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**Tuition Waivers for Graduate Assistants**

**Passed 10/02/02**

**Introduced by Paul Bell**

*Whereas*, a high quality and extensive graduate program is essential to the Chancellor's flagship agenda for LSU;

*Whereas*, graduate-student enrollment at LSU has ranked tenth in the SEC and fourth among Louisiana public universities in the percentage of students enrolled in graduate school;

*Whereas*, average stipends for LSU graduate assistants have been less than survey averages since 1992;

*Whereas*, 82% of SEC universities and 76% of other universities (average of surveys) provide tuition waiver to graduate assistants while LSU does not;

*Whereas*, tuition waiver allows the most efficient use of grant funds for graduate assistants;

*Whereas*, LSU graduate assistants can fulfill course and research-credit requirements but still must pay full-time-status tuition and fees of \$1690 while other graduate students may pay only part-time tuition and fees of \$384; and

*Whereas*, although the cost of implementing tuition waivers is substantial, it will pay real benefits in the competitiveness of LSU's graduate programs,

*Therefore* be it Resolved, that the Faculty Senate requests that the Provost develop and present to the Faculty Senate a plan to provide tuition waivers for graduate assistants.