

Faculty Senate Resolution 07–08
“Advancement of the Internationalization of LSU”
Sponsored by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee
On behalf of its authors, the
Faculty Senate International Education Committee
(Patricia O’Neill and Li Li, co-chairs)

Whereas in today’s world, a complete university education must include immersion in international cultures and ideas;

Whereas LSU’s and its graduates’ success in today’s economy is dependent on understanding and dealing successfully in the global market;

Whereas LSU ranks well behind its peer institutions on almost every measure of internationalization;

Therefore be it resolved that the LSU administration must

- Include a statement confirming the important role of internationalization in the “Preamble” of the current revision of the Flagship Agenda and include an explicit international component in all relevant objectives of the Flagship Agenda;
- Invest necessary resources to create and sustain a comprehensive internationalization plan;
- Actively promote and support the international research, teaching and service activities of faculty;
- Hire a person with national stature, vision, skills and expertise in university internationalization endeavors as the Dean of International Programs by the end of academic year 2008 to inspire and lead the faculty in transforming LSU's international aspirations to reality;
- Devote sufficient resources to the salary of the Dean of OIP and the OIP budget in order to attract the best candidates for that position;
- Advertise nationally, aggressively and quickly in order to fill the position by the end of the academic year 2008.

And let it be further resolved that the university take under advisement the initial recommendations of the Faculty Senate International Education Committee outlined in its “Plan of Action” and provide the resources necessary to undertake a complete internationalization review that will result in specific recommendations, an institutional strategy and an action agenda.