



FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION 20–02

Commendation of William W. Demastes for Outstanding LSU Faculty Athletics Representative Service

Sponsored by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee

Whereas William W. Demastes, San Diego II Alumni Professor in English, served for eight years as the LSU Faculty Athletic representative (FAR) and chair of the Athletics Council at the recommendation of the Faculty Senate to the Chancellor and President;

Whereas during his service he also chaired the Athletics Hall of Fame Committee, the Staff Handling Assorted Student Athlete Matters Committee and the Effective Accommodation Committee;

Whereas as FAR he represented the athletics department on the University Review and Assessment Council (URAC);

Whereas as FAR he attended SEC, NCAA, D1 FAR group and other related meetings and had to know the rules governing compliance and how to apply the regulations;

Whereas as FAR he participated in the self-reporting of, and investigation of potential violations of NCAA and SEC rules;

Whereas as FAR he advised the University President and Director of Athletics on matters relating to the intersection of athletics and academics;

Whereas as FAR he monitored the academic credentials of student athletes and their progress to graduation, and acted as an independent supportive adviser to student athletes;

Whereas as FAR he oversaw the Academic Support Program for student athletes, worked with the Student Athlete Advisory Council, and provided oversight of eligibility of student athletes for practice, competition and financial aid;

Whereas as FAR he provided updates on graduation rates, oversight of student athletes and other concerns to the Faculty Senate and Student Government;

Whereas he has tirelessly represented and addressed LSU faculty and student athletes concerns locally and nationally;

Therefore, be it resolved that the LSU A&M Faculty Senate both thanks and commends Alumni Professor William W. Demastes for his unselfish dedication to promoting academic success and well-being of student athletes at LSU.