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A BILL
TO AMEND ARTICLE IV, SECTIONS 1, 3, 5 & 6 OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT
CONSTITUTION

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT SENATE OF LOUISIANA STATE
UNIVERSITY AND AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE, TWO-
THIRDS OF THE MEMBERS OF SAID BODY CONCURRING THAT THERE
SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE STUDENTS OF THIS UNIVERSITY FOR
THEIR CONSIDERATION A REFERENDUM TO AMEND THE STUDENT
GOVERNMENT CONSTITUTION AS FOLLOWS

PARAGRAPH 1:  ARTICLE IV: JUDICIAL BRANCH

SECTION 1. The judicial power of the Student Government shall be vested in the University Court and
the University Trial Court.

SECTION 3. The University Trial Court shall be composed of one (1) Trial Judge.

1. The Trial Judge, who may be an LSU Law School student, shall be appointed by the President,
subject to the approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the Student Senate present and voting.

2. The Trial Judge shall conduct the University Trial Court in accordance with the Rules of Court
and shall issue judgments in all cases in which the Trial Court has jurisdiction.

SECTION 5. The University Court and the University Trial Court shall have the following powers.

1. To hear all cases and controversies arising under the Student Government Constitution, Bylaws,
and Rules of Order, and to issue judgments upon such cases and controversies. The Court shall
have complete and exclusive authority to interpret and to give meaning to any Constitutional
provision, Bylaw, Rule of Order, or legislative instrument.

2. To hear and issue judgments upon all cases and controversies arising under the Student
Government Election Code and elections held by the Election Board.

3. To issue injunctions and to compel any member of the Student Government to appear before them
in any case or controversy arising under this section.

SECTION 6. The jurisdiction of the Court shall be as follows:

1. In cases arising under Section 5 of this Article, the University Trial Court shall have original and
exclusive jurisdiction. Judgments issuing from the University Court in this capacity shall be
final.

2. In cases arising under Section 5 of this Article, the University Court shall have exclusive appellate
jurisdiction. Judgments issuing from the University Court in this capacity shall be final.

3. In cases arising under Section 5 of this Article, the University Court shall have original and
exclusive jurisdiction. When the court sits in this capacity, its judgment shall be final, but subject
to review by the Dean of Students.
PARAGRAPH 2: BE IT FURTHER ENACTED THAT THE FOLLOWING
PROPOSITION BE PLACED ON THE FALL 2006 STUDENT
GOVERNMENT GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT:

“DO YOU SUPPORT TO ABOLISH THE UNIVERSITY TRIAL COURT AND
GIVE THE UNIVERSITY COURT THE EXCLUSIVE POWER TO HEAR ALL
CASES AND CONTROVERSIES?

• IN FAVOR

• AGAINST

APPROVED:

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ASHLEY D. MARTIN – SPEAKER

DATE