

Faculty Senate Resolution 09–10

“University Admissions Standards and the Restructuring of Louisiana Higher Education”

Whereas Faculty Senates throughout Louisiana are charged with stewardship of the educational missions, curricula, and students service offerings of their institutions;

Whereas the LSU Faculty Senate traditionally takes a leadership position among LSU System Faculty Senates and is often asked for guidance by faculty governance bodies at other universities;

Whereas continuing instabilities in Louisiana’s economy have placed sometimes unreasonable pressures on campus, university system, and state officials to intensify the recruitment of students;

Whereas the establishment of the Louisiana Postsecondary Education Review Commission, colloquially known as the “Tucker Commission,” suggests that major adjustments in the structure of Louisiana higher education will be forthcoming and that with those adjustments will also come new expectations concerning the missions of Louisiana universities and the characteristics of their student clientele;

Whereas all faculty governance units in the LSU System have demonstrated a high degree of responsibility and wisdom in the management of admissions requirements;

Whereas the Admissions, Standards, and Honors Committee (“ASH”) of the LSU Faculty Senate has established a record of prudent guidance in the area of enrollment management as well as in the selection of students and the definition of the LSU educational mission;

Whereas the ASH Committee is also preparing a slate of recommendations for future adjustments to admissions requirements;

Therefore be it resolved that the Faculty Senate reaffirms its commitment to and responsibility for the maintenance and supervision of admissions requirements at LSU; that it likewise affirms the value and necessity of high admissions standards at the Flagship LSU campus; and that it encourages faculty senates of other Louisiana colleges and universities in their efforts to supervise admissions requirements for their campuses.