

FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION 79-04

WHEREAS, academic freedom is essential to the integrity of a university,

AND WHEREAS, the free exchange of ideas between persons of differing opinions and beliefs is an important aspect of that academic freedom,

AND WHEREAS, a free exchange of ideas may often take place across international boundaries of citizenship,

AND WHEREAS, a policy which requires that citizens of a country having no diplomatic relations with the United States obtain the permission and consent of the Board of Supervisors in order to visit the LSU campus is not consistent with academic freedom,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Faculty Senate of Louisiana State University requests the Board of Supervisors to rescind its policy on visitors to the University by citizens of a country which has no diplomatic relations with the United States (Policy No. 9h, dated February 9, 1979, Minutes of Regular Board Meeting.)

NOTE: The following is the text of the Board of Supervisors resolution as taken from the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 9, 1979.

“**WHEREAS**, set policies have been and are presently in the best interest of the University,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College that henceforth no foreign visitor holding citizenship in a country which has no diplomatic relations with the United States of America shall be officially received by the University and/or any employee or agent of the University on behalf of the University unless and until permission and consent is granted in advance of the visit by the Board of Supervisors.”