

## FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION 10-17

### “Appeal for Increased Leadership by the Governor”

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Whereas the Governor has constitutional responsibility for submitting an operating budget and capital budget to the legislature each year; and

Whereas the Governor is required by the Louisiana constitution to use means so the total appropriations for the year shall not exceed anticipated revenues for that year; and

Whereas this specific provision of the constitution was violated this past fiscal year by incurrence of a \$108 million deficit; and

Whereas the Governor’s Office has indicated that higher education authorities are not meeting his expected educational goals of graduation rates; and

Whereas Governor Jindal believes that universities are delivering less value than student deserve and has asked feedback on how the state can save money and improve the educational experience; and

Whereas the Governor appoints members to the Board of Regents and to the various Boards of Supervisors; and

Whereas the Boards of Regents and various Boards of Supervisors determine educational policies and their implementation and hire and fire higher education administrators; and

Whereas the Governor’s office has indicated that time cannot be found in the next two years to schedule a meeting with LSU student leaders or with the Association of Louisiana Faculty Senates leaders while the Governor continues to travel outside the state; and

Whereas the Governor has avoided directly answering the LSU Student Government President’s request that he return to Louisiana and address the serious problems of the state and its universities; and

Whereas other components than graduate rates determine a quality education and graduation rates can be easily obtained by reducing the rigor of higher education requirements;

Therefore be it resolved that the LSU Faculty Senate affirms the request by the Student Government to the Governor for his leadership for higher education in Louisiana; and

Therefore be it further resolved that the LSU Faculty Senate demands that the Governor and his staff provide each management board with specific guidance by the end of this calendar year on the desired programs and activities to be eliminated at each institution to meet the budgetary restrictions anticipated in the next fiscal year.