

## LSU Staff Senate Commendation 2021-01

### A Proclamation

In RECOGNITION and APPRECIATION of the 27<sup>th</sup> President of Louisiana State University, A&M, Thomas Galligan

The LSU Staff Senate expresses its sincerest gratitude and appreciation for Thomas "Tom" Galligan and his outstanding service to LSU.

Galligan stepped into the role of interim President of LSU in January 2020, a year marked with intense challenges.

The Staff Senate commends Galligan's steady hand and strong guidance in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic. From speaking to national media and holding numerous town halls to update students, faculty and staff and gather feedback, his accessibility and flexibility helped the university protect its constituents and transition to 100% online operations.

In the midst of the social justice awakening on LSU's campus, Galligan's leadership from the forefront ensured students and employees felt their voices were being heard. Galligan was present at numerous campus gatherings fostering thoughtful and responsive dialogue that moved the campus community to elevate and reflect on how systems, messages, and building names affect our diverse student body. As a result, LSU has become a standard bearer through its Roadmap to Diversity initiative that began under his presidency.

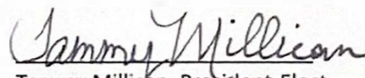
When notified of potential Title IX issues, Galligan demonstrated strength and integrity by commissioning Husch-Blackwell to do an investigation. Standing firm in the line of fire, Galligan once again provided exemplary leadership in order to provide a safe environment and protect students, faculty, and staff from sexual harassment through the creation of the new Office of Civil Rights and Title IX.


Tom Galligan taught at the Paul M. Hebert Law Center from 1986 until May 1998. He was named the Dr. Dale E. Bennett Professor of Law in 1997 and honored by students as the Outstanding LSU Professor six times. He returned to LSU as the commencement speaker in 2006 and then took on the role of Dean of the LSU Law Center in 2016 until being named LSU President in 2020. He currently serves as an LSU Law Center faculty member and holds the Dodson & Hooks Endowed Chair in Maritime Law and the James Huntington and Patricia Kleinpeter Odom Professorship.

The Staff Senate is appreciative of Tom Galligan, LSU President Emeritus, for his willingness to guide the university through such an unprecedented and challenging time in its history. It has been an honor to work with him and it is our hope that he continues to be a member of the LSU community.

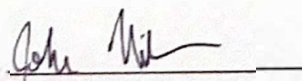
Approved by the LSU Staff Senate Executive Committee on behalf of the LSU Staff Senate, December 7, 2021.

  
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