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STUDENT SENATE

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A RESOLUTION

TO DEMAND THAT THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER (AACC), HELEN M. CARTER HOUSE AND THE AGNES MORRIS HOUSE NOT BE DEMOLISHED, AS IS CURRENTLY SUGGESTED BY THE LSU MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE, UNLESS FACILITIES CAN BE GUARANTEED THAT WOULD CONFORM TO THE REASONABLE GUIDELINES SET FORTH BY THEIR RESPECTIVE ADVISORY COUNCILS AND DIRECTORS

PARAGRAPH 1: WHEREAS, THE LSU MASTER PLAN EXHIBITED AT THE “PUBLIC INPUT” SESSION ON 12 SEPTEMBER 2002 REVEALED PROPOSALS TO REPLACE THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER (AACC), HELEN M. CARTER HOUSE AND U.S. CIVIL WAR CENTER WITH A PARKING GARAGE, AND

PARAGRAPH 2: WHEREAS, MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, IN THEIR PRESENTATION, HAVE FALSELY CLAIMED THAT THESE FACILITIES ARE [AS DIRECTLY QUOTED] “NO LONGER VIABLE” TO THE LSU COMMUNITY, WHEN IN ACTUALITY THEY PROVIDE KEY SERVICES TO THE LSU COMMUNITY AND HOUSE KEY ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE BLACK STUDENT UNION, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE (NAACP) AND LSU WOMEN’S CENTER, SPECTRUM ALLIANCE, WOMEN ORGANIZING WOMEN (WOW) THE PROGRESSIVE STUDENT ALLIANCE (PSA), AND MANY OTHERS, AND

PARAGRAPH 3: WHEREAS, IN THE CASE OF THE AACC AND HELEN M. CARTER HOUSE, NEITHER THE ADVISORY COUNCILS AND DIRECTORS OF THESE FACILITIES, NOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ENTITIES THAT ARE HOUSED IN THESE FACILITIES, HAVE BEEN FORMALLY CONTACTED ABOUT THESE PLANS FOR DEMOLITION, AND

PARAGRAPH 4: WHEREAS, EVEN AFTER DIRECT QUESTIONING BY MEMBERS OF THE PROGRESSIVE STUDENT ALLIANCE (PSA) AND THE ORGANIZATIONS INHABITING AND UTILIZING THESE FACILITIES ABOUT WHERE THESE CAMPUS ENTITIES WOULD BE RELOCATED TO AFTER DEMOLITION, THE MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE COULD NOT GUARANTEE FUTURE FACILITIES TO REPLACE ANY OF THESE THREE BUILDINGS.

PARAGRAPH 5: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE LSU A&M STUDENT SENATE DEMANDS THE FOLLOWING:

1. THAT UNTIL VALID FACILITIES FOR THOSE ENTITIES INHABITING AND UTILIZING THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER, HELEN M. CARTER HOUSE AND THE AGNES MORRIS HOUSE CAN BE GUARANTEED, THAT THESE BUILDINGS SHALL REMAIN UNDEMOLISHED AND OPERATIONAL; AND
2. THAT THE NEW FACILITIES TO BE RECREATED ON WHOLE, IF THE BUILDINGS MUST REMOVED, CONFORM SPECIFICALLY WITH THE REASONABLE GUIDELINES EXPRESSED BY THE RESPECTIVE ADVISORY COUNCILS AND DIRECTORS OF THE CURRENT FACILITIES OR, SPECIFICALLY IN CASE OF THE AGNES MORRIS HOUSE, WITH THE CONCERNED ADMINISTRATORS GOVERNING THAT FACILITY;
3. THAT A MORE CONCERTED EFFORT BE MADE BY THE MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE TO COMMUNICATE WITH CAMPUS ENTITIES THAT THEY PLAN TO DEMOLISH THE FACILITIES OF, SO THAT THE NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES ASSOCIATED WITH SUGGESTING THE DEMOLISHTION OF KEY FACILITIES ON CAMPUS WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THOSE ORGANIZATIONS AND CAMPUS SERVICES INHABITING THEM MIGHT BE AVOIDED.

APPROVED

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