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FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION 13–07

No Confidence in the LSU System Board of Supervisors

Sponsored by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee

Whereas the Faculty Senate and our constituents have tried to maintain optimism about the direction of Louisiana State University and support decisions by the LSU System Board of Supervisors;

Whereas various members of the LSU System Board of Supervisors continue to proclaim their support of LSU and the importance of the LSU faculty and students to Louisiana;

Whereas the American Association of University Professors' (AAUP) censure of LSU for not adhering to appropriate academic freedom principles has not been addressed by the LSU System Board of Supervisors;

Whereas the LSU System Board of Supervisors has repeatedly stressed the importance of shared governance while rebuffing continuing requests to appoint faculty members who are not administrators to the Presidential Search Committee;

Whereas the retirement system for faculty and staff at LSU and other Louisiana universities is woefully underfunded and contributions to individual accounts fall below those of LSU's peers and this has received no attention by the LSU System Board of Supervisors;

Whereas the LSU System Board of Supervisors maintain that one of their highest priorities is competitive compensation of faculty and staff while nothing has been done to advocate for pay raises in five years;

Whereas the LSU System Board of Supervisors has continued to approve salary increases and supplements for administrators and System staff while ignoring stagnant salaries of loyal staff and faculty members; and

Whereas the reorganization of the LSU System designed to bring efficiencies and synchrony among disparate campuses is being orchestrated by a consulting firm with no academic or educational record;

Whereas the aspirations for LSU to join the Association of American Universities (AAU) and thereby to be recognized as one of the top research universities in the U.S. are inconsistent with the proposing by the LSU Board of Supervisors of a nominee for President-Chancellor who has never been a tenured full professor at a major research university;

Whereas the 4-year graduation rate is 12% and the 6-year graduation rate of 54% at California State University–Long Beach compares unfavorably to the LSU 4-year graduation rate of 29% and 6-year graduation rate of 60%¹;

Whereas California State University – Long Beach has not achieved the Carnegie. Foundation's designation as a Doctorate-granting University, with very high research activity, the ranking accorded to LSU

Whereas the nominee's previous experience does not appear to include management of medical schools

Therefore be it resolved that the LSU Faculty Senate has no confidence in the Louisiana State University System Board of Supervisors to make appropriate or wise decisions regarding administrative leadership, budget deficiencies, or reorganization into a cohesive System structure and,

Therefore be it resolved that the LSU Faculty Senate urges the LSU System Board of Supervisors to begin an honest dialogue with LSU system faculty representatives so that confidence can be restored.

¹source <http://collegeapps.about.com/od/collegeprofiles> accessed March 18, 2013.