

Whereas: The cornerstone of an Academic Medical Center such as the LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans is a high quality hospital that attracts the best and the brightest among the healthcare professions in order to educate future professionals, conduct clinical research, and to serve the citizens of our State with the highest quality of care;

Whereas: The efforts of the faculty and staff of LSUHSC-NO to educate, conduct research and serve the medical needs of our citizens with excellence has been severely limited with the appropriate closure of an antiquated and deteriorating Charity Hospital;

Whereas: The faculty and staff of LSUHSC-NO take their core responsibility of training superior physicians, nurses, dentists and allied health professionals seriously, and are concerned about their ability to achieve excellence in teaching, research and service in the future without a modern teaching hospital;

Whereas – The faculty realize that a sound business plan was advanced by consultants hired by the State for the development of a fiscally sound, efficient and effective Academic Medical Center that retains and strengthens LSUHSC's commitment to education, research and medical services to the people of Louisiana;

Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate of LSUHSC-NO, on behalf of the faculty, unanimously support the efforts of Chancellor Hollier, President Lombardi, and the LSU Board of Supervisors to gain approval to build and take leadership in operating a modern LSU hospital in which we can effectively and efficiently educate future healthcare professionals in our State, perform research to advance healthcare practices, and deliver the best healthcare to the citizens of Louisiana.

Be it further resolved that we believe success in this endeavor is vital to our ability as faculty to achieve excellence in education, research and service.