



LOUISIANA COUNCIL OF STUDENT BODY PRESIDENTS

Representing over 200,000 students statewide
Louisiana Council of Student Body Presidents

A RESOLUTION ON LOUISIANA BUDGET PRIORITIES

Thus enacted on the 13th day of February, 2016 by the Louisiana Council of Student Body Presidents

Whereas, the Louisiana Council of Student Body Presidents represents over two hundred thousand (200,000) students across the state of Louisiana; and

Whereas, we, the elected student body leaders of Louisiana's public postsecondary education institutions, comprise the Louisiana Council of Student Body Presidents; and

Whereas, the Louisiana Council of Student Body Presidents finds the continual and unsustainable cuts to Louisiana Higher Education unacceptable; and

Whereas, Louisiana ranks forty-eighth (48th) in educational attainment, as well as forty-eighth (48th) in state appropriations to higher education; and

Whereas, the Louisiana Council of Student Body Presidents finds these facts to be indicative of failure by the state to provide the people of Louisiana and especially its next generation with opportunities for employment and participation in our state; and

Whereas, Higher education is vital to the future of Louisiana, foremost in providing the state with qualified business, industry, and government leaders in the next generation, and must become a budget priority if Louisiana is to succeed:

Therefore, be it resolved that the Louisiana Council of Student Body Presidents urges and implores that the Governor of the State of Louisiana and the Legislature of Louisiana provide adequate resources and support for a sustainable higher education program for the future of Louisiana; and

Therefore, be it further resolved that the Louisiana Council of Student Body Presidents urges that our Governor and Legislature give equal consideration to all proposed solutions in order to transition to a more viable long-term budget solution for Louisiana; and

Therefore be it further resolved that the state government and all its elected officials must put aside partisan politics in order to determine practical solutions to sustain higher education funding, and bringing Louisiana out of the lowest brackets of educational attainment and investment, and to provide adequate opportunities for the citizens of Louisiana to pursue rewarding careers in our great state.

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