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F22RS SGR 8 (Building Renaming Committee)

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LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Fifty Sixth Student Senate



AT THE FALL REGULAR SESSION OF
Two Thousand and Twenty-Two

S.G.R. 8

ENROLLED

AUTHORED BY SENATOR:

FERGUSON

CO-AUTHORED BY SENATOR(S):

DOHRENWEND

A Resolution

*A resolution to strongly condemn President
William F. Tate IV for actions taken in regards to the
Building Name Evaluation Committee and to Urge and
Request LSU to follow-through on Fall 2017's SGR 15 and
Fall 2020's SGR 4*

1 WHEREAS, the Building Name Evaluation Committee was a
2 result of years of students organizing around the issue of
3 racial justice; and
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5 WHEREAS, Student Government has passed two resolutions
6 addressing the issue of racist building names; and
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8 WHEREAS, this fight is over the culture and conditions of
9 LSU; and
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11 WHEREAS, LSU's white power structure works in tandem
12 with symbols of racial oppression to colonize the minds of
13 our student body and consequently disregards the material
14 conditions of Students of Color and Students at large; and
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16 WHEREAS, while these building names continue to stand
17 and sanitize people who stained LSU's legacy by enacting
18 racial terror during the Civil War and Jim Crow, this
19 University will never be able to reconcile the gross inequities
20 between students; and
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22 WHEREAS, our student body continues to be subjugated by
23 an administration that internalizes and dismisses symbols of
24 a culture that promoted an idea of racial inferiority and
25 enacted rampant discrimination; and

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27 WHEREAS, the mission of racial justice will not stop with
28 one Senate Session, and Student Senate must rededicate
29 itself to fighting oppression wherever it manifests; and

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31 WHEREAS, white supremacy, symbolic or structural, must
32 be rooted out of all facets of campus life and society at
33 large; and

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35 WHEREAS, the Building Name Evaluation Committee
36 disbanded last December after President Tate undermining
37 its mission; and

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39 WHEREAS, this dissolution was concealed by President Tate
40 for ten months; and

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42 WHEREAS, the committee specifically mentioned that they
43 wanted to "give the new administration adequate time to
44 develop its vision and set priorities;" and

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46 WHEREAS, the new administration publicly stated
47 opposition and has not set the renaming process as an
48 administrative priority; and

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50 WHEREAS, President Tate undermined Student
51 Government as a representative body for the Student Body
52 by dismissing the demands in conjecture about the Student
53 Body not knowing or caring; and

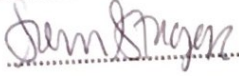
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55 WHEREAS, Student Senate must hold University
56 administrators accountable when they betray and dismiss
57 thousands of students; and

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60 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LOUISIANA
61 STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE, that Student
62 Government strongly condemns William F. Tate IV and
63 requests the names of Slavers, Mass Murderers,
64 Confederates, and Segregationists be taken down from all
65 LSU buildings.
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67 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS
68 RESOLUTION BE SUBMITTED TO President William F.
69 Tate IV.

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71 THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON
72 PASSAGE by a simple majority (one-half plus one) vote of
73 the LSU Student Senate and signature by the Student Body
74 President, upon lapse of time for presidential action, or if
75 vetoed by the President and subsequently approved by the
76 Senate, on the date of such approval.

APPROVED:

Samantha "Sam" Staggs
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

DATE: 10-31-22

Lauren "Lizzie" Shaw
STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

DATE: _____