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A RESOLUTION

TO URGE AND REQUEST THE LOUISIANA STATE SYSTEM TO ADMINISTER THE BUDGET CUTS THROUGH A PERFORMANCE BASED SYSTEM RATHER THAN ACROSS THE BOARD CUTS.

PARAGRAPH 1: WHEREAS, LOUISIANA GOVERNOR BOBBY JINDAL HAS SUBMITTED HIS INITIAL PROPOSAL FOR THE STATE SPENDING BUDGET FOR THE 2009-2010 FISCAL YEAR; AND

PARAGRAPH 2: WHEREAS, CURRENTLY THE STATE HAS TO CUT THE BUDGET FOR HIGHER EDUCATION BY \$219 MILLION INCLUDING A \$101 MILLION CUT FROM THE LSU SYSTEM. WITH \$38.4 MILLION FROM LSU A&M; AND

PARAGRAPH 3: WHEREAS, LSU A&M IS THE FLAGSHIP UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA, AND HAS BEEN NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED FOR ITS TIER I EXCELLENCE AND REGIONAL PROMINENCE IN RESEARCH, AS DETERMINED BY US NEWS AND WORLD REPORT; AND

PARAGRAPH 4: WHEREAS, THE LSU SYSTEM HAS PROPOSED DISTRIBUTING BUDGET CUTS ACROSS THE BOARD IN LIEU OF BASING CUTS ON PERFORMANCE, CAUSING LSU A &M TO RECEIVE LESS AID THAN OTHER UNIVERSITIES; AND

PARAGRAPH 5: WHEREAS, BY DECREASING LSU A&M'S FUNDING OUR EFFORT TO CREATE THE HIGH STATUSES RECENTLY ACCREDITED WILL BE WASTED , AND THE ACADEMIC INTEGRITY OF THE UNIVERSITY MAY BE COMPROMISED.

PARAGRAPH 6: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT OF LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE URGES AND REQUESTS THAT THE LOUISIANA STATE SYSTEM ADMINISTER THE BUDGET CUTS THROUGH A PERFORMANCE BASED SYSTEM RATHER THAN ACROSS THE BOARD CUTS; AND

PARAGRAPH 7: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE SENT TO CHANCELLOR MARTIN AS WELL AS TO PRESIDENT LOMBARDI OF LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM AND JAMES P. ROY, CHAIRMAN OF THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

APPROVED:

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