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A RESOLUTION
TO URGE AND REQUEST THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN EVALUATION SYSTEM TO ENSURE THE EFFECTIVENESS AND KNOWLEDGEABILITY OF COUNSELORS IN ALL ACADEMIC AREAS.

PARAGRAPH 1: WHEREAS, NOT ALL COUNSELORS ARE FULLY AWARE OF ALL POLICIES RELATING TO SCHEDULING COURSES AND STUDENTS’ DEGREE AUDITS; AND

PARAGRAPH 2: WHEREAS, MANY STUDENTS HAVE EXPERIENCED NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES AS A RESULT OF THIS LACK OF KNOWLEDGE, ESPECIALLY IN THE CURRENT CLIMATE OF BUDGET CUTS IN WHICH CLASSES AND CURRICULA ARE BEING CONSTANTLY MORPHED; AND

PARAGRAPH 3: WHEREAS, THESE NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES INCLUDE HAVING TO STAY EXTRA SEMESTERS IN ORDER TO MAKE UP FOR THOSE ERRORS, WHICH INVOLVES MORE MONEY ON THE PART OF THE STUDENTS; AND

PARAGRAPH 4: WHEREAS, STUDENTS HEAVILY RELY ON THE EXPERTISE OF COUNSELORS WHEN THEY SCHEDULE COURSES AND PLAN THEIR COLLEGE CAREER; AND

PARAGRAPH 5: WHEREAS, THE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CENTER FOR FRESHMAN YEAR (UCFY) CURRENTLY FEATURES AN EVALUATION SYSTEM IN WHICH SURVEYS ARE SENT OUT TO COUNSELED STUDENTS VIA EMAIL AND THE SURVEY MONKEY WEBSITE SERVICE TWO (2) WEEKS AFTER AN APPOINTMENT WITH A COUNSELOR; AND

PARAGRAPH 6: WHEREAS, ALL SENIOR COLLEGES SHOULD FEATURE A SIMILAR EVALUATION SYSTEM; AND

PARAGRAPH 7: WHEREAS, THE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CENTER FOR FRESHMAN YEAR (UCFY) AND ALL SENIOR COLLEGES SHOULD ALSO FEATURE A MEANS TO PROVIDE FURTHER FEEDBACK ON COUNSELORS TOWARD THE END OF THE SEMESTER; AND

PARAGRAPH 8: WHEREAS, AN EVALUATION SYSTEM WOULD ALLOW STUDENTS TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK TO THE COLLEGE ON COUNSELORS THEY HAVE VISITED AND WOULD PERHAPS ENCOURAGE COUNSELORS TO ENSURE THEY ARE UP TO DATE ON ALL POLICIES IN ORDER TO NOT RECEIVE A NEGATIVE EVALUATION; AND

PARAGRAPH 9: WHEREAS, THESE EVALUATIONS SHOULD BE SENT DIRECTLY TO THE DEAN OF THE PARTICULAR COLLEGE TO DETERMINE ANY NECESSARY ACTION;
PARAGRAPH 10: Therefore, be it resolved that the Student Government of Louisiana State University Agricultural and Mechanical College urge and request the implementation of the aforementioned evaluation systems; and

PARAGRAPH 11: Be it further resolved that a suitable copy of this resolution be forwarded to all deans of all colleges, Stacia Haynie, Vice Provost; Astrid Merget, Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost; and Michael V. Martin, Chancellor.

PARAGRAPH 12: This resolution shall take effect upon passage by a 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.

Approved:

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Tyler Martin                Stuart Watkins
Speaker of the Senate       Student Body President

Date:____________________   Date:____________________