

LSU Faculty Senate Resolution 06-04:
Some criteria for the selection of the President of the LSU System

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Whereas William Jenkins has recently announced that he will step down from his position as the President of the LSU System; and

Whereas the LSU System President, as the principal executive officer of the LSU System, affects many crucial matters of interest to faculty on all LSU campuses, including LSU A&M; and

Whereas several important matters of interest to faculty, such as Faculty Senate Resolution 04-10, "Principles and Guidelines for a Replacement of PM-35" (<http://senate.lsu.edu/Resolutions/R04-10.PDF>), and the subsequent unanimous vote on Nov. 16, 2005 by the Faculty Senate in support of a Proposed Revision to PM-35, are currently being pursued with the System office; and

Whereas the Bylaws & Regulations of the Board of Supervisors of the LSU System require the System President to be a member of all faculties in the System and to serve as Chairperson of all Faculty Councils; and

Whereas the System President's duties include defining the mission of each campus, establishing administrative policies and procedures, implementing educational policies, and assuming and retaining control over all budgets of the System; and

Whereas the LSU Faculty Senate Constitution declares:
"The Faculty Senate may suggest action or make inquiries or recommendations to the Provost, or if appropriate through the Provost to the LSU Chancellor and/or the LSU System President, on any aspect of University life, such as, but not limited to, the following: ...in communication with Faculty Senates or corresponding bodies of other campuses, criteria and procedures for the selection of the President of the LSU System;"

Therefore be it resolved that it is crucial that 1) the selection committee conduct a credible and transparent national search for the new System President, 2) the search be deliberate and exhaustive, and 3) the selection committee include tenured faculty members (who are not current or former administrators) from LSU A&M and other LSU campuses, to assure significant input from and participation of the faculty in the selection process; and

Therefore be it further resolved that it is crucial that the new President have an earned terminal degree and firsthand experience as a tenured member of the faculty at a major research-oriented institution of higher education.