

FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION 95-05

WHEREAS under funding of institutions of higher education in Louisiana has been a recurring problem for more than a decade, and

WHEREAS past administrations of the State of Louisiana have repeatedly cut funding to higher education at mid-year due to anticipated revenue shortfalls that often turned out to be surpluses, and

WHEREAS the physical facilities of our universities have deteriorated dangerously because of fiscal decisions necessitated by repeated mid-year and annualized budget cuts, and

WHEREAS governance of higher education is perceived by both those outside and inside the higher education community to be bloated and duplicative, and

WHEREAS the past neglect of higher education has and will continue to cause grave harm to our future, that of our children, and that of all of Louisiana, by preventing us from serving the needs of our students and other constituents, and

WHEREAS Governor Murphy “Mike” Foster has advanced a proposal to address these higher education crises with a single package of proposals to restructure higher education governance, constitutionally protect higher education funding, and place higher education deferred maintenance and repair as the top priority for the state capitol outlay bill,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College endorses and applauds Governor Foster’s actions to restructure, protect, and enhance the status and funding of higher education in Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate further urges all other affected parties, indeed all citizens of the state of Louisiana, to vigorously support these efforts so that the day may someday dawn when the current humble position of Louisiana’s system of higher education is instead one leadership throughout the South and the Nation.