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1 STUDENT GOVERNMENT

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2 **LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY**

3 **STUDENT SENATE**

4 **S14RS**

5 **SGR No. 12**

6 **BY: SENATORS LATHAM, MULLET, AND MUEHLEMAN**

7 **A RESOLUTION**

8 **TO URGE AND REQUEST THAT THE OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS OF**
9 **LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL**
10 **COLLEGE (LSU) DEVELOP AN ONLINE DATABASE OF ALL COURSE SYLLABI**
11 **FOR STUDENTS**

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13 **PARAGRAPH 1:** WHEREAS, LSU POLICY STATEMENT 29 MANDATES
14 THAT THE SYLLABUS PROVIDES INFORMATION
15 "INCLUDING COURSE OBJECTIVES, GRADING POLICIES,
16 TOPICS, TEXTBOOKS, AND REFERENCE MATERIALS,"
17 AND;

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19 **PARAGRAPH 2:** WHEREAS, LSU POLICY STATEMENT 45 REQUIRES A
20 SYLLABUS TO BE SUBMITTED TO AND APPROVED BY
21 THE COURSES AND CURRICULA COMMITTEE OF THE
22 LSU FACULTY SENATE AND THE LSU OFFICE OF
23 ACADEMIC AFFAIRS IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH ANY
24 GIVEN COURSE, AND;

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26 **PARAGRAPH 3:** WHEREAS, THE HIGHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY
27 ACT OF 2008 PASSED BY THE US CONGRESS
28 MANDATES THAT "HIGHER EDUCATION
29 INSTITUTIONS ARE REQUIRED, TO THE MAXIMUM
30 EXTENT PRACTICABLE, TO LIST THE PRICES AND
31 ISBN CODES OF THE REQUIRED AND RECOMMENDED
32 TEXTBOOKS FOR EACH COURSE ON THEIR ONLINE
33 COURSE SCHEDULES USED FOR PREREGISTRATION
34 AND REGISTRATION," AND;

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36 **PARAGRAPH 4:** WHEREAS, THE COURSE OFFERING SECTION OF THE
37 LSU GENERAL CATALOG ONLY PROVIDES STUDENTS
38 WITH A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF TOPICS TO BE COVERED
39 IN EACH COURSE, AND;

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41 **PARAGRAPH 5:** WHEREAS, THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA, AN LSU
42 FLAGSHIP 2020 PEER GROUP INSTITUTION, HAS A
43 COURSE SYLLABUS POLICY STATING, "DEPARTMENTS
44 AND PROGRAMS WILL MAKE THE CLASS COURSE
45 SYLLABUS OF THE MOST RECENT OFFERING OF EACH
46 COURSE UNDER EACH INSTRUCTOR READILY
47 AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION BY STUDENTS WHO MAY



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WISH TO ENROLL IN THE COURSE IN THE FUTURE.
DEPARTMENTS AND PROGRAMS WILL MAKE THESE
CLASS SYLLABI AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS ON A WEB
SITE ACCESSIBLE BY STUDENTS," AND;

PARAGRAPH 6: WHEREAS, OTHER PEER INSTITUTIONS INCLUDING
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN, TEXAS A&M
UNIVERSITY AND THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
HAVE SIMILAR POLICIES THAT AFFORD THEIR
STUDENTS ACCESS TO COURSE SYLLABI ONLINE, AND;

PARAGRAPH 7: WHEREAS, STUDENTS SHOULD HAVE ACCESS TO
DETAILED COURSE INFORMATION WHEN MAKING
DECISIONS ABOUT WHICH CLASSES TO SCHEDULE,
AND;

PARAGRAPH 8: WHEREAS, ALLOWING STUDENTS TO BROWSE
SYLLABI OF POTENTIAL COURSE S COULD BETTER
SERVE THEIR INTERESTS, NEEDS AND EDUCATION,
AND;

PARAGRAPH 9: WHEREAS, A CENTRAL SYLLABUS DATABASE WOULD
ALSO PROVIDE CONVENIENT ACCESS TO THIRD-
PARTIES, SUCH AS ACCREDITATION AGENCIES, WHO
REQUEST COURSE SYLLABI AS PART OF THEIR
CURRICULUM REVIEW.

PARAGRAPH 10: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE
LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AND
AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL
COLLEGE STUDENT SENATE THAT THE OFFICE
OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS CREATE A PUBLIC DATABASE
OF SYLLABI FOR ALL COURSES OF INSTRUCTION AT
THE UNIVERSITY.

PARAGRAPH 11: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF
THIS RESOLUTION BE TRANSMITTED TO
DR. STUART BELL, ACADEMIC AFFAIRS EXECUTIVE
VICE CHANCELLOR AND PROVOST; DR. T. GILMOUR
REEVE, VICE PROVOST FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS;
BRIAN T. NICHOLS, CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER;
AND ROBERT K. DOOLOS, UNIVERSITY REGISTRAR.

PARAGRAPH 12: THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON
PASSAGE BY A SIMPLE MAJORITY (1/2) VOTE OF THE
LSU STUDENT SENATE AND SIGNATURE BY THE
PRESIDENT, UPON LAPSE OF TIME FOR PRESIDENTIAL
ACTION, OR IF VETOED BY THE PRESIDENT AND



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SUBSEQUENTLY APPROVED BY THE SENATE, ON THE DATE OF SUCH APPROVAL.

APPROVED:

ALEX W. GRASHOFF
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

DATE: 2/14/14

JOHN S. WOODARD
STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

DATE: FEBRUARY 15th, 2014