LSU Faculty Senate Resolution 07-06, substitution: Faculty Senators' Disclosure of Gifts Received from the Administration

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Whereas members of the Faculty Senate need to be seen as incorruptible, and

Whereas the corrupting influence that dealings with the University administration can have on the integrity of a student leader was described by a recent president of the LSU Student Government,¹

Therefore be it resolved that the Bylaws of the LSU Faculty Senate be amended by adding a new article, numbered "Article IX," between the current Article VIII and Article IX (and by renumbering the current Article IX as "Article X"). The new Article IX will go into effect on August 15, 2008, and will read as follows:

Article IX. Faculty Senators' and Executive Committee Members' Disclosure of Gifts Received from the LSU Administration

Members of the Faculty Senate and members of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee will disclose any gifts and benefits provided them by the LSU administration, by financial supporters of LSU, or by the administration's consultants or counsel. The kinds of gifts or benefits that must be disclosed include, but are not limited to:

1. invitations or tickets to athletic, artistic, or fund-raising events;

2. travel, other than for academic purposes, at the request or invitation of the administration or its financial supporters, including travel on public or private aircraft, meals, accommodations, entertainment, etc.

The Faculty Senate may from time to time further clarify and regulate the kinds of gifts and benefits that must be disclosed, and the manner of disclosure.

Chris Odinet, "Students and Campus Leadership--I," *Inside Higher Ed*, August 2, 2007, http://www.insidehighered.com/views/2007/08/02/odinet.

Follow-up by Jordan Blum: "Ex-student chief bemoans LSU influence," Baton Rouge *Advocate*, August 21, 2007, <u>http://www.2theadvocate.com/opinion/9273741.html</u> (for a fee), or search the LexisNexis Academic database (free to patrons of the LSU Library). Related: "Staff Editorial," LSU Reveille, August 27, 2007, http://www.lsureveille.com/media/storage/paper868/news/2007/08/27/Opinion/Staff.Editorial-2937390.shtml .

Summary of Resolution 07-06 changes from the October 9 version:

1. Strike: "or to receptions, parties, ceremonies, lunches, dances, banquets, and other events, whether social or official" and "cruises";

and append:

"The Faculty Senate may from time to time further clarify and regulate the kinds of gifts and benefits that must be disclosed, and the manner of disclosure."

2. Insert: "other than for academic purposes, at the request or invitation of the administration or its financial supporters,".

3. Require all senators, and not only all FSEC members, to disclose gifts as above.

4. Add that the proposed new Bylaw will become effective on August 15, 2008.