Faculty Senate Resolution 15-16

Task Force on Long-Range Planning for the Academic Environment

Sponsored by Senators Lillian Bridwell-Bowles and Judith Schiebout

Whereas the surroundings of a great University contribute greatly to the reputation of and success in recruiting at an institution such as LSU;

Whereas the recent support of the LSU Faculty Senate played a visible role in the deliberations leading to recommendations from the Baton Rouge Planning and Zoning Commission and the Baton Rouge Metro Council to re-zone property south of Baton Rouge to insure that industrial pollution would not endanger LSU students, faculty, and staff;

Whereas the LSU Faculty has members with regional, national, and international reputations in areas related to land-use policy, scientific study with regard to the environment, law and the environment, and public media communications;

Whereas faculty members in many disciplines are already engaged in deliberations about specific buildings (e.g., the Water Campus on the riverfront, the Louisiana Museum of Natural History) and their settings;

Whereas the Faculty should be in dialogue with administrative leaders involved in recommending future growth and development of the Main and South Campuses of LSU;

Whereas environmental factors and land-use policies should be a matter of great concern to all members of the LSU community;

Be it therefore resolved that the LSU Faculty Senate Executive Committee establish a Task Force on Long-Range Planning for the Academic Environment charged with communicating with existing campus planning entities, public planning and zoning groups (e.g., the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Metro Council) about appropriate land-use policies that impact the academic mission and environment at LSU;

Be it further resolved that this Task Force present an annual status report to the Faculty Senate during Spring Semester with specific recommendations for Faculty Senate involvement and resolutions for deliberation.