

FACULTY NETWORK ON LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

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WHEREAS, LSU is the flagship university of the state, and its viability is important to the intellectual, economic and cultural environment of Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, the appropriation of resources and support, as determined by the state legislature, is crucial for maintaining the viability of the university and enabling it to fulfill its mission, and

WHEREAS, discussion and interaction between the state legislators and the faculty of LSU would help to promote the most effective application and distribution of such resources,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the LSU Faculty Senate establish a mechanism for providing faculty with information about proposed legislation relevant to the mission of the University. This would be accomplished through the appointment of a committee, which would work with the appropriate staff within the Chancellor's office, for the purpose of conveying information regarding impending legislative proposals to the University community. This mechanism might include a campus-wide email broadcast and/or a phone bank, or some other system by which information could be sent, in a timely fashion, to all faculty who were interested in receiving such communications. This network would, further, provide a means for interested faculty to respond, and express their views, either in support or opposition, to the proposals initiated by the legislature.