

HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY  
ACADEMIC SENATE

**Resolution on Academic Senate Informational Survey**

#02-07/08-EX – October 9, 2007

**Resolved:** That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommends that a survey be taken of the voting members of the general faculty to solicit feedback regarding current and future directions for the university and for possible actions for the Senate to take this year; and be it further

**Resolved:** That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommends that copies of the attached survey be distributed as a ballot to department offices, according to general faculty election procedures, as soon as possible before the end of October; and be it further

**Resolved:** That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommends that responses will be tabulated and compiled and shared with the members of the Academic Senate.

***Rationale:** On September 11, 2007, the Academic Senate held an Open Forum to solicit feedback from faculty regarding HSU's current and future directions and what actions the faculty would like the Senate to take. The purpose of the attached survey is to solicit broader participation and feedback from HSU's general faculty.*

APPROVED – October 9, 2007

**Information Ballot**

Balloting will run from Thursday, October 18 through Monday, October 22, 5 p.m. Please sign the precinct roster when you return your ballot to your department/unit office.

On September 11, 2007, the Academic Senate held an Open Forum to solicit feedback regarding current and future directions for the university. In response to the concerns raised, the Senate is undertaking this effort to determine the degree to which the views expressed at the forum represent the faculty at large. We request faculty members, including lecturers (0.4 or higher) time base to advise us of which of the following actions the Academic Senate should pursue. If a majority supports either a vote of no confidence or a resolution admonishing the administration, the Senate will consult with faculty to put together a list of particulars. Please respond to each of the following statements by indicating whether you agree, disagree, or are not sure.

**With regard to the current campus administrative leadership and direction of the university, the Academic Senate should:**

	Agree	Disagree	Not Sure
1. Take no action at this time.	<b>A</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>NS</b>
2. Initiate a vote of no confidence in President Richmond.	<b>A</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>NS</b>
3. Initiate a vote of no confidence in President Richmond <i>and</i> his administration.	<b>A</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>NS</b>
4. Develop a resolution to admonish President Richmond and his administration.	<b>A</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>NS</b>

5. What are your thoughts about the current direction & leadership of the university?

6. Should the Academic Senate develop a policy paper to guide the future direction of the university? (Circle one) **Yes No**  
 If yes, what would you want the policy paper to emphasize?

*Continue on back as needed*

**Merry Schellinger**

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**From:** Rollin Richmond [rollinr@humboldt.edu]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 08, 2007 4:55 PM  
**To:** Merry Schellinger; Mark Larson  
**Cc:** Carl Coffey; Bob Snyder; Carol Terry; Rob Gunsalus; Steve Butler; Patty Lindley; Denice Helwig; Mary Greta  
**Subject:** Response to recent Senate actions

Merry and Mark:

This is in response to your correspondence from the Senate meetings on October 9th and 23rd.

Senate Informational Survey (#02-07/08-EX) - I recently discussed this issue with the Senate leadership. Since you have already acted on the resolution before the time given for my response, it is a moot point. I would emphasize, as I did in my recent conversations with you, that the staff of this university play a significant role in our mission, and they were ignored in this survey. Some of the written responses from the survey contain ideas and directions that are worth considering both for the Senate and the administration. I will work with you to derive as much useful information as possible from the responses you have gathered.

Resolution (#04-07/08-EX) - Professional Fee for Graduate Business Degrees - This resolution and your rationale ignore the highly significant issue of state funding for higher education in California and throughout the nation. The CSU has lost more than \$500M in state funding over the last five years at the same time that salaries and fringe benefits for all its employees have been increasing. I believe that CSU employees deserve to be adequately reimbursed for their work, but the money must come from somewhere. If the citizens of this state are not willing through their elected representatives to support education at the level required to maintain quality and access, then we have little choice but to increase student fees. We have no difficulty in this state in asking graduate students to pay more for their education and have differential tuition for professions that usually receive higher compensation for their labor. This resolution is not carefully considered, and I do not support it.

**Rollin**

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