S21RS SGR No. 4 (Spirit Squad)

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Fifty Third Student Senate
of
Louisiana State University

AT THE SPRING REGULAR SESSION OF
Two Thousand and Twenty-One

S.G.R. 4
ENROLLED
AUTHORED BY SENATOR(S):
SENATOR DU PLOOY

A Resolution

To Urge and Request LSU to safely support and aid in the Spirit Squads being able to compete in Nationals this April.

WHEREAS, the development of LSU students extends beyond the classroom setting to fundamentally support the equity to service, discipline, and hard work ethic as a measure of the pride the campus reserves in establishing community;

and it is important to recognize that university-approved student groups remain social advocates for the values LSU holds as the groundwork to secure a collaborative and culturally adept experience;

and LSU strives in preserving integrity as a commitment to the efforts of all its students by rewarding talent and open-mindedness with unwavering support to both local and global initiatives encompassing leadership, virtue, and resiliency.
WHEREAS, the university should continue to lend its confidence in all its student advocates, especially the LSU Spirit Squads who have devoted an unquestionable amount of time into supporting student athletes in competition and representing the pride of LSU; and the personal sacrifices the Spirit Squads wholeheartedly give to ensure that unity and team spirit is present in LSU Athletics at attending events including football, men and women’s basketball, volleyball, gymnastics, and baseball; and meanwhile devoting tremendous efforts outside of balancing academics and personal life in training nearly every day of the week for the practices and workouts held throughout the academic calendar at a standard equivalent or beyond the expectations set for various LSU athletic teams; and the constant attentiveness the Spirit Squads give to community service and outreach by supporting the marketing department for LSU Athletics in distributing cutouts in the stadium, putting “6 feet apart” stickers down on the bleachers for sports, and many others, ultimately forming an easy 20-hour minimum normal work week dedicated by these students.

WHEREAS, the LSU Spirit Squads have been cooperating with the requests of CDC and LSU Guidelines in training and will continue to be in accordance to State and Federal Guidelines; and in the case for Nationals in April, the teams have acknowledged the sensitivity of traveling due to COVID-19 and have presented a request to participate in the virtual submission option, which lowers the cost of attendance per person by a substantial amount; and in the request for trainers, the University has denied access of its resources to the Spirit Squads, even on recommendations such as using graduate students, kinesiology majors, or like substitutions needed to qualify for entry into the Nationals Competition; meanwhile all LSU sports teams have been granted the ability to travel and have the needed trainers as thorough planning had been formed in response to the global pandemic to allow for sports traveling, which can be adopted for the Spirit Squads; and so the same level of treatment should be applied for the students who work at an equal capacity under Tiger Athletics to represent the talent and work brought about by discipline and structure.
WHEREAS, the LSU Spirit Squads have shown countless resiliency and passion in the over 30-year legacy upheld by the sweat and tears of our Tigers who love purple and live gold at LSU in the classroom, on the field, on the court and most importantly, carrying the attitude of hard-earned pride in competition to represent the values LSU wishes to bestow on all its members.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE that Student Government urge and request LSU to safely support and aid in the Spirit Squads being able to compete in Nationals this April.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE SUBMITTED TO the LSU President’s Office, Tiger Athletics Foundation.

THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON PASSAGE by a simple majority (one-half plus one) vote of the LSU Student Senate and signature by the Student Body 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:

MARINA COLE
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE
DATE: 2/4/21

STONE COX
STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT
DATE: 2/4/21