

LSU A&M Faculty Senate Resolution 11-05

Rapid Implementation of Curriculum and Related Changes

Sponsored by Senator Joan King

Whereas the Board of Regents has recently moved up their timetable of program review from every three years to every year; and

Whereas the Board of Regents has changed the review rules so that the review history of program completers is now based on an average of the last three years instead of the last five years; and

Whereas several of the LSU A&M programs have been identified as low completers in the last 2 years with 28 identified in April 2009 (with accelerated review of these in October 2009) and 34 identified this January 2011; and

Whereas faculty must devote critical time to defend programs through appeals and/or on restructuring of curricula related to these programs at risk; and

Whereas curricula changes affect strategic planning, curricula assessment efforts and student recruitment and advising; and

Whereas current, transfer and potential new students that have been recruited are directly affected by the changes in curricula and some students have decided not to attend LSU A&M or transfer away from LSU A&M due to the uncertainty in timing of implementation of curricula changes; and

Whereas the university publishes the catalog online so that curricula changes could now be easily and timely placed into the catalog in the online system; and

Whereas in the past, curricula changes approved at all required levels by the end of Spring semester have been implemented by the university the following Fall semester;

Be it resolved that the LSU A&M Faculty Senate requests that all changes to curricula be implemented immediately the next semester after all required approvals, beginning this Fall 2011 semester with curricula changes that were and are approved in Fall 2010 and Spring 2011.