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LSU Faculty Senate Resolution 06-02

Clarification of Parking Issues

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WHEREAS the duty of administrators in a great university entails the promotion of free debate and the consideration of diverse and dissenting opinions;

WHEREAS a great university has a duty to encourage good citizenship in all its members;

WHEREAS the LSU Staff Senate has reported to the LSU Faculty Senate that it has conducted itself in a way consistent with university citizenship by requesting that University parking officials hold an open town meeting to discuss proposed changes in parking fees and infrastructure;

WHEREAS, according to a November 16, 2005 report to the Faculty Senate presented by the Staff Senate President, the persons responsible for the administration of the Parking, Traffic, and Transportation office delivered incomplete and often vague answers to a slate of questions submitted by the Staff Senate, and requests for another "town hall" or similar open forum on parking issues has met with little interest from the administration"

WHEREAS members of the Faculty Senate have expressed misgivings about the costs of parking projects, the use of revenues from sporting event parking, and the tracking of funds related to the building of parking structures and other forms of parking infrastructure;

WHEREAS there is little evidence that proposed increases in parking fees are proportional to the increases in faculty salary or institutional national ranking that LSU administrators have been able to deliver; and

WHEREAS no plan for "shared sacrifice" in which the most highly paid administrators carry a proportional burden of parking costs or alternatively surrender their premium parking spots, per the example of the University of Colorado System President Hank Brown's abolition of preferential parking for high-ranking administrators;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the LSU Faculty Senate exhorts University parking officials to hold the requested town meeting and to act in good faith upon the recommendations advanced therein and in other appropriate venues; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the LSU Faculty Senate reprehends any attempt to exclude members of the University community from participation in major administrative decisions.