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A RESOLUTION

TO SHOW STUDENT SUPPORT FOR CREATING A TUITION WAIVER FOR ALL GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANTS (GTA’s), GRADUATE ASSISTANTS (GA’s), AND RESEARCH ASSISTANTS (RA’s).

PARAGRAPH 1: WHEREAS, LSU A&M is the flagship university in the state of Louisiana and one of the leading Research 1 (one) universities in the Southern United States, and

PARAGRAPH 2: WHEREAS, LSU A&M attracts graduate students from every state in the United States and many countries around the world, and

PARAGRAPH 3: WHEREAS, Graduate Teaching Assistantships and Research Assistantships provide funding for many graduate students to live on, and provide an incentive to come and study at LSU, and

PARAGRAPH 4: WHEREAS, although the university pays its Graduate Teaching Assistants (GTA’s), Graduate Assistants (GA’s), and Research Assistants (RA’s) a monthly stipend, LSU A&M currently does not have a tuition waiver for its GTA’s, GA’s, or RA’s, and is one of the only universities in the United States and the entire North American continent not to offer tuition, and

PARAGRAPH 5: WHEREAS LSU’s peer institutions and other North American universities have offered such funding for many, many years, and

PARAGRAPH 6: WHEREAS, the GTA, GA, and RA stipend is deducted each month to pay semester tuition at the in-state rate, and often these graduate students with funding often have trouble making ends meet due to this fact (with international students unable to obtain outside employment to help ease the financial burden), and
WHEREAS, graduate students are already faced with the stress of studies, and due to the lack of a tuition waiver are also faced with unnecessary financial stress, and

WHEREAS, GTA’s are a very important segment of the university, directly influencing the lives of thousands of undergraduate students by teaching classes (ETC.), and

WHEREAS, to attract the best graduate students from around the world, and eliminate potential financial stress while providing a better classroom atmosphere, the university should offer its GTA’s, GA’s, and RA’s tuition waivers.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the LSU A&M Student Senate urges the university administration to follow the lead of its peer institutions across the United States and create tuition waivers for all of its GTA’s, GA’s, and RA’s.

Approved

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