WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of Louisiana State University to provide superior academic services to the people of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the provision of such services requires the selection of academic and administrative personnel of appropriate intelligence, training, and efficiency; and

WHEREAS, those of intellectual training, experience, and personal familiarity with persons considered for appointment can make the surest assessment of the necessary qualifications for academic and administrative posts; and

WHEREAS, individuals and groups outside the University—however well-intentioned and well-informed—are in no position to judge the necessary qualifications accurately and completely; and

WHEREAS, the practice of preferring the views of those outside the University to the recommendations of faculty and administrators would imperil the academic integrity and administrative efficiency of the University and could endanger the accreditation of instructional programs;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate urge the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University to observe the sound and tested rule that the primary determination in matters of appointment and promotion rests with the faculty and administration of the University.