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STUDENT SENATE

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A RESOLUTION

TO RECOMMEND THAT LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AND A&M A POLICY THAT REQUIRES ALL FRESHMEN TO HAVE LAPTOPS BY THE 2006-2007 ACADEMIC YEAR AND THAT THE ENTIRE CAMPUS BECOME WIRELESS NETWORK ACCESSIBLE BY THE 2006-2007 ACADEMIC YEAR.

PARAGRAPH 1: WHEREAS, MANY OF OUR PEER INSTITUTIONS HAVE IMPLEMENTED POLICIES REQUIRING ALL ENTERING FRESHMEN TO HAVE COMPUTERS, THESE INSTITUTIONS INCLUDE THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL, WAKE FOREST, THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, AND VIRGINIA TECH, AMONG OTHERS, AND

PARAGRAPH 2: WHEREAS, THE STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS' BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED A PLAN REQUIRING ALL PUBLIC COLLEGE STUDENTS TO OWN LAPTOP COMPUTERS WITHIN THE NEXT THREE YEARS UNDER THE PLAN ENTITLED "CHOOSING TO COMPETE IN THE NEW ECONOMY," AND

PARAGRAPH 3: WHEREAS, A POLICY REQUIRING ALL FRESHMEN TO HAVE LAPTOPS ENHANCES THE EDUCATIONAL VALUE OF THE UNIVERSITY THROUGH A MORE INTERACTIVE CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE AND BY BRINGING STUDENTS CLOSER TO TODAY'S CURRENT TECHNOLOGY, THEREBY EQUIPPING LSU GRADUATES WITH THE SKILLS NECESSARY TO ACQUIRE MORE ADVANCED JOB OPPORTUNITIES, AND

PARAGRAPH 4: WHEREAS, THE STATE OF LOUISIANA HAS CONTINUALLY SUFFERED A "BRAIN DRAIN" DUE TO THE REPUTATION THAT LOUISIANA HAS AN INFERIOR EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM, AND

PARAGRAPH 5: WHEREAS, THE UNIVERSITY COULD BE THE LEADER IN A GROWING EDUCATIONAL TREND BY WORKING NOW TO IMPLEMENT THIS POLICY INSTEAD OF WAITING UNTIL WE ARE BEHIND IN THE ACADEMIC RACE, AND

PARAGRAPH 6: WHEREAS, THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A FRESHMEN LAPTOP POLICY MEANS NOTHING UNLESS STUDENTS HAVE READY AND CONSTANT ACCESS TO HIGH SPEED INTERNET CONNECTIONS AND "ELECTRONIC CLASSROOMS" THAT WOULD BE MOST EASILY VIABLE THROUGH A CAMPUS-WIDE WIRELESS NETWORK SYSTEM.

PARAGRAPH 7: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE LSU A&M STUDENT SENATE RECOMMENDS THAT THE UNIVERSITY INVESTIGATE A

POLICY THAT REQUIRES ALL FRESHMEN TO HAVE LAPTOPS BY THE 2006-2007 ACADEMIC YEAR AND THAT THE ENTIRE CAMPUS BECOME WIRELESS NETWORK ACCESSIBLE BY THE 2006-2007 ACADEMIC YEAR.

PARAGRAPH 8: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE LSU A&M STUDENT SENATE HEREBY CREATES A COMMITTEE TO PROPOSE A SCHEDULE FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND FINANCING OF A FRESHMAN LAPTOP REQUIREMENT THAT IS FEASIBLE, THIS COMMITTEE SHALL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS:

1. CHAIR, ANY STUDENT SENATOR TO BE ELECTED BY THE STUDENT SENATE.
2. TWO (2) MEMBERS TO BE APPOINTED BY THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT.
3. TWO (2) MEMBERS TO BE STUDENT SENATORS APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE SENATE.
4. TWO (2) MEMBERS TO BE STUDENT SENATORS ELECTED BY THE STUDENT SENATE.
5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COMPUTING SERVICES OR HIS/HER REPRESENTATIVE (EX-OFFICIO).
6. ASSOCIATE VICE-CHANCELLOR FOR BUDGET AND PLANNING OR HIS/HER REPRESENTATIVE (EX-OFFICIO).
7. CHAIR OF THE FACULTY SENATE ACADEMICS, STANDARDS, AND HONORS COMMITTEE OR HIS/HER REPRESENTATIVE (EX-OFFICIO).
8. CHAIR OF THE LSU IT MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE OR HIS/HER REPRESENTATIVE (EX-OFFICIO).

TOTAL VOTING MEMBERSHIP: (7)

QUORUM NECESSARY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS: (4)

PROXY REPRESENTATIVES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.

THIS COMMITTEE WILL BEGIN WITH THE PASSAGE OF THIS LEGISLATION AND CONCLUDE WHEN THE COMMITTEE DEEMS A NECESSARY COMPLETION DATE NOT TO EXCEED ONE (1) CALENDAR YEAR. MEETING TIMES AND DATES WILL BE DETERMINED AFTER THE FORMATION OF THIS COMMITTEE.

APPROVED

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JEREMY GRIGGS- SPEAKER

PATRICK MCCUNE- PRESIDENT

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