WHEREAS the integrity of the university demands that the standard for awarding financial aid should be merit tempered by need, and that no group be given preferential treatment for such aid not clearly indicated in policies governing the distribution of funds; and

WHEREAS the LSU Internal Audit Report suggests that these principles have been compromised in the Chancellor’s Incentive Awards program,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Faculty Senate ratifies the action of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee in forming a special committee charged with investigating the influence of the Office of the Chancellor on the awarding of scholarships and financial aid and to make appropriate recommendations about procedures and personnel actions that should be taken; and further

2. That the Faculty Senate calls upon the administration to facilitate this investigation to the extent permitted by law; and further

3. That the Special Assistant to the Chancellor, Mr. V. David DeVillier, be placed on administrative leave until such time as there is a satisfactory resolution to this matter.