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LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Fifty Fourth Student Senate



AT THE FALL REGULAR SESSION OF
Two Thousand and Twenty-One

S.G.R. 22

ORIGINAL

AUTHORED BY SENATOR(S): MCLENDON, PALLOTTA

A Resolution

To Urge and Request Louisiana State University to create an American Sign Language Program under the World Language Department

1 WHEREAS, Louisiana State University currently does not have an American Sign Language
2 program; and
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5 WHEREAS, according to the National Institute on Deafness and other Communication
6 Disorders (NIDCD), "American Sign Language is a complete, natural language that has the
7 same linguistic properties as spoken languages, with grammar that differs from English"; and
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10 WHEREAS, in Louisiana, ASL is recognized by the state legislature as a language, and ASL
11 classes can be implemented into any public school to meet foreign language requirements; and
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14 WHEREAS, a petition that was sent out to the student body received 689 responses. Of these,
15 688 responses support the creation of an American Sign Language Program within the world
16 language department at LSU, and 654 respondents said they would have considered taking an
17 ASL class their freshman year; and
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20 WHEREAS, if this program was created at LSU, students could take American Sign Language
21 classes to fulfill their world language requirement given by the university; and
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24 WHEREAS, such a program will help connect LSU students and graduates to the vibrant
25 Louisiana Deaf community; and
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28 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT
29 SENATE, that Student Government request that LSU create an American Sign Language
30 program within the World Languages Department.
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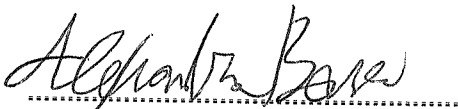
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE SUBMITTED TO
34 Chair of the World Languages Department Rafael Orozco, Chair of the Faculty Senate
35 Committee of Courses and Curricula John Hopkins, LSU Faculty Senate, and Dean of the
36 College of Humanities and Social Sciences Troy Blanchard.
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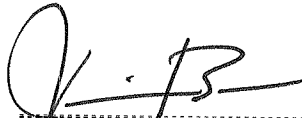
39 THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON PASSAGE by a simple majority (one-half
40 plus one) vote of the LSU Student Senate and signature by the Student Body President, upon
41 lapse of time for presidential action, or if vetoed by the President and subsequently approved
42 by the Senate, on the date of such approval.

APPROVED:



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ALEXANDRA BASSE
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

DATE: 11/8/2021



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JAVIN BOWMAN
STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

DATE: 11/09/21