LSU Faculty Senate Resolution 05-10: Amendments to Article IX of the Senate Bylaws Regarding Provisions of the Committee on Student Aid and Scholarships Presented by Senator Louis Day

Whereas, the Faculty Senate Student Aid and Scholarships Committee traditionally selects the recipients of the Top 100 scholarship and that process has been mechanized by a vote of the committee to use the standardized test essays which LSU began using this year; and

Whereas, it is difficult for the Faculty Senate Student Aid and Scholarship Committee to fulfill its duty to hear and decide scholarship and aid appeals that typically occur in the summer months when faculty are less available; and

Whereas, the Faculty Senate Student Aid and Scholarship Committee is ill equipped to recommend ways to increase the funding and availability of scholarships; and

Whereas, the Faculty Senate must retain authority to set policy and standards,

Therefore, be it Resolved, that Article IX of the Faculty Senate Bylaws shall be amended to alter the provisions for the Committee on Student Aid and Scholarships and the Committee on Committees to: Student Aid and Scholarships Appeals Committee

Charges

- 1. to act as a judicial body to hear and decide appeals from students in connection with granting, withholding, or withdrawing scholarship or financial aid
- 2. to advise on policies, procedures, and standards for granting aid and scholarship when requested by the Office of Academic Affairs.

Membership

A pool of twenty (20) to thirty (30) faculty selected by the Office of Academic Affairs and approved annually by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee with the committee chair elected by the Faculty Senate for a three (3) year term from nominees from the Committee on Committees. From this pool of twenty to thirty people, a subcommittee panel of five (5) to seven (7) faculty members to serve as a majority of the voting members for each judicial panel convened by the Office of Student Aid and Scholarships; Director of the Office of Student Aid and Scholarships, ex officio; Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs (or designee), ex officio; Director of Undergraduate Admissions (or designee), ex officio; and other staff members as required by NCAA regulations.

Committee on Committees

Charges

- 1. to nominate persons to the Executive Committee for appointment to the Faculty Senate committees, excepting the Student Aid and Scholarship Appeals Committee, ensuring appropriate adherence to committee makeup restrictions mandated by the Bylaws, and representation across colleges, as well as among sexes, races, and creeds, when not explicitly mandated;
- 2. to nominate individuals for election as chair of the Faculty Senate Student Aid and Scholarships Appeals Committee; and
- 3. to recommend replacements when vacancies occur, using similar constraints.

Be it also Resolved that the Office of Academic Affairs should annually create an ad hoc pool of twenty (20) to thirty (30) faculty members approved by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, with five (5) to seven (7) of these faculty members serving as a majority of the voting members for each convened judicial panel to hear and decide appeals from students in conjunction with granting, withholding, or withdrawing scholarships or financial aid.