

## **FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION 96-02**

**WHEREAS** the citizens of Louisiana deserve to know that Louisiana State University operates under principles that espouse integrity and engender trust;

**WHEREAS** the University's integrity has been compromised and its image tarnishes by well documented instances of favoritism and mismanagement within the Office of the Chancellor in the awarding of financial aid; and

**WHEREAS** the Chancellor of Louisiana State University acknowledged responsibility for these indiscretions by stepping down from this position as Chancellor,

### **BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT:**

The Faculty Senate of Louisiana State University calls for the immediate establishment of a comprehensive student financial aid system that: 1) adheres to all guidelines and program stipulations, 2) requires full administrative review before the issuance of any award, 3) is centrally coordinated, particularly with regard to the handling of program funds so no one will inappropriately receive more than a single award, 4) documents student progress prior to approval of renewals, and 5) cannot be compromised by any one individual or a group, regardless of position within the University or its governing board;

### **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:**

The Faculty of Louisiana State University reaffirms its commitment to the citizens of our state to academic integrity and to striving for continued excellence in research, teaching, and service both within the University and, as opportunities arise, across the state; and

The Faculty Senate also reaffirms its support for the established principle of distinguished universities that no administrative position above the level of department chair within a university should be filled without a nationwide search for the best candidate (Faculty Senate Resolution 93-03);

### **AND BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT:**

Recognizing that these are times of dramatic changes and extraordinary opportunity for all higher education and especially for Louisiana State University as the state's flagship institution of higher education, the Faculty Senate recommends that Dr. Allen A. Copping, President of the Louisiana State University System, ask the Board of Supervisors to select an individual of highest integrity with proven credentials from within the ranks of Louisiana State University Agricultural and Mechanical College to serve as a non-candidate Interim Chancellor during a nationwide search for a new Chancellor.