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## STUDENT SENATE

F11RS

SGR No. 25

BY: SPEAKER CAFFAREL AND SENATOR BOSTICK

**A RESOLUTION****TO URGE AND REQUEST THE CHANCELLOR TO IMPOSE AN INCREASE IN THE UREC FEE  
IN ORDER TO EXPAND THE UREC**

- PARAGRAPH 1:** WHEREAS, THE LSU UREC IS CURRENTLY IN LAST PLACE IN THE SEC AND IN LOUISIANA IN TERMS OF SQUARE FOOTAGE PER STUDENT WITH ONLY FOUR (4) SQUARE FEET PER STUDENT AVAILABLE; AND
- PARAGRAPH 2:** WHEREAS, THE NATIONAL AVERAGE OF SQUARE FOOTAGE PER STUDENT IS APPROXIMATELY NINE (9) SQUARE FEET PER STUDENT; AND
- PARAGRAPH 3:** WHEREAS, IN ORDER TO FULLY SERVE THE NEEDS OF ALL STUDENTS ON CAMPUS IT IS NECESSARY FOR AN INCREASED SIZE IN THE UREC; AND
- PARAGRAPH 4:** WHEREAS, A NEWLY RENOVATED AND EXPANDED UREC HAS THE POTENTIAL TO ATTRACT AND RETAIN MORE STUDENTS AT LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY; AND
- PARAGRAPH 5:** WHEREAS, A RENOVATION OF THE CURRENT FACILITIES CAN PROVIDE MORE SERVICES TO STUDENTS IN ORDER TO PROMOTE AND MAINTAIN A HEALTHIER LIFESTYLE ACROSS CAMPUS; AND
- PARAGRAPH 6:** WHEREAS, IT IS HIGHLY PROBABLE THAT AN INCREASED PERCENTAGE OF THE STUDENT BODY WILL TAKE PART IN THE INCREASED SERVICES IN ORDER TO BENEFIT FROM THAT WHICH THEY PAY INTO; AND
- PARAGRAPH 7:** WHEREAS, A RENOVATION PROJECT WILL INCLUDE NEW SERVICES IN ADDITION TO INCREASING THE ALREADY EXISTING SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT FEATURES; AND
- PARAGRAPH 8:** WHEREAS, SUCH A PROJECT WILL REQUIRE TENS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS; AND
- PARAGRAPH 9:** WHEREAS, THE SUM OF TENS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS MAY COME FROM ADDITIONAL FEES PLACED ON THE STUDENT POPULATION; AND
- PARAGRAPH 10:** WHEREAS, THE UREC ADMINISTRATION IN COLLABORATION WITH THE DIVISION OF STUDENT LIFE AND ENROLLMENT SERVICES HAVE DETERMINED THAT THE ACQUIREMENT OF EIGHTY-ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$81,000,000) WOULD YIELD THE BEST OPTION IN EXPANDING THE UREC AND PROVIDING OPTIMAL SERVICES FOR STUDENTS; AND

- PARAGRAPH 11:** WHEREAS, THIS AMOUNT OF MONEY WOULD CORRELATE TO A TOTAL FEE INCREASE OF ONE HUNDRED THIRTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$135) TO A TOTAL UREC FEE OF TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200); AND
- PARAGRAPH 12:** WHEREAS, THIS FEE SHOULD BE GRADUALLY INCREASED OVER A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS SO THAT THE FEE INCREASES BY FORTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$45) EACH YEAR; AND
- PARAGRAPH 13:** WHEREAS, THOSE THAT PAY THE INCREASED FEE THAT GRADUATE BEFORE THE FULL COMPLETION OF THE UREC EXPANSION SHOULD BE GIVEN FREE ACCESS TO THE NEW UREC FOR THE DURATION OF TIME THE INCREASED FEE WAS PAID; AND
- PARAGRAPH 14:** WHEREAS, THE DIRECTOR OF THE UREC CONDUCTED A SURVEY TO GAUGE STUDENT INTEREST IN A POTENTIAL PROJECT TO EXPAND AND RENOVATE THE FACILITIES AND SERVICES; AND
- PARAGRAPH 15:** WHEREAS, FOUR THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE (4,125) STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN THE SURVEY; AND
- PARAGRAPH 16:** WHEREAS, NINETY-TWO PERCENT (92%) OF RESPONDENTS AGREED THAT MAKING LSU BETTER FOR THE FUTURE BY IMPROVING RECREATION, FITNESS AND WELLNESS FACILITIES IS IMPORTANT; AND
- PARAGRAPH 17:** WHEREAS, SEVENTY-SIX PERCENT (76%) OF ALL RESPONDENTS WOULD SUPPORT A FEE INCREASE OF SOME KIND; AND
- PARAGRAPH 18:** WHEREAS, FIFTY PERCENT (50%) OF ALL RESPONDENTS WOULD SUPPORT A FEE INCREASE RANGING FROM THIRTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$35) TO OVER FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50); AND
- PARAGRAPH 19:** WHEREAS, THE STUDENT SENATE IS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ENTIRE STUDENT POPULATION AND ANY DECISION AGREED UPON IS A REPRESENTATION OF THE OPINION OF THE STUDENT POPULATION;
- PARAGRAPH 20:** THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE STUDENT SENATE URGES AND REQUESTS THE CHANCELLOR TO IMPOSE A FEE INCREASE OF ONE HUNDRED THIRTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$135) OVER A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS IN ORDER TO FUND AN EIGHTY ONE MILLION DOLLAR (\$81,000,000) EXPANSION OF THE UREC.
- PARAGRAPH 21:** BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE FORWARDED TO LAURIE BRADEN, DIRECTOR OF THE UREC; KURT KEPPLER, VICE CHANCELLOR OF STUDENT

LIFE AND ENROLLMENT SERVICES AND MICHAEL V. MARTIN,  
CHANCELLOR.

**PARAGRAPH 22:** 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.

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**Aaron Caffarel**  
**Speaker of the Senate**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Cody Wells**  
**Student Body President**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_