANTING THE USER A DETERMINED (X) AMOUNT OF SINGLE-USE DAY PASSES IN THE EVENT OF DANGEROUS WEATHER, EXCESS BAGGAGE, INJURY, OR MECHANICAL FAILURE; AND

PARAGRAPH 4: WHEREAS, THIS PROGRAM HAS BEEN ADOPTED FROM AND PROVEN SUCCESSFUL AT DUKES UNIVERSITY AND ENDORSED BY GARY GRAHAM, DIRECTOR OF LSU OFFICE OF PARKING, TRAFFIC, AND TRANSPORTATION; AND

PARAGRAPH 5: WHEREAS, THE MAINTENANCE AND OPPORTUNITY COSTS FOR LSU TO MAINTAIN PARKING SPOTS OUTWEIGHT LOST REVENUES FROM PARKING PASS FEES; AND

PARAGRAPH 6: WHEREAS, THE ANTICIPATED INCREASE IN BICYCLE RIDERSHIP WOULD REQUIRE A MORE COMPREHENSIVE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PROGRAM; AND

PARAGRAPH 7: WHEREAS, THROUGH COLLABORATION WITH STUDENTS, ADMINISTRATORS, AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS, A MORE EFFECTIVE AND COMPREHENSIVE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAM WOULD BE ESTABLISHED; AND

PARAGRAPH 8: WHEREAS, LSU AND THE BATON ROUGE COMMUNITY WOULD RECEIVE ADDITIONAL SOCIAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH BENEFITS FROM INCREASED BIKING AND DECREASED TRAFFIC.

PARAGRAPH 9: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE STUDENT SENATE URGE AND REQUEST GARY GRAHAM OF THE OFFICE OF PARKING, TRAFFIC, AND TRANSPORTATION TO ESTABLISH A BIKE COMMUTER
PARAGRAPH 10: 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.

Approved:

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Aaron Caffarel             Cody Wells
Speaker of the Senate      Student Body President

Date:____________________  Date:____________________