

FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION 17-04

A Surcharge on Football Tickets to Aid Tiger Conservation Efforts

Introduced at the request of James Wilkins

Whereas keeping a live Bengal Tiger mascot has been an LSU tradition for eighty-four years;

Whereas the LSU community has derived many benefits and much pleasure from having six live tiger mascots and seems likely to continue that tradition;

Whereas captivity is not the ideal life for a wild animal;

Whereas there are many who oppose LSU having a live tiger mascot;

Whereas the use of a magnificent wild animal for human amusement carries with it moral responsibilities to treat the animal in the most humane and respectful way possible;

Whereas tigers are critically endangered in the wild;

Whereas the single most important gesture humans can make towards wild animals from which they derive so much benefit is to do everything possible to ensure the survival of their species in the wild;

Whereas helping to ensure the survival of tigers in the wild is a fitting and moral price for keeping a tiger captive for human amusement;

Be it therefore resolved that a one dollar surcharge be levied on every ticket sold for LSU football games in Tiger Stadium, to be donated directly to an appropriate conservation agency and used exclusively for the conservation of tigers in the wild.