



LSU A&M Faculty Senate Resolution 19-04

Election of Graduate Council Membership

Sponsored by Faculty Senate Executive Committee

Whereas the LSU Board of Supervisors Regulations Article I Section 2.B.2 Duties authorizes the faculty or Faculty Council to establish curricula, fix standards of instruction, determine requirements for degrees, and generally determine educational policy, subject to the authority of the Board, and

Whereas the Faculty Senate possesses all of the powers conferred upon the Faculty Council by regulations of the Board of Supervisors or otherwise, and shall exercise such powers in a manner consistent with the policies of the Faculty Council, and

Whereas Faculty Senate Standing Committees, including Admissions, Standard, and Honors; Budget Planning and Advisory; Courses and Curricula; General Education; and Library, have shared governance with Office of Academic Affairs, and

Whereas Faculty Senate Resolution 10-03 “Replacing the Current System of Appointments with a New System of Elections for Members of the Graduate Council” noted that appointment of Graduate Council members is incompatible with principles of shared-governance and recommended election of Graduate Council members was adopted on March 15, 2010, and

Whereas Faculty Senate Resolution 11-17 “Elections for Members of the LSU Graduate Council” restated the need for election of Graduate Council members to advise the Graduate Dean and was adopted on November 3, 2011, and

Whereas the Graduate School and Graduate Dean have implemented requirements that do not necessarily further graduate education as indicated in Faculty Senate Resolution 12-1 “Graduate Faculty Status: Confidence in Colleagues and their Credentials” on annual certification of Graduate Faculty Status of each faculty member, and

Whereas recent Deans and Interim Deans of the Graduate School have indicated agreement with the election of Graduate Council members to be advisory to the Dean, but have not taken any actions to implement this change, and

Whereas recent changes in Graduate School policies were not voted upon by the Graduate Faculty, which is not aligned with shared governance principles,

Therefore be it resolved that the LSU Faculty Senate authorizes the Faculty Senate Executive Committee to immediately conduct elections from among the full Graduate Faculty members in the Colleges of Engineering, Human Sciences and Education, and Humanities and Social Sciences and School of Coast and the Environment to fill the vacancies in the Graduate Council that will occur this year, and

Therefore be it further resolved that the LSU Faculty Senate will conduct elections for Graduate Council representatives each spring semester to fill vacancies in the respective Graduate Council College or School member terms that expire each year.