

## **LSUHSC-NO Staff Senate Resolution 2025-01: Advocating for At Large Staff Senate Members**

**WHEREAS**, the LSUHSC-NO Staff Senate currently allocates seats by predefined categories to represent staff across the system;

**WHEREAS**, some staff groups are underrepresented or not aligned with existing categories;

**WHEREAS**, providing additional at-large seats will enhance inclusivity and adaptability.

### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. **An amendment** is proposed to the Staff Senate bylaws to add at-large staff senator(s) to be elected by **university-wide staff vote**, regardless of category.
2. **Eligibility & Election:**
  - At-large, candidates must meet Staff Senate eligibility criteria (e.g., active staff status).
  - Elections held simultaneously with category ballots; those with the highest votes win.
3. **Terms & Vacancies:**
  - At-large seat term shall be three years (or shorter if filling a vacancy).
  - Vacancies are filled by existing procedure: nomination petition and vote by current Senators or via election.
4. **Bylaws Change Process:**
  - At-large seats and election method to be incorporated into the official bylaws, following standard amendment procedures (e.g., committee review, constituent notice, Senate vote).

### **Certification of Resolution:**

I certify that the LSUHSC Staff Senate duly adopted the foregoing resolution through an email communication on July 25, 2025, at which a quorum was notified.

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**Patricia Oates**  
Staff Senate President

**July 28, 2025**  
Date