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F22RS SGCR No. 55 (Student Media Fee)

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LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Fifty Sixth Student Senate



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

S.G.C.R. 55

ORIGINAL

AUTHORED BY SENATOR(S):
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AND PUDER

Concurrent Resolution

*TO PLACE A REFERENDUM BEFORE THE
LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT BODY IN
THE FALL 2022 ELECTION TO INCREASE THE SELF-
ASSESSED STUDENT MEDIA FEE BY \$2.75 TO BE
DISTRIBUTED ALL STUDENT MEDIA ENTITIES*

- 1 WHEREAS, student media at the A&M campus has seen
- 2 funding cuts imposed by Student Government in recent
- 3 years; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the LSU Reveille provides high-quality, essential
- 5 reporting and perspective on issues at the A&M campus and
- 6 beyond; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Tiger TV employees about 60 LSU students who
- 8 broadcasts live news, sports, and entertainment programs
- 9 four days a week on their website which is rebroadcast twice
- 10 a week on WBTR; and
- 11 WHEREAS, KLSU provides 24/7 broadcast from up to 40
- 12 miles away from campus and worldwide via web streaming
- 13 where students are able to DJ and report on news, sports,
- 14 and entertainment for the masses; and
- 15 WHEREAS, the LSU Gumbo chronicles news, sports, and
- 16 entertainment highlights of the academic year at LSU that
- 17 are held near and dear to students hearts; and

18 WHEREAS, the LSU Student Media faces significant funding
 19 challenges which manifest in very low wages, obsolete
 20 equipment, increased reliance on outside advertising,
 21 inability to print physical Gumbo yearbooks, and limited
 22 ability to expand into a multimedia format; and

23 WHEREAS, with increased funding, the LSU Student Media
 24 could be fundamentally transformed — modernized and
 25 expanded to better serve students and the times; and

26 WHEREAS, students should be given the opportunity to vote
 27 for increased investment in the LSU Student Media through
 28 a \$2.75 increase in the self-assessed Student Media Fee
 29 through a ballot referendum; and

30 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LOUISIANA
 31 STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE, that a
 32 referendum is placed before the Louisiana State University
 33 student body in the Fall 2022 election to increase the Self-
 34 Assessed Student Media Fee by \$2.75 to be distributed to all
 35 student media entities.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS
 37 RESOLUTION BE SUBMITTED TO the Louisiana State
 38 University Student Government Election Commission.

39 THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON
 40 PASSAGE by a two-thirds vote of the LSU Student Senate
 41 and signature by the Student Body President, upon lapse of
 42 time for presidential action, or if vetoed by the President and
 43 subsequently approved by the Senate, on the date of such
 44 approval.

APPROVED:

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Samantha “Sam” Staggs
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

DATE: _____

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Lauren “Lizzie” Shaw
STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

DATE: _____