WHEREAS conflict globally and domestically is commonly by the use of threat, actual physical violence resulting in serious injury including death, or damage to property, as exemplified by suicide bombings, the Virginia Tech incident and most recently the tragic incident at Louisiana Technical College in Baton Rouge, and

WHEREAS faculty and students on the Southeastern Louisiana University campus have complained of intimidating threats and acts of violence to ameliorate problems between faculty and students and between students, and

WHEREAS faculty have complained that frequently nothing appears to happen judicially to the perpetrators of such acts, thus allowing a continuation of the problem and even further intimidation, and

WHEREAS such situations clearly affect job performance, classroom environment, and mental well-being, and

WHEREAS writing a campus policy regarding such behavior (that may include notification of other faculty members, temporary or permanent suspension of classroom privileges, withdrawal from classes and/or being banned from campus) may result in legal or constitutional questions of due process, resulting in costly lawsuits, and

WHEREAS legal and constitutional questions could be resolved if university policy regarding classroom violence was uniform statewide:

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the University administration review the current judicial process regarding the above behavior and if necessary rewrite the rules and regulations so as clearly to define specific acts and subsequent procedures and punishments to address such conflicts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the administration request the Board of Regents to use the Regents’ leverage in requesting the state legislature write, introduce, and pass into law a uniform statewide policy for classroom violent behavior.