

Faculty Senate Resolution 10–13

“Withdrawal Date Policy Revisions”

Introduced at the Request of the Student Government Association

WHEREAS, Louisiana State University has expressed an ongoing commitment to be recognized nationally as a Tier I research university and state flagship public institution of higher learning; and

WHEREAS, the current withdrawal policy does not accurately reflect the withdrawal policies in place at universities deemed our regional and national peer universities; and

WHEREAS, the current withdrawal policy allows for students to drop a class without a withdraw “W” grade on the sixth class day and allows a student to add a class until the eighth class day; and

WHEREAS, the current withdrawal policy does not allow for students to accurately form an opinion on some classes within the allowed time period (for example, a class that meets Tuesdays and Thursdays will only meet twice before a student must decide whether or not to drop a course); and

WHEREAS, the proposed revised Withdrawal Policy will allow students to withdraw from a class up to, but not exceeding the eighth day following the beginning of classes for the semester. Furthermore the date for adding classes would remain on the eighth day, as well; and

WHEREAS, The proposed revised withdrawal policy will allow students to have greater flexibility in scheduling and will place Louisiana State University’s Withdrawal Date Policy in agreement with Withdrawal Policies of our peer institutions; and

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Faculty Senate affirms its support for the proposed revisions to the Withdrawal Date Policy and asks that the Provost implement the revised policy.