

**Resolution 02-07 on Inviting the American Association of University Professors to Send a National Representative to Address the Faculty Senate on the Issue of Collective Bargaining**

April: First Reading

May: Second Reading, Passed

Presented by Senator Patrick McGee

WHEREAS the Faculty Senate Ad Hoc Committee to Investigate the Feasibility of Collective Bargaining has completed its charge and issued its report to the Senate; and

WHEREAS the evidence suggests that the LSU faculty has been and remains inadequately compensated in comparison with extensive research institutions throughout the nation and the southern region; and

WHEREAS the report suggests that collective bargaining may be able to address the issue of fair compensation as well as protect and enhance faculty rights and the principles of shared governance; and

WHEREAS the report has called for further discussion and debate in the Faculty Senate on this issue; and

WHEREAS the members of the Faculty Senate need to know more about the process of collective bargaining and its organizational impact on faculty life in order to conduct that discussion and debate efficiently and effectively; and

WHEREAS the American Association of University Professors is likely the most appropriate organization to inform the LSU faculty because it is a professional organization with a commitment to faculty rights and shared governance; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the LSU Faculty Senate invites the American Association of University Professors to send a representative from the national organization to LSU for the purpose of informing this Faculty Senate and any other interested organizations on this campus on the implications and viability of collective bargaining for the LSU faculty.