

Resolution 2012-01: LSUS Faculty Senate Against Merger with Louisiana Tech University:

Whereas the a study obtained from Eva Klein & Associates, an out-of-state for-profit consulting firm with limited knowledge of higher education in northwest Louisiana, for a private committee with an unknown agenda, does not form a reasonable basis for a merger of two universities;

And whereas neither Louisiana State University in Shreveport (LSUS) nor the LSU System has requested such a study nor asked that LSUS be merged with Louisiana Tech University (LTU), thus transferring out of the LSU System;

And whereas representatives of Eva Klein & Associates could not reference a successful merger of such caliber anywhere in the United States during the last meeting of the Board of Regents, success of an LSUS and LTU merger is pure speculation by Klein; and whereas the Faculty Senate of LSUS is not in favor of a merger with LTU since such a merger is not in the best interest of the Shreveport-Bossier metropolitan area;

And whereas the conclusion of the Klein study, that an institution whose main campus is approximately seventy miles from Shreveport-Bossier would be more concerned with providing comprehensive higher education to the Shreveport-Bossier metropolitan area than would an already- existing institution located in Shreveport, is illogical; and whereas Shreveport-Bossier already has a university (LSUS) whose sole mission is to provide higher education to the Shreveport-Bossier metropolitan area;

Be it thus resolved that all elected and appointed government officials in Louisiana, especially those from the Shreveport-Bossier metropolitan area, support the growth of LSUS and insist that the role, scope, and mission of LSUS be expanded, and request that LSUS be given the necessary resources to provide comprehensive undergraduate and graduate education to the Shreveport-Bossier metropolitan area.

Respectfully submitted by the LSUS Faculty Senate