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4 **STUDENT SENATE**

5 **S05RS**

6 **SGR No. 5**

7 **BY: SPEAKER SMITH AND SENATORS B. ANDERSON AND CAIRE**

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9 **A RESOLUTION**

10 **TO URGE AND REQUEST THE IMPLEMENTATION OF *GRADTRAK SERVICES* AS A**  
11 **MECHANISM TO FACILITATE INCREASED GRADUATION RATE AWARENESS**

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14 **PARAGRAPH 1:** WHEREAS, LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY (LSU) IS FOUR-YEAR  
15 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, AND

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17 **PARAGRAPH 2:** WHEREAS, LSU HAS SET FORTH POLICIES AND INITIATIVES THAT  
18 NAVIGATE OUR INSTITUTION TOWARD NATIONAL FLAGSHIP  
19 PROMINENCE, AND

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21 **PARAGRAPH 3:** WHEREAS, INCREASING FOUR AND SIX YEAR GRADUATION RATES  
22 IS AN INTEGRAL PRIORITY THAT HELPS US ACHIEVE THIS STATUS,  
23 AND

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25 **PARAGRAPH 4:** WHEREAS, THE *GRADTRAK* BULLETIN WOULD BE AN  
26 INNOVATIVE, INTERACTIVE TECHNOLOGY APPLICATION MADE  
27 AVAILABLE THROUGH THE PERSONAL ACCESS WEB SERVICES  
28 (PAWS) ACCOUNTS, AND

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30 **PARAGRAPH 5:** WHEREAS, *GRADTRAK* WOULD PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH  
31 SEMESTERLY ANNOUNCEMENTS REMINDING THEM OF COURSES  
32 SUGGESTED FOR THAT RESPECTIVE ACADEMIC YEAR, AND

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34 **PARAGRAPH 6:** WHEREAS, THIS SERVICE COULD BE MADE GENERIC TO STUDENTS  
35 BASED ON THEIR DEGREE PROGRAM CODE (OR MAJOR CODE) ON  
36 RECORD WITH THE UNIVERSITY, AND

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38 **PARAGRAPH 7:** WHEREAS, SEMESTERLY ANNOUNCEMENTS COULD ALSO INCLUDE  
39 BUT NOT BE LIMITED TOO, COMPLIMENTARY INFORMATION (E.G.  
40 REMINDERS THAT UPDATED DEGREE AUDITS HAVE BEEN POSTED),  
41 HIGHLIGHTING UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC RESOURCES (E.G. CENTER  
42 FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS, CAREER SERVICES), AND PROVIDING  
43 UNIVERSITY GRADUATION RATE STATISTICS (CAMPUS WIDE,  
44 COLLEGE BY COLLEGE), AND

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46 **PARAGRAPH 8:** WHEREAS, *GRADTRAK* WOULD PROVIDE STUDENTS CODED AS  
47 JUNIORS OR SENIORS WITH REMINDERS OF NEEDED COURSE NOT  
48 OFFERED IN COMING SEMESTER(S), AND

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50 **PARAGRAPH 9:** WHEREAS, THE *GRADTRAK* BULLETIN WOULD BE COUPLED  
51 WITH A PERMANENT LINK UNDER "REGISTRATION SERVICES"  
52 THAT PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS TO POST  
53 QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS TO THEIR DEGREE PROGRAM'S

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DEPARTMENT CHAIR AND/OR DEPARTMENTAL ACADEMIC  
ADVISOR, AND

**PARAGRAPH 10:** WHEREAS, ALL DEPARTMENTS WOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO  
PROVIDE “FLOW CHARTS” OR SIMILAR DOCUMENTS ON THIS LINK,  
AND

**PARAGRAPH 11:** WHEREAS, STUDENTS WOULD RECEIVE *GRADTRAK*  
ANNOUNCEMENTS AS SOON AS THEY HAVE COMPLETED INITIAL  
REGISTRATION AT ORIENTATION THROUGH GRADUATION AS A  
CONSISTENT EFFORT TO FOSTER DELIBERATE ACADEMIC  
PLANNING

**PARAGRAPH 12:** THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT  
GOVERNMENT OF LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY  
AND AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE TO  
ENCOURAGE THE OFFICES OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS (ENROLLMENT  
MANAGEMENT), UNIVERSITY REGISTRAR, AND COMPUTING  
SERVICES TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF IMPLEMENTING THIS SAID  
INITIATIVE, AND

**PARAGRAPH 13:** BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A SUITABLE COPY OF THIS  
RESOLUTION BE SENT TO RISA PALM, EXECUTIVE VICE  
CHANCELLOR AND PROVOST; KAREN DENBY, DEAN OF  
ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT; ROBERT DOOLOS, UNIVERSITY  
REGISTRAR; BRAIN VOSS, CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER, AND  
MIKE CHERRY, CHAIR OF THE FACULTY SENATE’S EDUCATIONAL  
POLICY COMMITTEE UPON PASSAGE.

**APPROVED:**

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**BRANDON M. SMITH, SPEAKER**

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**BRAD GOLSON, PRESIDENT**

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