

STUDENT SENATE

S08RS

SGR No. 5

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A RESOLUTION

TO URGE AND REQUEST THAT THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY TICKET OFFICE PROVIDE GUEST TICKETS AS THEY ARE PROVIDED TO MARRIED STUDENTS AND THEIR SPOUSES

- PARAGRAPH 1:** WHEREAS, POLICY STATEMENT 01 (PS-01) THAT GOVERNS THE LSU AND A&M COLLEGE CAMPUS WAS ISSUED ON AUGUST 7, 2000 BY CHANCELLOR MARK EMMERT “TO ASSURE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL QUALIFIED PERSONS IN ADMISSION TO, PARTICIPATION IN, OR EMPLOYMENT IN THE PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES WHICH THE UNIVERSITY OPERATES WITHOUT REGARD TO RACE, CREED, COLOR, MARITAL STATUS, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RELIGION, SEX, NATIONAL ORIGIN, AGE, MENTAL OR PHYSICAL DISABILITY, OR VETERAN’S STATUS,” AND;
- PARAGRAPH 2:** WHEREAS, THE LSU TICKET OFFICE PROVIDES STUDENT FOOTBALL TICKETS TO STUDENTS’ SPOUSES WITH A MARRIAGE LICENSE, AND;
- PARAGRAPH 3:** WHEREAS, SOME PERSONS CHOOSE NOT TO MARRY OR ARE UNABLE TO MARRY WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF LOUISIANA, THEREBY PREVENTING THEM ACCESS TO THE BENEFITS THAT SPOUSES OF UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ENJOY, AND;
- PARAGRAPH 4:** WHEREAS, THE LSU COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY STATEMENT RECOGNIZES THAT WE AS A COMMUNITY SHOULD, “PRACTICE JUSTICE, EQUALITY, AND COMPASSION IN HUMAN RELATIONS; RESPECT THE DIGNITY OF ALL PERSONS AND ACCEPT INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES; AND USE OUR LSU EXPERIENCE TO BE AN ACTIVE CITIZEN IN AN INTERNATIONAL AND INTERDEPENDENT WORLD,” AND;
- PARAGRAPH 5:** WHEREAS, LSU’S FLAGSHIP AGENDA RECOGNIZES THAT THE LSU COMMUNITY SHOULD, “CONTINUE TO INCREASE DIVERSITY OF ...STUDENTS AND FACULTY; INCREASE DIVERSITY AND INCLUSIVENESS OF LSU, WITH INCREASED EMPHASIS ON RECRUITING AND RETAINING MINORITY AND WOMEN STUDENTS AND FACULTY, PROVIDING A WORKPLACE FREE OF INTOLERANCE OR DISCRIMINATION AND ENCOURAGE THE HIRING OF UNDERREPRESENTED GROUPS SO THAT WE MAY ALL BENEFIT FROM DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES,” AND;
- PARAGRAPH 6:** WHEREAS, A RECOGNITION OF DOMESTIC PARTNERS WOULD NOT ONLY INCREASE LSU’S COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY, BUT IT WOULD ALSO FURTHER THE CONCEPTS EMBRACED WITHIN THE FLAGSHIP AGENDA, AND;

PARAGRAPH 7: WHEREAS, OTHER UNIVERSITIES SUCH AS HARVARD UNIVERSITY, YALE UNIVERSITY, PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, TULANE UNIVERSITY, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, AND VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY RECOGNIZE DOMESTIC PARTNERS FOR PURPOSES OF BENEFITS, AND;

PARAGRAPH 8: WHEREAS, NONE OF OUR REGIONAL PEERS INCLUDING AUBURN, CLEMSON, MISSISSIPPI STATE, NORTH CAROLINA STATE, OKLAHOMA STATE, TEXAS A&M, UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA, UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA, UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY, UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA, UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE, VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE OR WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY RECOGNIZE DOMESTIC PARTNERS, AND;

PARAGRAPH 9: WHEREAS, SHOULD LSU RECOGNIZE DOMESTIC PARTNERS, IT WOULD SERVE TO DISTINGUISH THE UNIVERSITY FROM ALL OF THE AFOREMENTIONED PEER INSTITUTIONS IN LEADING THE EFFORT TO RECRUIT AND RETAIN THE BEST AND THE BRIGHTEST STUDENTS BY TEARING DOWN A BARRIER WHICH MAY HAVE PREVENTED SUCH RECRUITMENT IN THE PAST, AND;

PARAGRAPH 10: WHEREAS, IN RECOGNIZING DOMESTIC PARTNERS, LSU WILL SERVE AS A BEACON OF PROGRESS IN ITS COMMITMENT TO PRACTICE JUSTICE, EQUALITY AND DIGNITY IN HUMAN RELATIONS, AND;

PARAGRAPH 11: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT OF LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AND AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE THAT, WE URGE AND REQUEST THAT THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY TICKET OFFICE PROVIDE GUEST TICKETS AS THEY ARE PROVIDED TO MARRIED STUDENTS AND THEIR SPOUSES, AND;

PARAGRAPH 12: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE TRANSMITTED TO DR. WILLIAM JENKINS, INTERIM CHANCELLOR, DR. JOHN LOMBARDI, SYSTEM PRESIDENT, SKIP BERTMAN, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, AND THE MEMBERS OF THE LSU BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

PARAGRAPH 13: THIS RESOLUTION 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:

J. COLORADO ROBERTSON, SPEAKER

MARY CASWELL ALSFELD, PRESIDENT

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