

Senate Resolution 98-08

Whereas the status of academic ranks is crucial to the mission of Louisiana State University and A&M College (LSU) and its future as Louisiana's flagship university, and

Whereas LSU wishes not only to retain its Carnegie Research I designation but also to move up in the national rankings of its academic departments and units, and

Whereas the balance among the academic ranks, each of them serving a unique and crucial role, must be reflective of LSU's desire to strengthen its national stature, and

Whereas the role, scope, and mission of each academic rank must be clearly defined to be commensurate with LSU's goals and to allow fair and formative evaluations of and rewards for the personnel filling each rank,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Faculty Senate create a Commission on the Status of Academic Ranks and LSU, and

Therefore, be it further resolved that this Commission be charged with reviewing all aspects of academic ranks at LSU and with generating a report with recommendations on titles; assigned roles, rights and responsibilities; and requisite qualifications for hiring, retention and promotion of each academic rank at LSU. This report should also address, and make recommendations on, the issue of proper balance among the various academic ranks at LSU.