

FACULTY SENATE OF THE LSU HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER, NEW ORLEANS

RESOLUTION 26.01

**ACKNOWLEDGING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF STEVE NELSON, MD, CM, FACP, FCCP IN TENURE AS
CHANCELLOR OF LSU HEALTH NEW ORLEANS**

WHEREAS incumbent Chancellor of the LSU Health Sciences Center, New Orleans (LSUHSC-NO), Steve Nelson, MD, CM, FACP, FCCP was summarily dismissed from his appointment as top-level administrator of the LSUHSC campus, on February 5, 2026;

WHEREAS as Chancellor, Dr. Nelson:

- Secured funding to renovate the research space of the Medical Education Building, built in the 1970's, modernizing the facility to promote and support collaborative, interdisciplinary research;
- Oversaw SACS accreditation of the Health Sciences Center, receiving a full 10-year accreditation;
- Created a cross-disciplinary pilot grant funding program to accelerate collaborations among HSC schools;
- Was instrumental in advocating for state support and resources essential for LSU's application for NCI Cancer Center Designation;
- Secured funds for renovations of the School of Dentistry clinic and teaching spaces;
- Improved faculty and staff morale with gestures such as creation of a Staff Senate, a faculty lounge, annual Chancellor's Service Awards for exemplary faculty and staff, acknowledgment of years in service, and annual compensation raises;
- Hosted State dignitaries and congressional representatives for campus visits, many of whom were visiting campus for the first time;
- Worked to stabilize the HSC human resources office and break a cycle of HR staff attrition;
- Secured \$12M in support for equipment to outfit the newly renovated Medical Education Building research spaces;
- Oversaw substantial improvements to campus security;

Among other contributions that elevated the community experience of faculty, staff and students at LSUHSC-NO;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Faculty Senate of LSUHSC-NO expresses sincere appreciation to Dr. Nelson for his steady leadership, tireless advocacy, commitment to improving health across Louisiana, passion for service and loyalty to the mission of the HSC and the campus community.