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STUDENT SENATE

F09RS

SGR No. 5

BY: SENATORS CAFFAREL AND SPELL

A RESOLUTION

TO URGE AND REQUEST THAT PROFESSORS OR INSTRUCTORS NOT USE STUDENTS' MOODLE ACCESS AS A MEANS OF GRADED PARTICIPATION FOR COURSES.

- PARAGRAPH 1:** WHEREAS, THERE IS A FEATURE ON MOODLE IN WHICH PROFESSORS OR INSTRUCTORS MAY ASCERTAIN A STUDENT'S FREQUENCY OF ACCESS TO THEIR COURSE SITE OR SPECIFIC DOCUMENTS IN SAID SITE; AND
- PARAGRAPH 2:** WHEREAS, CERTAIN PROFESSORS OR INSTRUCTORS CURRENTLY USE THIS FEATURE AS THE BASIS FOR A CLASS PARTICIPATION GRADE; AND
- PARAGRAPH 3:** WHEREAS, STUDENTS COULD SIMPLY ACCESS PARTICULAR DOCUMENTS TO ATTAIN CREDIT WITHOUT ACTUALLY ACQUIRING INFORMATION ABOUT SAID DOCUMENTS; AND
- PARAGRAPH 4:** WHEREAS, STUDENTS ARE ALREADY PENALIZED IN TERMS OF NOT BEING FULLY INFORMED AND PREPARED FOR CLASS PARTICIPATION, DISCUSSION OR EXAMINATIONS BY NOT ACQUIRING ALL OF THE NECESSARY INFORMATION THAT MAY BE DISTRIBUTED THROUGH MOODLE; AND
- PARAGRAPH 5:** WHEREAS, THE FREQUENCY OF ACCESS TO MOODLE IS AN INADEQUATE MEANS OF DETERMINING THE LEGITIMATE PARTICIPATION OF STUDENTS; AND
- PARAGRAPH 6:** WHEREAS, THE PURPOSE OF MOODLE IS TO FACILITATE THE LEARNING OF STUDENTS RATHER THAN TO PENALIZE STUDENTS; AND
- PARAGRAPH 7:** WHEREAS, IN ADDITION, THE OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS HAS EXPRESSED ITS CONCERN OVER THIS ISSUE;
- PARAGRAPH 8:** THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT OF LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE URGE AND REQUEST THAT MOODLE ACCESS OR PARTICIPATION NOT ACT AS THE BASIS FOR GRADED PARTICIPATION IN COURSES; AND
- PARAGRAPH 9:** BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A SUITABLE COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE FORWARDED TO ALL DEANS OF COLLEGES; ALL HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS; ASTRID MERGET, PROVOST AND EXECUTIVE VICE CHANCELLOR; AND MICHAEL V. MARTIN, CHANCELLOR.

PARAGRAPH 10: 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:

TYLER MARTIN
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

DATE _____

STUART WATKINS
STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

DATE _____