

Faculty Senate Resolution 08–02

“Enhanced Online Access to Faculty Credentials”

Sponsored by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee

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WHEREAS the LSU web site, along with the many college, department, program, and institute web sites that it contains, serves as the default point of reference for those who seek information concerning the many experts who populate the LSU faculty;

WHEREAS the advancement of LSU as a major, multifaceted research institution requires an unobstructed view of the achievements of its faculty members;

WHEREAS many traditional sources of information concerning faculty such as printed directories or paper bulletins are no longer widely distributed;

WHEREAS both internet search engines and the LSU search system remain imprecise technologies;

WHEREAS policies on the online presentation of faculty credentials and achievements vary widely, with some “units” showcasing complete information but with other units requiring abbreviated or capsule summaries;

WHEREAS a university committed to faculty retention should take pride in the extensive, lifetime achievements of its members;

WHEREAS institutional and granting-agency requirements such as the appointment of referees or evaluators often require quick and easy access to credential and accomplishment information; and

WHEREAS the community that supports LSU evidences a genial curiosity concerning the works of its intellectual deputies;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the LSU Faculty Senate calls on all deans, directors, and department chairs to insure that the full and complete credentials (including CVs) of all faculty members are accessible on or from departmental web sites, either on the web site themselves or through links leading to faculty members’ personal web sites.