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SGR No. 6

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A RESOLUTION**TO URGE AND REQUEST FINANCE & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO ENFORCE AND IMPROVE RULES AND GUIDELINES THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN ESTABLISHED PERTAINING TO OFF-CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS IN THE FREE SPEECH PLAZA**

- PARAGRAPH 1:** WHEREAS, LSU HAS ESTABLISHED THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES REGARDING OFF CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS IN THE FREE SPEECH PLAZA: “IF A RELIGIOUS, EDUCATIONAL, OR CHARITABLE NON-PROFIT GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL REQUESTS PERMISSION TO DISTRIBUTE INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS ON CAMPUS, THEY ARE RESTRICTED TO THE BLOCKED-OFF PORTION OF THE STREET AT TOWER DRIVE/RAPHAEL SEMMES AND ARE TOLD THAT MATERIAL MUST BE DISTRIBUTED FROM A TABLE RATHER THAN THEM APPROACHING PASSERSBY. IF INDIVIDUALS ARE “ACOSTING” STUDENTS, THEN THE UNIVERSITY CAN STEP IN AND ASK THAT THEY DISCONTINUE; AND
- PARAGRAPH 2:** WHEREAS, “ACOSTING” IS DEFINED BY MERRIAM-WEBSTER TO MEAN “APPROACHING AND SPEAKING IN A CHALLENGING OR AGGRESSIVE WAY”; AND
- PARAGRAPH 3:** WHEREAS, AN EQUAL PLAYING FIELD FOR ALL ORGANIZATIONS UTILIZING FREE SPEECH PLAZA SHOULD ESTABLISHED; AND
- PARAGRAPH 4:** WHEREAS, SOME, OFF-CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS ARE MAKING IT DIFFICULT FOR STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS, AND OTHER OFF-CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS TO SUCCESSFULLY REACH LSU STUDENTS; AND
- PARAGRAPH 5:** WHEREAS, STUDENT GOVERNMENT HAS HEARD COMPLAINTS FROM VARIOUS STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS, OFF-CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS AND STUDENTS MULTIPLE TIMES ABOUT THE AGGRESSIVE NATURE OF SOME, OFF-CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS; AND
- PARAGRAPH 6:** WHEREAS, THESE GUIDELINES STATED IN PARAGRAPH 1 ARE NOT READILY AVAILABLE ONLINE; AND
- PARAGRAPH 7:** WHEREAS, THESE GUIDELINES SHOULD BE MADE READILY AVAILABLE ON THE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES WEBSITE; AND
- PARAGRAPH 8:** WHEREAS, ANY NONSTUDENT ORGANIZATION MUST REGISTER WITH FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND BE MADE AWARE OF AND RECEIVE GUIDELINES READILY; AND

PARAGRAPH 9: WHEREAS, FINANCE & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES SHOULD SEEK IMPROVEMENTS TO THIS POLICY STATEMENT SUCH AS CONCRETE GUIDELINES AND SPECIFIC CONSEQUENCES PERTAINING TO GROUPS THAT VIOLATE THEIR GUIDELINES.

PARAGRAPH 10: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE STUDENT SENATE THAT FINANCE & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ENFORCE RULES AND GUIDELINES THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN ESTABLISHED PERTAINING TO OFF-CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS IN THE FREE SPEECH PLAZA.

PARAGRAPH 11: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE SENT TO THE FINANCE & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, FACILITY SERVICES, DIRECTOR OF UNIVERSITY AUXILIARY SERVICES JASON TOLLIVER, VICE-CHANCELLOR OF FINANCE & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE ERIC MONDAY, AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FACILITY SERVICES TONY LOMBARDO, CHIEF OF LSU POLICE LAWRENCE RABALAIS.

PARAGRAPH 12: THIS BILL 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 SUBSEQUENTLY APPROVED BY THE SENATE, ON THE DATE OF SUCH APPROVAL.

Aaron Caffarel
Speaker of the Senate

Cody Wells
Student Body President

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