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LSU Faculty Senate Resolution 07-01

Reconsideration of Fall Academic Calendar

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Whereas the proposed calendar prohibits an appropriate time frame for spending time with family during the winter holidays,

Whereas the culture of Louisiana acknowledges the importance of family, friends and community

Whereas the university's diversity outreach strives to attract students who hail from other states and countries,

Whereas the proposed calendar leaves little time for traveling to homes in other states and countries in time for the holidays,

Whereas the proposed fall graduation date leaves only three days for graduates to pack and travel home for the holidays,

Whereas faculty who must travel to be with loved ones, yet **MUST** attend graduation exercises have a short time frame to enjoy the holiday,

Be it resolved that the university will review and reconsider the proposed calendar in favor of an earlier graduation date that would facilitate travel and would provide quality time with family.

We understand that changes for the 2007-08 calendar may not be possible, but our purpose is to achieve future consideration.