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Honorable John Bel Edwards
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REF: Free Speech Campus Policy Report

Dear Governor Edwards,

In accordance with ACT 666 of the 2018 regular session codified in state law at LA R.S. 17:3399.36, the Southern University and A&M College System submits the following report:

I. Policy Development and Implementation:

The SU System developed a system-wide policy in conformity with state and federal law. The policy was vetted by all campus chancellors and campus community members. The Southern University Board of Supervisors approved the "Uniform Policy on Campus Free Speech" at its regular scheduled meeting on September 21, 2018. The policy was effective immediately and adopted by all campuses.

The policy will be reviewed on a five year policy review cycle.

The responsible unit for this policy is the Southern University System Office of External Affairs; and the responsible official is the Vice President for External Affairs. The Office External Affairs in conjunction with the Office of Academic Affairs and the Office of Student Affairs from each respective campus is charged with implementing this policy on each campus through written notice and posting in appropriate places.

The policy is located electronically on the Southern University System website at:

<http://www.sus.edu/page/su-external-affairs-policies>.

II. Future Training/Awareness Plans

The Southern University System will ensure that all students, faculty, and staff is aware of the policy by dissemination via email to the campus community, and dissemination to all student organizations on each campus.

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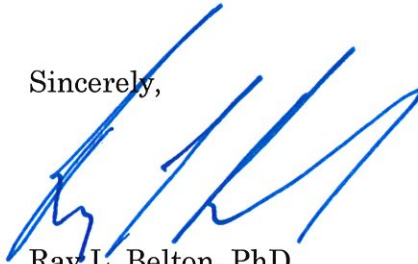
III. Reporting/Campus Incidents

To date, there has been no reported incidents on any campus within the system that violates our "Uniform Policy on Campus Free Speech" or LA. R.S. 17:3399.31 through 3399.37.

Violations or failure to adhere to the policy may result in action under the appropriate handbook for faculty, staff, and/or students. Each violation should be reported to the Office of the Chancellor on each respective campus.

Should you need additional information, please contact our general counsel, Deidre Deculus Robert at 225-771-4680.

Sincerely,



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