

FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION 88-16 (Amended)

WHEREAS the Louisiana State University Board of Supervisors did on January 20, 1984, pass by resolution admissions requirements for new freshmen for the Baton Rouge campus consisting of 17.5 specified units of academic subjects, and

WHEREAS the details for implementation under which otherwise talented candidates who did not meet those requirements could be admitted were left to be devised by appropriate authorities on campus, and

WHEREAS the duties of the faculty of the campus are to determine educational policy, including admissions standards, subject to the authority of the Board of Supervisors, and

WHEREAS since 1984, rules and review procedures for the evaluation of talented applicants who otherwise do not meet the 17.5 unit requirements for admission have been jointly established by the Admissions, Standards, and Honors Committee of the Faculty Senate; the Office of Admissions; the Office of Academic Affairs; and the Office of the Chancellor, and

WHEREAS these procedures must be fully reported to and approved by the faculty through its elected representative body, and

WHEREAS the Admission requirements and the General Education requirements form part of a continuum defining the meaning of an undergraduate degree from Louisiana State University;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following are exceptions policies for applicants to the Baton Rouge campus of Louisiana State University, effective Summer 1990:

EXCEPTIONS POLICY:

Admission may be granted under certain unusual circumstances, even when all stated requirements are not met. In each case, consideration will be given to (1) any unique contribution the University may make to an applicant's educational and/or career interests; (2) extraordinary talents, achievements, or creative ability; (3) age group or ethnic background which would complement a diverse student population; or (4) other extenuating circumstances meriting special consideration.

Louisiana State University recognizes both the diversity of human talent and the realization that not all students may have the opportunity to complete the unit college preparatory curriculum defined in the current catalog. A student who, for any reason, has not met all the requirements may still be considered for admission on the basis of the entire high school record, grades earned, scores on the ACT (or SAT), and rank in class. Such decision will be made on an individual basis.

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Any student who will have completed high school has the right to apply for admission, even if he or she will not have met all the requirements. A positive decision may be made in such a case if there is sufficiently favorable evidence with respect to the quality of academic preparation and ability to succeed in a degree program. High school grades, ACT or SAT scores, and special talents will be considered. A student-athlete who is awarded an athletic grant-in-aid will be admitted if he or she meets the standards found in the 1988 statement of Bylaw 5-1-(j)-(1) of the National Collegiate Athletic Association. Any Louisiana resident who is at least 21 years of age may apply, and in that case, the person's whole background of education, training, and experience will be taken into consideration. If admission is granted under any of the exceptions above, the student shall be required to make up any deficiencies as a part of his/her graduate requirements.

ADOPTED: March 30, 1989