

Referendum

WHEREAS proceeds from the previous Performing Arts fee beginning in 1997 were of great value to the Theatre and Performing Arts department and the passage of time has brought increases in costs that have discounted the effectiveness of this fee.

AND WHEREAS the UL Lafayette Symphony, Chorus, Opera, Percussion, and Jazz ensembles are talented musical groups that all represent a showcase of musical talent at UL Lafayette. Each year they attract new students to the University through recruiting and performances.

AND WHEREAS the above groups perform many concerts and theatrical productions each school year, providing a valuable cultural experience to students and the community. Many of these live performances are offered to students at a discounted rate or at no cost.

AND WHEREAS besides normal inflation, costs for contract personnel (costumer, etc.), rental of costumes, set construction materials (lumber, paint, etc.), guest artist fees, and more have increased dramatically since the last renewal of the Theatre and Performing Arts fee.

AND WHEREAS renewal and increase are essential in order to continue the existing dance and theatrical productions that many students attend every semester.

AND WHEREAS participation in these theatrical productions and musical ensembles is open to all UL Lafayette students (both Performing Arts and Music majors and non-majors) through audition.

AND WHEREAS these fees would allow these ensembles to perform collaborative projects (Music, Dance, Theater, and Visual Arts) plus national or international cultural exchange performance tours and competitions.

AND WHEREAS funding is needed for student stipends, musical instruments, sheet music, and other provisions to attract and aid talented musicians who are considering attending (or already attending) UL Lafayette and participating in these ensembles. This music fee would also be used for purchasing needed instruments, music, equipment, professional services, and travel.

AND WHEREAS the listed ensembles offer a valuable service to the University by providing live music for annual University functions, including: Commencement, College of the Arts Awareness Week, Alumni Association Functions, and UL Lafayette Foundation Events.

The Department of Performing Arts and the School of Music hereby request these student fees in order to realize their full potential.

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED that the question be posed to the student body on the Spring 2007 ballot, "Effective Fall 2007, should students who carry six or more credit hours in the Fall or Spring semesters pay an additional \$5.00 of which \$2.00 will be used for Theatre and Performing Arts and \$3.00 will be used for the UL Lafayette Symphony Orchestra, Percussion Department, Opera Department, Choral Department, and Jazz Studies? These fees will allow these groups to continue, improve, and increase their theatrical and musical performances and better represent the University of Louisiana at Lafayette."

PASSED FAILED

Chris Hawkins
Senate Chairman

Date: 2-12-07

APPROVED VETOED

Clare Pettit
SGA President

Date: 2/16/07