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10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **TO URGE AND REQUEST THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY (LSU) GRADUATE**
12 **SCHOOL TO REEVALUATE THE GRADUATE ORGANIZATIONAL RELIEF FUND (ORF)**
13 **AND HOW IT IS AWARDED TO STUDENTS.**

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15 **PARAGRAPH 1:** WHEREAS, THE PURPOSE OF THE GRADUATE ORF IS TO HELP
16 DEFRAY THE TRAVEL COSTS OF FULL-TIME GRADUATE STUDENTS
17 TRAVELING TO CONFERENCES, CONVENTIONS, OR COMPETITIONS
18 WHICH ARE EDUCATIONAL, ACADEMIC, OR PROFESSIONAL IN
19 NATURE; AND

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21 **PARAGRAPH 2:** WHEREAS, THE AMOUNT BEING AWARDED IS NOT SUFFICIENTLY
22 DEFRAYING THE COST OF TRAVEL FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS AND
23 ORGANIZATIONS IN NEED OF RELIEF DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE
24 MONIES WITHIN THE ACCOUNT ARE FULLY APPROPRIATED; AND

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26 **PARAGRAPH 3:** WHEREAS, THE FOLLOWING CHART SHOWS THE PERCENT OF
27 WHAT WAS SPENT FOR GRADUATE ORF TYPE OPPORTUNITIES
28 FROM THE AMOUNT SPENT FROM THE LEGISLATIVE GENERAL
29 CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT.

Year	Percentage
2010-2011	11%
2011-2012	13%
2012-2013	3%
2013-2014	47%
2014-2015 (So Far)	79%

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32 **PARAGRAPH 4:** WHEREAS, THE FUND WAS SEPARATED FROM THE
33 UNDERGRADUATE FUND BECAUSE THE DEMAND FOR RELIEF
34 FUNDING BETWEEN GRADUATE STUDENTS AND
35 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS CAN BE VERY DIFFERENT; AND

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37 **PARAGRAPH 5:** WHEREAS, GRADUATE STUDENTS ARE ABLE TO APPLY FOR RELIEF
38 FUNDING ONE (1) TIME PER YEAR AND THREE (3) TIMES DURING
39 THEIR TIME AS A STUDENT; AND

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41 **PARAGRAPH 6:** WHEREAS, AS THE THIS IS A STUDENT RECOMMENDED FEE.
42 THESE SHOULD BE SOME FORM OF STUDENT REPRESENTATION IN
43 THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE FORMS; AND

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45 **PARAGRAPH 7:** WHEREAS, THE CURRENT AWARDS CONSIST OF THIRTY EIGHT
46 DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$38.00) FOR ANY REQUEST WHERE
47 TRAVEL REMAINS IN-STATE, ONE HUNDRED FORTY DOLLARS AND

48 ZERO CENTS (\$140.00) FOR ANY REQUEST WHERE TRAVEL
49 REMAINS IN THE COUNTRY, AND TWO HUNDRED SIXTEEN
50 DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$216.00) FOR ANY REQUEST WHERE
51 TRAVEL DOES NOT REMAIN IN THE COUNTRY; AND

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53 **PARAGRAPH 8:** WHEREAS, EVERY FULL TIME GRADUATE STUDENT CURRENTLY
54 PAYS SIX DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$6.00) PER SEMESTER AS A
55 STUDENT RECOMMENDED FEE; AND

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57 **PARAGRAPH 9:** WHEREAS, DISPERSION AND ALLOCATION OF GRADUATE STUDENT
58 FEES IN REGARDS TO THE GRADUATE ORF IS CURRENTLY
59 UNCLER; AND
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61 **PARAGRAPH 10:** WHEREAS, GRADUATE STUDENTS MAY ONLY RECEIVE FUNDING IF
62 THEY ARE PRESENTING AND LEAD AUTHOR ON THE BODY BEING
63 PRESENTED; AND

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65 **PARAGRAPH 11:** WHEREAS, REQUESTS FOR RELIEF ARE NOT DISCUSSED AND
66 AWARDED BY A COMMITTEE, BUT RATHER BY A PRESET LIST OF
67 REQUIREMENTS NOT VOTED ON BY THE STUDENT BODY IN A
68 REFERENDUM; AND
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70 **PARAGRAPH 12:** WHEREAS, A SIMILAR RESOLUTION WAS PASSED IN FALL 2013 AND
71 NO ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN TO ALLEVIATE THE PROBLEM.

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73 **PARAGRAPH 13:** THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LOUISIANA
74 STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE THAT THE
75 LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL TO
76 REEVALUATE THE GRADUATE ORGANIZATIONAL RELIEF FUND
77 AND HOW IT IS AWARDED TO STUDENTS, AND
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79 **PARAGRAPH 14:** BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS
80 RESOLUTION BE TRANSMITTED TO OLIVIA OLINDE,
81 GRADUATE SCHOOL COLLEGE COUNCIL PRESIDENT, MELVIN
82 JOHNSON, GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT, AND
83 DR. GARY BYERLY, DEAN OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL; AND
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85 **PARAGRAPH 15:** BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF F13RS
86 SGR 15 BE SENT AS AN AUXILIARY DOCUMENT; AND
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88 **PARAGRAPH 16:** THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON PASSAGE BY A
89 SIMPLE MAJORITY (1/2+1) VOTE OF THE LSU STUDENT SENATE
90 AND SIGNATURE BY THE PRESIDENT, UPON LAPSE OF TIME FOR
91 PRESIDENTIAL ACTION, OR IF VETOED BY THE PRESIDENT AND
92 SUBSEQUENTLY APPROVED BY THE SENATE, ON THE DATE OF
93 SUCH APPROVAL.

94 **APPROVED:**

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97 TYLER S. LOGA

98 SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

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CLAYTON TUFTS
STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

DATE: 10/16/14

DATE: 10/17/14