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## STUDENT SENATE

F11RS

SGR No. 27

By: SENATORS SULLIVAN AND LOGA

**A RESOLUTION**

**TO URGE AND REQUEST THAT LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY MAINTAIN THE CURRENT QUALITY POINT EVALUATION SYSTEM AS OPPOSED TO A PLUS-MINUS SYSTEM**

**PARAGRAPH 1:** WHEREAS, CURRENTLY LSU USES THE FOLLOWING QUALITY POINT SCALE:

- A – 4.0 QP
- B – 3.0 QP
- C – 2.0 QP
- D – 1.0 QP
- F – 0.0 QP ; AND

**PARAGRAPH 2:** WHEREAS, THE FACULTY SENATE HAS PROPOSED A NEW PLUS-MINUS SYSTEM FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF QUALITY POINTS THAT RESEMBLES THE FOLLOWING:

- A – 4.0
- A<sup>-</sup> - 3.7
- B<sup>+</sup> - 3.3
- B - 3.0
- B<sup>-</sup> - 2.7
- ECT.. ; AND

**PARAGRAPH 3:** WHEREAS, THERE ARE SEVERAL DRAWBACKS TO IMPLEMENTING SUCH A SYSTEM; AND

**PARAGRAPH 4:** WHEREAS, IMPLEMENTING A PLUS-MINUS SYSTEM THAT IS OPTIONAL FOR INSTRUCTORS WILL CAUSE CONFUSION AMONG STUDENTS AND ADVISORS; AND

**PARAGRAPH 5:** WHEREAS, THIS CONFUSION WILL STEM FROM THE LACK OF UNIFORMITY IN REGARDS TO QUALITY POINT DISTRIBUTION AMONG INSTRUCTORS; AND

**PARAGRAPH 6:** WHEREAS, STUDENTS WILL LIKELY AVOID SCHEDULING CLASSES THAT USE THE PLUS-MINUS SYSTEM AND CAUSE UNWANTED SCHEDULING BIAS; AND

**PARAGRAPH 7:** WHEREAS, CHANGING THE QUALITY POINT SYSTEM TO A PLUS-MINUS SCALE WILL LIKELY RESULT IN A DECREASE IN RETENTION AND ALSO HAVE A POSSIBLE EFFECT ON ENROLLMENT, WHILE ALSO INCREASING RATES OF ACADEMIC PROBATION; AND

**PARAGRAPH 8:** WHEREAS, CHANGING TO THE PLUS-MINUS SYSTEM WILL ALSO MAKE IT HARDER FOR STUDENTS TO EARN AND MAINTAIN

SCHOLARSHIPS, AS SCHOLARSHIPS NORMALLY TAKE INTO ACCOUNT A STUDENT'S GPA AS OPPOSED TO THE GRADE EARNED; AND

**PARAGRAPH 9:** WHEREAS, THIS NEW SYSTEM WILL CAUSE INCORRECT GRADING AND MISCALCULATIONS TO HAVE A MORE PROFOUND IMPACT UPON A STUDENT'S GPA; AND

**PARAGRAPH 10:** WHEREAS, THE NEW SYSTEM WILL CAUSE A GREAT DISPARITY AMONG STUDENTS WHO EARN A'S IN CLASSES SINCE THERE IS NO A+, AND

**PARAGRAPH 11:** THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT OF LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE URGES AND REQUESTS THAT LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY KEEP THE CURRENT QUALITY POINT EVALUATION SYSTEM.

**PARAGRAPH 12:** BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A SUITABLE COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE FORWARDED TO MICHAEL MARTIN, CHANCELLOR; KEVIN COPE, PRESIDENT OF THE FACULTY SENATE; JANE CASSIDY, VICE PROVOST OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS; AND GIL REEVE, VICE PROVOST OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS.

**PARAGRAPH 13:** THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON PASSAGE BY A 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.

**Approved:**

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

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

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

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