

**Faculty Senate of the LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans
Resolution 09-02**

Request of Governor Bobby Jindal for Restoration of the Higher Education Budget

WHEREAS the Governor of Louisiana has repeatedly stressed the importance of higher education in the emergence of a “new Louisiana” ready for the intellectual and technological challenges of the twenty-first century; and

WHEREAS the LSU Health Sciences Centers educate 80% of the health care professionals in the State of Louisiana, including physicians, dentists, dental hygienists, dental technicians, nurses, nurse practitioners, nurse anesthetists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, audiologists, respiratory therapists, cardiovascular technologists, speech-language pathologists, rehabilitation counselors, clinical lab specialists, biostatisticians, epidemiologists, public health specialists and health care researchers; and

WHEREAS a strong health care system is prerequisite to a strong economy; and

WHEREAS state support of LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans has not increased over the past 20 years, despite annual increases in the cost of health care education and inflation rates averaging 4%; and

WHEREAS the LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans’ personnel and facilities were drastically affected by Hurricane Katrina, and an additional budget cut of the proposed magnitude will have an adverse effect on LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans recovery, restoration of facilities, faculty retention, and faculty and student recruitment; and

WHEREAS the State of Louisiana expects shortfalls in Allied Health professionals, Nurses and Physicians over the next 10-20 years;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate of the LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans requests that the Governor immediately rescind the proposed budget cuts to Louisiana higher education.

Passed unanimously this tenth day of March, 2008.

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Forwarded:
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Members of the Louisiana State Legislature

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