A BILL
TO ESTABLISH A STUDENT BILL OF RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN TANDEM WITH THE LSUE FACULTY SENATE

PARAGRAPH 1: WHEREAS, A STUDENT ENROLLED AT LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AT EUNICE SHOULD BE AWARE OF RIGHTS GRANTED AND UPHELD BY THE ADMINISTRATION; AND

PARAGRAPH 2: WHEREAS, STUDENTS SHOULD BE AWARE OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES NECESSARY TO RECEIVE THESE RIGHTS; AND

PARAGRAPH 3: WHEREAS, STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY ARE PROTECTED BY ESTABLISHED POLICIES WHICH ARE NOT EASILY ACCESSIBLE; AND

PARAGRAPH 4: WHEREAS, THERE IS NO CENTRAL DOCUMENT THAT INFORMS STUDENTS OF THESE RIGHTS; AND

PARAGRAPH 5: WHEREAS, A CENTRAL DOCUMENT WILL EMPHASIZE AND CLARIFY SUCH RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES THAT A STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY MAY HAVE; AND

PARAGRAPH 6: WHEREAS, ANY VIOLATIONS OF THESE RIGHTS MAY BE ADDRESSED BY FILING A COMPLAINT TO THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION; AND

PARAGRAPH 7: WHEREAS, IN THE CASE THAT A COMPLAINT MERITS VALIDATION THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION MAY OFFER AN ENDORSEMENT OF A STUDENT'S COMPLAINT; AND

PARAGRAPH 8: WHEREAS THIS LIST IS NOT EXHAUSTIVE AND IS BASED SOLELY ON EXISTING POLICIES AND PRACTICE INCLUDING THE FACULTY HANDBOOK, THE LSUE GENERAL CATALOG, AND THE FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT OF 1974; AND

PARAGRAPH 9: WHEREAS, THE LSUE STUDENT BILL OF RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES SHALL READ AS FOLLOWS:

1. STUDENTS HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO FOLLOW THE LSUE CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT.

2. STUDENTS HAVE THE RIGHT TO MEET WITH PROFESSORS OR INSTRUCTORS VIA TELEPHONE, TELECONFERENCE, OR FACE-TO-FACE MEETINGS CONCERNING THEIR CLASSES.
3. STUDENTS HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO ATTEND CLASS AND TO SEEK OUT WORK FOR WHICH THEY HAVE MISSED IN THE CASE OF AN EXCUSED ABSENCE.

4. STUDENTS HAVE THE RIGHT TO NOT BE ACADEMICALLY PENALIZED FOR COURSE WORK AND ABSENCES DEEMED EXCUSABLE BY LSUE POLICY OR AN INDIVIDUAL PROFESSOR OR INSTRUCTOR.

5. STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING REASONABLE, ADVANCE NOTICE AND APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTATION TO BE EXCUSED FROM CLASS OR AN ASSIGNMENT.

6. STUDENTS HAVE THE RIGHT TO ACCESS THE SYLLABI IN THEIR COURSES AND TO BE NOTIFIED OF ANY CHANGES IN COURSE MATERIAL DURING THE SEMESTER OR SESSION.

7. STUDENTS HAVE THE RIGHT TO VIEW UPDATED GRADE INFORMATION DURING THE SEMESTER.

8. STUDENTS HAVE THE RIGHT TO APPEAL THE DECISIONS OF THEIR PROFESSORS IN ACCORDANCE WITH LSUE POLICY.

9. STUDENTS HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE APPEALS OF FINAL GRADES WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE BEGINNING OF THE NEXT REGULAR SEMESTER.

10. STUDENTS HAVE THE RIGHT TO RE-SCHEDULE A FINAL EXAM IF THERE ARE THREE FINAL EXAMINATIONS SCHEDULED WITHIN A 24 HOUR TIME PERIOD. STUDENTS HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO REQUEST TO THE DEAN OF THEIR COLLEGE THAT THEIR EXAMS BE RESCHEDULED WHEN THIS OCCURS.

11. STUDENTS CANNOT HAVE THEIR RELIGIOUS BELIEFS AND OPINIONS, POLITICAL OR OTHERWISE, WEIGHED NEGATIVELY WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF A COURSE AND THE COURSE MATERIAL.

12. STUDENTS HAVE THE RIGHT TO ACCURATE AND HELPFUL ACADEMIC ADVISING MADE IN GOOD FAITH BY AN ACADEMIC ADVISOR.

13. STUDENTS HAVE THE RIGHT TO DUE PROCESS IN ANY ACTION BROUGHT OR TAKEN BY THE UNIVERSITY AGAINST THE STUDENT WHICH CAN REASONABLY BE EXPECTED TO AFFECT THE STUDENT’S STATUS WITH THE UNIVERSITY OR ANY OF ITS CONSTITUENT PARTS OR AGENCIES.

14. STUDENTS HAVE THE RIGHT TO ACCESS FREE ON-CAMPUS RESOURCES WHEN AVAILABLE AND APPROPRIATE FOR AN ASSIGNMENT.
15. STUDENTS HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE CONSIDERED Stakeholders in the University policies that affect their abilities to achieve academic and personal success on campus.

PARAGRAPH 10: WHEREAS this legislation will take effect January 1st, 2022 and stay in effect from there on out.

PARAGRAPH 11: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AT EUNICE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION THAT THESE RIGHTS BE OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED BY THE UNIVERSITY AND MADE PUBLIC TO ALL STUDENTS ON THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT WEBSITE, AND

PARAGRAPH 12: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS BILL BE TRANSMITTED TO FACULTY SENATE, CHANCELLOR NANCEE SORENSON, AND VICE-CHANCELLOR OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS JOHN HAMLIN.

PARAGRAPH 13: THIS BILL SHALL TAKE EFFECT ON THE PREVIOUSLY STATED DATE UPON PASSAGE BY A SIMPLE MAJORITY (ONE-HALF PLUS ONE) VOTE OF THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AT EUNICE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION VOTING MEMBERS AND SIGNATURE BY THE PRESIDENT.

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