

FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION 89-01

WHEREAS significant efforts in international education, development, and research are made by different faculty groups and administrative units at LSU, and

WHEREAS the international programs bring educations, cultural, career, and linguistic benefits to students and faculty, and

WHEREAS international links for economic development in Louisiana are sought by the state government, and

WHEREAS numerous opportunities exist to enhance educational and research programs by attracting support from the U.S. Agency for International Development, the World Bank, Winrock and other international agencies, and

WHEREAS the international educational and developmental efforts at LSU are not coordinated and thus do not reach their full potential, and

WHEREAS many Land Grant and other universities have coordinated and focused international programs;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate requests that the Chancellor establish an "Office for International Program Coordination" with an active and responsible staff.

While the functions of this office need to be further defined, we recommend that emphasis be given to the following areas of program enhancement:

- a. Identify and establish areas of emphasis and targets for international involvement beneficial to LSU and Louisiana
- b. Assist and coordinate efforts by faculty and administrative units to garner support for educational and development programs through international agencies
- c. Stimulate international programs through the timely dissemination of pertinent information on educational, research, and developmental opportunities on campus and abroad for faculty, undergraduates, and graduate students
- d. Establish communication and joint projects with state agencies, citizens' groups, and other universities in Louisiana involved in international education, research, and development
- e. Coordinate international educational programs on the undergraduate and graduate levels and give administrative support to the offices currently involved in these efforts
- f. Foster efforts in strengthening existing foreign language and international curricula
- g. Enhance conditions for faculty in winning special awards from Fulbright, Alexander von Humboldt, Wellcome, CIBA-Geigy, and similar foundations
- h. Establish contact with and garner financial support from multinational companies doing business in Louisiana
- i. Publicize and disseminate information on scholars and representatives of foreign countries visiting LSU and Louisiana and on LSU scholars involved in projects abroad
- j. Assist the LSU Alumni Association in reestablishing and maintaining contacts with international alumni