

Faculty Senate Resolution 09–02  
“Funding for LSU and for Louisiana Higher Education”  
Sponsored by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee

*Whereas* Louisiana State University has drawn international attention for the improvement of its programs and for its advancement in rankings for its educational and research programs;

*Whereas* Louisiana State University, as the designated Flagship University for the state of Louisiana and as a “Doctoral I” research institution of increasing renown, has brought and continues to bring immense social and economic benefit to all the people of Louisiana;

*Whereas* the building of a great University is a long-term process that is severely damaged even by short-term economic shortages;

*Whereas* the Governor of Louisiana has repeatedly stressed the centrality of higher education and especially Louisiana State University in the emergence of a “new Louisiana” ready for the intellectual and technological challenges of the twenty-first century;

*Whereas* the young people and the posterity of Louisiana deserve a university that not only provides them with an education but also projects them into leadership careers;

*Whereas* even the selective cutting of programs and services undoes the reputation of Louisiana State University and thereby the competitive advantage enjoyed by its graduates; and

*Whereas* the present difficulties in educational funding are produced in large measure by procedural and other artificial obstacles such as the inequitable constitutional dedication or protection of funds;

*Therefore be it resolved* that the Faculty Senate of Louisiana State University calls upon the Governor and the Legislature of the state of Louisiana to take all necessary measures to provide educational funding sufficient to insure the progress of higher education in Louisiana and in particular to advance the “Flagship Agenda” of Louisiana State University; and

*Therefore be it further resolved* that the Faculty Senate calls on state government to take effective and innovative action, whether by summoning a constitutional convention or using emergency monies, to support and sustain higher education, thereby insuring a better, happier, and more prosperous future for all Louisiana citizens.