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**A RESOLUTION**

TO ENCOURAGE THE UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION, THE OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS, THE OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS, AND THE LSU A & M FACULTY TO CREATE A MORE STRINGENT, UNIFORM STANDARD OF ADMISSION FOR ENTERING STUDENTS.

- PARAGRAPH 1:** WHEREAS, THE TOPS PROGRAM, RECENTLY CREATED BY THE LOUISIANA STATE LEGISLATURE, WILL EXACERBATE THE ALREADY INCREASING NUMBER OF APPLICANTS AND UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT BODY, AND
- PARAGRAPH 2:** WHEREAS, THE ADMISSIONS DATA OF 1995-97 SHOW THAT ADMISSION PROCEDURES AND ACCEPTANCE RATES ARE LARGELY ARBITRARY, AND STUDENTS WITH LOW GPAs AND LOW ACT SCORES ARE OFTEN ACCEPTED WHILE STUDENTS WITH HIGH GPAs AND HIGH ACT SCORES ARE OFTEN DENIED ADMISSIONS, AND
- PARAGRAPH 3:** WHEREAS, LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AND AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE, AS THE LARGEST AND MOST PRESTIGIOUS STATE COLLEGE IN LOUISIANA, MUST ENSURE THE ACADEMIC INTEGRITY OF ITS DEGREES AWARDED TO PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE GRADUATES, AND
- PARAGRAPH 4:** WHEREAS, MORE STRINGENT ADMISSIONS STANDARDS WOULD ELEVATE THE LEVEL OF SCHOLASTIC ABILITY OF THE STUDENT BODY, AND
- PARAGRAPH 5:** WHEREAS, THE EFFECTS OF MORE STRINGENT ADMISSIONS STANDARDS WOULD INCREASE RESPECT FOR LSU A & M, AND
- PARAGRAPH 6:** WHEREAS, MORE STRINGENT ADMISSIONS STANDARDS AT LSU A & M, THE FLAGSHIP UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, WOULD HAVE A SYSTEMIC EFFECT ON EDUCATION BY ENCOURAGING INCREASED SCHOLARSHIP AMONG HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, AND
- PARAGRAPH 7:** WHEREAS, THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MORE STRINGENT ADMISSIONS STANDARDS WOULD ADDRESS PROBLEMS THAT MAY ARISE FROM THE ANTICIPATED INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF

APPLICANTS TO LSU A & M BY ENSURING THAT ONLY THE MOST QUALIFIED APPLICANTS ARE OFFERED ADMISSION.

**PARAGRAPH 8:** THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE LSU A & M STUDENT SENATE ENCOURAGES THE UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION, THE OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS, THE OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS, AND THE LSU A & M FACULTY TO SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MORE STRINGENT ADMISSION STANDARDS FOR ENTERING STUDENTS.