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**AT THE SPRING REGULAR SESSION OF
*Two Thousand and Twenty-One***

S.G.R. 36

ENROLLED

**AUTHORED BY SENATOR(S):
DU PLOOY AND PALLOTTA**

A Resolution

*To Urge and Request the College of Humanities and Social Sciences to
Recognize and Offer American Sign Language (ASL) as a Foreign
Language Course.*

- 1 WHEREAS, there is currently no American Sign Language (ASL) class
2 that counts as a foreign language credit; and
3 WHEREAS, ASL contains the aspects of language such as phonology,
4 morphology, syntax, semantics, and pragmatics, which are
5 fundamental to understanding the culture and communication of many
6 social partners; and
7 WHEREAS, ASL is considered and offered as a foreign language at
8 over 140 universities in the U.S.; and
9 WHEREAS, prompting an equal standard of access to this language is
10 in effect for the creation of a culturally-aware space; and

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11 WHEREAS, ensuring that equity to the learning and the respecting of
12 all cultures is demonstrated in the course offerings at LSU; and

13 WHEREAS, in the spirit of preserving the integrity of LSU in all of its
14 affairs to create a more inclusive and diverse environment;

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY
16 STUDENT SENATE, that Student Government Urge and Request the
17 College of Humanities and Social Sciences to Recognize and Offer
18 American Sign Language (ASL) as a Foreign Language Course.

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS
21 RESOLUTION BE SUBMITTED TO THE CHAIR OF THE
22 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION STUDIES AND
23 DISORDERS, JANET NORRIS, AND TO THE DEAN OF THE
24 COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES, TROY
25 BLANCHARD.

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27 THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON PASSAGE by a
28 simple majority (one-half plus one) vote of the LSU Student Senate
29 and signature by the Student Body President, upon lapse of time for
30 presidential action, or if vetoed by the President and subsequently
31 approved by the Senate, on the date of such approval.

APPROVED:

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MARINA COLE
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

DATE: 4/20/21

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STONE COX
STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

DATE: 4/22/21