

**Resolution on HSU Honorary Degree Policy
02-06/07-EX - September 26, 2006**

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommends that the Senate Executive Committee, serving as the ad hoc Committee on Honorary Degrees (as established in the attached Senate resolution #18-04/05-EX) be replaced with the following proposed Honorary Degree Nominating Committee:

HONORARY DEGREE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Honorary Degree Nominating Committee will serve as the campus review committee to invite, receive and evaluate campus recommendations for honorary degrees. The Honorary Degree Nominating Committee will solicit nominations for review from faculty, staff and alumni annually at the beginning of the fall semester. This process will be administered by University Advancement in accordance with the CSU Board of Trustees' Guidelines. The guidelines are included in the attachment section of AA-2005-44, which may be viewed at <http://www.calstate.edu/acadAff/codedmemos/index.shtml>.

Recommendations will be forwarded to the president by mid-November. All material pertaining to recommendations for honorary degrees will be handled as confidential.

The committee members will consist of:

Chair: Vice President, University Advancement
Type: Administrative
Meetings: As needed

Membership:

Provost/Vice President, Academic Affairs
Dean, Research, Graduate Studies & International Programs
President, General Faculty
Chair, Academic Senate
President, Alumni Association
Faculty member (recommended by the Senate Appointments Committee for appointment by the President) (two-year term)
Dean (appointed by the Provost, in consultation with the Senate Executive Committee) (two-year term)
President, Associated Students

RESOLVED: That the Humboldt State University Academic Senate recommends that Section 316 of the HSU Faculty Handbook be revised to reflect this new committee and that the Honorary Degree Nominating Committee be added to the Faculty Handbook.

***RATIONALE:** This resolution brings the HSU Honorary Degree Policy in line with the CSU Guidelines (1996) which states, "Each campus president, after consultation with the Executive Committee of the campus Senate, shall establish a committee, including faculty representation, to review recommendations and to assist in the development and compilation of materials in support of nominations to be forwarded." The establishment of a university wide committee will provide for broader input to the process.*

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#18-04/05-EX – April 26, 2005

RESOLVED: That the Humboldt State University Academic Senate proposes the following revision to Section 316 of the *HSU Faculty Handbook* (2005 version):

A campus-wide announcement for nominations will be issued by the President in early September of each academic year. All nominations must be accompanied by a letter of nomination, vitae or dossier, and other documentation justifying the awarding of an honorary degree. All nominations must be received by mid-October. The Academic Senate Executive Committee shall function as the *ad hoc* Committee on Honorary Degrees in accordance with CSU policy. Review of nominations shall be completed by mid-November and a recommendation forwarded to the President and the University Executive Committee for consideration. Following consideration of the recommendations, the President may select no more than two nominations to be forwarded to the Chancellor's Office.

RATIONALE: *The current version of Section 316 of the HSU Faculty Handbook has become inadequate with the Guidelines for Awarding of Honorary Degrees – the California State University (BOT, January 24, 1996; updated by Coded Memorandum AA-2005-36 from David Spence, November 1, 2004) which provides a system policy. Inherent in the CSU policy is the consultation by the President with the Academic Senate Executive Committee (Section V.C.).*

APPROVED – September 6, 2005

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From: Merry Schellinger [mbs7001@humboldt.edu]
Sent: Friday, October 20, 2006 2:29 PM
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Cc: Kristine Nelson; Mary Greta (Mary Greta); Merry Schellinger
Subject: Honorary Degree Policy
Attachments: Resolution02-06-07-EXFINAL.doc

Hi Lorraine,

Attached is a copy of the resolution on the HSU Honorary Degree Policy, (finally! :=>) approved by the Senate and by President Richmond.

I'm copying this to Kristine Nelson, so that the Academic Affairs Office can update Section 316 of the HSU Faculty Handbook, if needed.

I will add the committee description to Section 800 of the Faculty Handbook and forward that revision to Kris, to be posted on the web page.

And, I think that a memo will be coming out from the President's Office -and that is in Greta's capable hands. :->

Thanks, everyone!

Merry

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Subject: Response to Senate Resolutions

Dear Saeed:

Thank you for your memorandum of October 11, 2006 informing me that the Senate has passed three resolutions. My decisions on each of these items is summarized below.

HSU Honorary Degree Policy (#02-06/07-EX) - I approve this recommendation.

Support of Proposition 1D (#03-06/07-EX) - I heartily approve this recommendation. I recommend that the members of the Senate work to ensure that their colleagues, friends and neighbors are educated about the importance of this proposition for our local K-12 schools and Humboldt State University. I have attached a document that provides a summary of the significance of this proposition for HSU.

Revision to Range Elevation for Temporary Faculty - I approve this recommendation.

Please extend my thanks to the Senate for its action on these resolutions. Rollin

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