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STUDENT GOVERNMENT
LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT SENATE
F06RS
SGR No. 15
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A RESOLUTION
TO URGE AND REQUEST THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE LSU UNION TO LOOK FOR
ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF FUNDING BESIDES STUDENT FEES TO FUND THE PROJECTED
SHORTFALL IN THE UNION EXPANSION PROJECT.

PARAGRAPH 1: WHEREAS, IN THE SPRING OF 2003, THE LSU UNION ASKED THE
STUDENT BODY FOR AN ADDITIONAL $60 PER SEMESTER FEE
INCREASE TO FULLY FUND A PROPOSED EXPANSION AND
RENOVATION OF THE LSU UNION, WHICH THE STUDENT BODY
SUPPORTED IN A CAMPUS-WIDE ELECTION, AND

PARAGRAPH 2: WHEREAS, SINCE THE PASSAGE OF THE $60 PER SEMESTER FEE
INCREASE, THERE HAS BEEN A PROJECTED SHORTFALL IN THE
LSU UNION EXPANSION OF APPROXIMATELY $18,000,000.00
ACCORDING TO UNION DIRECTOR SHIRLEY PLAKIDAS, AND

PARAGRAPH 3: WHEREAS, AN INITIATIVE CURRENTLY BEING CONSIDERED TO
MEET THE PROJECTED SHORTFALL IS TO INCREASE STUDENT
FEES BY $15-$25 PER SEMESTER, AND

PARAGRAPH 4: WHEREAS, THIS INCREASE WOULD COINCIDE WITH ANOTHER FEE
INCREASE THE UNION JUST RECEIVED APPROVAL FOR IN THE
AMOUNT OF $19.00 PER SEMESTER FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS
AND A PRO-RATA INCREASE FOR PART-TIME STUDENTS, AND

PARAGRAPH 5: WHEREAS, THE TOTAL AMOUNT STUDENTS WILL PAY FOR THE
LSU UNION PER SEMESTER AFTER TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE
MOST RECENT FEE INCREASE IS $126.00, AND

PARAGRAPH 6: WHEREAS, ON THE BUS TRIP TO TENNESSEE, AN OPINION SURVEY
WAS CIRCULATED TO STUDENTS ASKING IF THEY WOULD
SUPPORT A “MINIMAL” FEE INCREASE TO FULLY FUND THE UNION
RENOVATIONS, SIGNALING A MOVE ON THE PART OF THE
ADMINISTRATION TO ASK STUDENTS TO FUND THE SHORTFALL,
AND

PARAGRAPH 7: WHEREAS, OTHER OPTIONS FOR FUNDING SHOULD BE
CONSIDERED SUCH AS REQUESTING MONEY FROM THE FOREVER
LSU CAMPAIGN, THE STATE’S CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET OR
INDEPENDENT FUNDRAISING ON THE PART OF THE LSU UNION
BEFORE COMING TO STUDENTS TO ASK FOR ADDITIONAL MONEY.

PARAGRAPH 8: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LOUISIANA
STATE UNIVERSITY AND AGRICULTURAL AND
MECHANICAL COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT

That we are against another fee increase for students to fund the Union until such time that the administration of the LSU Union explores and actively seeks alternative funding sources for the projected shortfall in the LSU Union expansion project and reports back to the LSU Student Senate a detailed report of their results.

PARAGRAPH 9: Thereafter, be it further resolved by the Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College Student Government that we are against any Union renovation fee increase that is not sought by student referendum.

PARAGRAPH 10: This bill shall take effect upon passage by a majority 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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ASHLEY D. MARTIN – SPEAKER      CHRISTOPHER K. ODINET – PRESIDENT

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