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4 **STUDENT SENATE**

5 **F16RS**

6 **SGR No.**

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9 **A RESOLUTION**

10 **TO URGE & REQUEST THE ADMINISTRATION TO IMPROVE GRADUATE STUDENT**
11 **STIPENDS WITH THE AIM OF REDUCING GRADUATE STUDENT DEBT AND INCREASING**
12 **LSU COMPETITIVENESS IN RECRUITING GRADUATE STUDENTS**

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14 **PARAGRAPH 1:** WHEREAS THE STUDENT SENATE SEEKS TO SUPPORT THE FACULTY
15 STAFF SENATE IN THEIR ENDEAVORS TO IMPROVE GRADUATE
16 STUDENT FUNDING AND

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18 **PARAGRAPH 2:** WHEREAS FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION 16-11 STATES “THE
19 MINIMUM GRADUATE STIPEND AT LSU ACCORDING TO PS-21 IS
20 \$10,800 FOR A 9-MONTH APPOINTMENT WHICH IS WELL BELOW THE
21 MEDIAN GRADUATE STIPEND OF \$20,000 OFFERED BY UNIVERSITIES
22 AROUND THE US” AND

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24 **PARAGRAPH 3:** WHEREAS FSR 16-11 STATES “LSU’S STIPEND IS IN THE LOWEST
25 10TH PERCENTILE” OF NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES AND

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27 **PARAGRAPH 4:** WHEREAS FACULTY SENATE SEEKS TO RAISE GRADUATE STUDENT
28 STIPENDS TO 125% OF THE NATIONAL POVERTY THRESHOLD AND

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30 **PARAGRAPH 5:** WHEREAS FSR 16-11 STATES “THE MOST PROMISING GRADUATE
31 STUDENTS TEND TO CHOOSE PROGRAMS THAT OFFER COMPETITIVE
32 STIPENDS”

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34 **PARAGRAPH 6:** THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LOUISIANA
35 STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE SUPPORTS AN
36 EFFORT TO IMPROVE GRADUATE STUDENT STIPENDS WITH THE AIM
37 OF REDUCING GRADUATE STUDENT DEBT AND INCREASING LSU
38 COMPETITIVENESS IN RECRUITING GRADUATE STUDENTS, AND

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40 **PARAGRAPH 7:** BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS
41 RESOLUTION BE TRANSMITTED TO FACULTY SENATE
42 PRESIDENT COPE, AREND W. A. VAN GEMMERT, AND LSU
43 PRESIDENT F. KING ALEXANDER

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45 **PARAGRAPH 8:** THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON PASSAGE BY A SIMPLE
46 MAJORITY (ONE-HALF PLUS ONE) VOTE OF THE LSU STUDENT
47 SENATE AND SIGNATURE BY THE PRESIDENT, UPON LAPSE OF TIME
48 FOR PRESIDENTIAL ACTION, OR IF VETOED BY THE PRESIDENT AND
49 SUBSEQUENTLY APPROVED BY THE SENATE, ON THE DATE OF SUCH
50 APPROVAL.