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A RESOLUTION

TO URGE AND REQUEST THAT CHANCELLOR SEAN O’KEEFE AND PRESIDENT WILLIAM JENKINS IMPLEMENT A CAMPUS-WIDE, AND SYSTEM-WIDE POLICY, RESPECTIVELY, RECOGNIZING DOMESTIC PARTNERS FOR PURPOSES OF INSURANCE AND BENEFITS.


PARAGRAPH 2: WHEREAS, THESE BENEFITS INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, DEPENDENT LIFE INSURANCE, DEATH BENEFITS, GROUP BENEFITS HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL INSURANCE, DISCOUNTS FOR BOOKSTORE PURCHASES, ACCESS TO CAMPUS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, HEALTH CENTER ACCESS, MARRIED HOUSING AND LEAVE WITHOUT PAY TO ATTEND TO AND CARE FOR FAMILY MEMBERS, AND

PARAGRAPH 3: WHEREAS, SOME PERSONS CHOOSE NOT TO MARRY OR ARE UNABLE TO MARRY WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF LOUISIANA, THEREBY PREVENTING THEM ACCESS TO THE BENEFITS THAT SPOUSES AND FAMILIES OF UNIVERSITY EMPLOYEES ENJOY, AND

PARAGRAPH 4: WHEREAS, THE LSU COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY STATEMENT RECOGNIZES THAT WE AS A COMMUNITY SHOULD, "PRACTICE JUSTICE, EQUALITY, AND COMPASSION IN HUMAN RELATIONS; RESPECT THE DIGNITY OF ALL PERSONS AND ACCEPT INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES; AND USE OUR LSU EXPERIENCE TO BE AN ACTIVE CITIZEN IN AN INTERNATIONAL AND INTERDEPENDENT WORLD, AND

PARAGRAPH 5: WHEREAS, LSU’S FLAGSHIP AGENDA RECOGNIZES THAT THE LSU COMMUNITY SHOULD, “CONTINUE TO INCREASE DIVERSITY OF GRADUATE STUDENTS AND FACULTY; INCREASE DIVERSITY AND INCLUSIVENESS OF LSU, WITH INCREASED EMPHASIS ON RECRUITING AND RETAINING MINORITY AND WOMEN STUDENTS AND FACULTY, PROVIDING A WORKPLACE FREE OF INTOLERANCE OR DISCRIMINATION AND ENCOURAGE THE HIRING OF UNDERREPRESENTED GROUPS SO THAT WE MAY ALL BENEFIT FROM DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES,” AND

PARAGRAPH 6: WHEREAS, A RECOGNITION OF DOMESTIC PARTNERS FOR THE PURPOSES MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH 2 WOULD NOT ONLY INCREASE LSU’S COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY, BUT WOULD ALSO FURTHER THE CONCEPTS EMBRACED WITHIN THE FLAGSHIP AGENDA, AND
PARAGRAPH 7: WHEREAS, other universities such as Harvard University, Yale University, Princeton University, Ohio State University, Tulane University, University of Illinois, University of Minnesota, and Vanderbilt University recognize domestic partners for purposes of benefits, and

PARAGRAPH 8: WHEREAS, none of our regional peers including Auburn, Clemson, Mississippi State, North Carolina State, Oklahoma State, Texas A&M, University of Alabama, University of Florida, University of Georgia, University of Kentucky, University of Oklahoma, University of South Carolina, University of Tennessee, Virginia Polytechnic Institute or West Virginia University recognize domestic partners for purposes of insurance and benefits, and

PARAGRAPH 9: WHEREAS, should LSU recognize domestic partners, it would serve to distinguish the university from all of the aforementioned peer institutions in leading the effort to recruit and retain the best and brightest graduate students and faculty/staff members by tearing down a barrier which may have prevented such recruitment in the past, and

PARAGRAPH 10: WHEREAS, in recognizing domestic partners, LSU will serve as a beacon of progress in its commitment to practice justice, equality and dignity in human relations.

PARAGRAPH 11: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT OF LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AND AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE THAT, we urge and request that chancellor Sean O’Keefe and President William Jenkins implement a campus-wide and system-wide policy on the recognition of domestic partners for purposes of insurance and benefits.

PARAGRAPH 12: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Dr. Neil Mathews, Vice Chancellor for Student Life and Academic Services, Dr. Jerry Baudin, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administrative Services, Harold Silverman, Interim Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost, Marion Callier, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Human Resource Management, Sean O’Keefe, Chancellor, Dr. William Jenkins, System President, and the members of the LSU Board of Supervisors.
PARAGRAPH 13: THIS RESOLUTION 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:

ASHLEY D. MARTIN – SPEAKER

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CHRISTOPHER K. ODINET – PRESIDENT

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