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Faculty Senate Constitutional Amendment on Faculty Governance

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Whereas Chancellor Emmert has listed University of Alabama, Auburn, Clemson, Florida, Kentucky, Mississippi State, North Carolina State, Texas A&M, University of Tennessee, Virginia Tech as being among a group of schools designated as regional peers to LSU, and

Whereas either the constitutions or by-laws of the faculty senates of these schools contains definitive responsibilities of these senates dealing with faculty governance functions, and

Whereas the LSU administration has on occasion sought the opinion of the Faculty Senate on matters of faculty governance, and

Whereas PS-50 confirms that the faculty at LSU have “proper concern” in a wide variety of aspects of University life, and as in fact the Senate historically has expressed itself in those areas, and

Whereas the constitution of the LSU Faculty Senate lacks any explicit statement concerning faculty governance,

Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate propose that Article I of the Constitution of the LSU Faculty Senate be amended by addition of a section to reflect an officially recognized responsibility of faculty governance similar to that indicated in the constitutions or by-laws of the faculty senates of our peer institutions.

(Insert following amendment to constitution as new Section 3 of Article I and renumber the present Sections 3-6 as 4-7):

In particular, the Faculty Senate may suggest action as well as make inquiries and recommendations to the Provost, or if appropriate through the Provost to the LSU Chancellor and/or the LSU System President, on any aspect of University life, such as, but not limited to, the following:

- *Conditions affecting academic freedom.
- *Criteria, policies, and procedures regarding faculty appointment, conditions of work, dismissal, evaluations, grievances, promotions, tenure, retirement, and salaries.
- *Building, equipment, and facilities.
- *The rights and responsibilities of the students, and student affairs generally.
- *Criteria and procedures for the selection of the Chancellor and the academic officers of the University.
- *In communication with Faculty Senates or corresponding bodies of other campuses: Criteria and procedures for the selection of the President of the LSU System.
- *The University’s role, scope mission, organization, budget development, and planning.