Whereas on January 20, 1988, the Faculty Senate adopted Resolution 87-07, entitled "Office of Ombudsman," which recommended the creation of an Ombuds Office to serve both the LSU A&M campus and the LSU AgCenter campus; and

Whereas on December 4, 1997, the Faculty Senate adopted Resolution 97-04, entitled "Ombuds Office," giving further details on the Senate's recommendation that LSU create an ombuds office, and citing a September 15, 1997 report on the creation of an ombuds office (http://senate.lsu.edu; click on "Pertinent Reports"); and

Whereas the Provost is reopening the search for an ombudsman and has supported the Faculty Senate Executive Committee's recommendation that the Ombudsman should report directly to the Chancellor of the LSU A & M campus;

Therefore be it resolved that the Faculty Senate urges that LSU designate an ombudsman and establish his/her office at LSU A&M in accordance with the national standards for an Ombuds Office. The Faculty Senate appreciates and welcomes the continued participation of the Staff Senate on this issue, and urges that every effort be made to have the Ombuds Office in place for Fall Semester of 2006.