

3 **STUDENT SENATE**

4 **S08RS**

5 **SGR No.19**

6 **BY: SENATORS SELLERS, PRESTRIDGE, GAMMON, AND EASON**

7 **A RESOLUTION**

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9 **IN OPPOSITION OF LOUISIANA STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BILL NO. 677,**
10 **WHICH WOULD AUTHORIZE THE LSU BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO IMPOSE AN**
11 **INCREASE IN THE OPERATIONAL FEE BY TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00) PER**
12 **SEMESTER FOR FULLTIME UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE STUDENTS EFFECTIVE**
13 **FOR THE FALL 2008 SEMESTER AND BEYOND.**

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16 **PARAGRAPH 1:** WHEREAS, THE STUDENTS OF LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY
17 HAVE BEEN ASSESSED SEVERAL FEE INCREASES BY VARIOUS
18 UNIVERSITY ENTITIES SINCE SPRING 2007, INCLUDING, BUT NOT
19 LIMITED TO, THE STUDENT UNION, UNIVERSITY RECREATION
20 CENTER, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKING, TRAFFIC, AND
21 TRANSPORTATION, WHICH COLLECTIVELY EXCEEDS THREE
22 HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$350.00) PER SEMESTER; AND

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24 **PARAGRAPH 2:** WHEREAS, THE STUDENTS OF LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY
25 ARE OPPOSED TO AN ADDITIONAL FEE INCREASE WITHIN SUCH A
26 SHORT PERIOD OF TIME; AND

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28 **PARAGRAPH 3:** WHEREAS, AS STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES, WE UNDERSTAND
29 THAT FEE INCREASES, SUCH AS THIS ONE, ARE NECESSARY IN OUR
30 PURSUIT OF THE FLAGSHIP AGENDA AND IN KEEPING THE
31 UNIVERSITY OPERATING AT THE LEVEL IT CURRENTLY DOES; AND

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33 **PARAGRAPH 4:** WHEREAS, BECAUSE OF THE IMPACT NUMEROUS FEE INCREASES
34 IMPOSED SINCE SPRING 2007 HAS HAD ON THE STUDENTS, WE
35 URGE AND REQUEST THAT ANY INCREASE BY THE LSU BOARD OF
36 SUPERVISORS BE IMPLEMENTED GRADUALLY IN ORDER TO
37 DIMINISH THE INITIAL MONETARY BURDEN ON THE STUDENTS;
38 AND

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40 **PARAGRAPH 5:** WHEREAS, AS THE FLAGSHIP UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF
41 LOUISIANA, WE ALSO URGE AND REQUEST THAT THE LSU BOARD
42 OF SUPERVISORS INVESTIGATE OTHER MEANS OF OBTAINING
43 FUNDS, SUCH AS FURTHERING EFFORTS TO LOBBY THE STATE
44 LEGISLATURE FOR INCREASED MONETARY SUPPORT.

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46 **PARAGRAPH 6:** THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE STUDENT
47 GOVERNMENT OF LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY
48 AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE OPPOSES
49 LOUISIANA STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BILL NO. 677,
50 WHICH WOULD AUTHORIZE THE LSU BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO
51 IMPOSE AN INCREASE IN THE OPERATIONAL FEE BY TWO
52 HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00) PER SEMESTER FOR
53 FULLTIME UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE STUDENTS
54 EFFECTIVE FOR THE FALL 2008 SEMESTER AND BEYOND; AND

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PARAGRAPH 7:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS

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RESOLUTION BE SENT TO THE AUTHOR OF THE BILL,

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REPRESENTATIVE PATRICIA SMITH, THE SPEAKER OF THE

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HOUSE, REPRESENTATIVE JIM TUCKER, GOVERNOR BOBBY

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JINDAL, AND ALSO SENATOR YVONNE DORSEY, WHO ALSO

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REPRESENTS LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY, RESPECTFULLY.