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3 **STUDENT SENATE**

4 **F06RS**

5 **SGR No. 15**

6 **BY: SENATOR HODGE**

7 **A RESOLUTION**

8 **TO URGE AND REQUEST THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE LSU UNION TO LOOK FOR**
9 **ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF FUNDING BESIDES STUDENT FEES TO FUND THE PROJECTED**
10 **SHORTFALL IN THE UNION EXPANSION PROJECT.**

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13 **PARAGRAPH 1:** WHEREAS, IN THE SPRING OF 2003, THE LSU UNION ASKED THE
14 STUDENT BODY FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$60 PER SEMESTER FEE
15 INCREASE TO FULLY FUND A PROPOSED EXPANSION AND
16 RENOVATION OF THE LSU UNION, WHICH THE STUDENT BODY
17 SUPPORTED IN A CAMPUS-WIDE ELECTION, AND

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19 **PARAGRAPH 2:** WHEREAS, SINCE THE PASSAGE OF THE \$60 PER SEMESTER FEE
20 INCREASE, THERE HAS BEEN A PROJECTED SHORTFALL IN THE
21 LSU UNION EXPANSION OF APPROXIMATELY \$18,000,000.00
22 ACCORDING TO UNION DIRECTOR SHIRLEY PLAKIDAS, AND

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24 **PARAGRAPH 3:** WHEREAS, AN INITIATIVE CURRENTLY BEING CONSIDERED TO
25 MEET THE PROJECTED SHORTFALL IS TO INCREASE STUDENT
26 FEES BY \$15-\$25 PER SEMESTER , AND

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28 **PARAGRAPH 4:** WHEREAS, THIS INCREASE WOULD COINCIDE WITH ANOTHER FEE
29 INCREASE THE UNION JUST RECEIVED APPROVAL FOR IN THE
30 AMOUNT OF \$19.00 PER SEMESTER FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS
31 AND A PRO-RATA INCREASE FOR PART-TIME STUDENTS, AND

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33 **PARAGRAPH 5:** WHEREAS, THE TOTAL AMOUNT STUDENTS WILL PAY FOR THE
34 LSU UNION PER SEMESTER AFTER TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE
35 MOST RECENT FEE INCREASE IS \$126.00, AND

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37 **PARAGRAPH 6:** WHEREAS, ON THE BUS TRIP TO TENNESSEE, AN OPINION SURVEY
38 WAS CIRCULATED TO STUDENTS ASKING IF THEY WOULD
39 SUPPORT A "MINIMAL" FEE INCREASE TO FULLY FUND THE UNION
40 RENOVATIONS, SIGNALING A MOVE ON THE PART OF THE
41 ADMINISTRATION TO ASK STUDENTS TO FUND THE SHORTFALL,
42 AND

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44 **PARAGRAPH 7:** WHEREAS, OTHER OPTIONS FOR FUNDING SHOULD BE
45 CONSIDERED SUCH AS REQUESTING MONEY FROM THE FOREVER
46 LSU CAMPAIGN, THE STATE'S CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET OR
47 INDEPENDENT FUNDRAISING ON THE PART OF THE LSU UNION
48 BEFORE COMING TO STUDENTS TO ASK FOR ADDITIONAL MONEY.

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54 **PARAGRAPH 8:** THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LOUISIANA
55 STATE UNIVERSITY AND AGRICULTURAL AND

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MECHANICAL COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT
THAT WE ARE AGAINST ANOTHER FEE INCREASE FOR STUDENTS
TO FUND THE UNION UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT THE
ADMINISTRATION OF THE LSU UNION EXPLORES AND ACTIVELY
SEEKS ALTERNATIVE FUNDING SOURCES FOR THE PROJECTED
SHORTFALL IN THE LSU UNION EXPANSION PROJECT AND
REPORTS BACK TO THE LSU STUDENT SENATE A DETAILED
REPORT OF THEIR RESULTS.

PARAGRAPH 9: THEREEFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE
LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AND AGRICULTURAL
AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT
THAT WE ARE AGAINST ANY UNION RENOVATION FEE INCREASE
THAT IS NOT SOUGHT BY STUDENT REFERENDUM.

PARAGRAPH 10: THIS BILL SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON PASSAGE BY A MAJORITY
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.

APPROVED:

ASHLEY D. MARTIN – SPEAKER

CHRISTOPHER K. ODINET – PRESIDENT

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