

RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET AND FISCAL AFFAIRS
OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS AT
HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY
(#04-01/02-EX)

- WHEREAS, The Athletics Review Committee Report provided insight into the complexities of the sources of revenues and expenses of the Athletic Program; and
- WHEREAS, The Athletic Program budget and fiscal affairs involve state general fund money, student fee money through Instructionally Related Activities allocation, revenues, and private donations; and
- WHEREAS, NCAA regulations require fiscal audits of athletic programs whose fiscal resources exceed \$1 million annually (exclusive of salaries) at a minimum of once every three years; and
- WHEREAS, The budget for the Athletic Program at Humboldt State University has exceeded \$1 million (exclusive of salaries) in each of the last two years, and is expected to do so again this year; and
- WHEREAS, The Athletic Program at Humboldt State University has not had an audit conducted by an external auditor; and
- WHEREAS, The current documentation of the distribution of fiscal resources within the Athletic Program fails to confidently, reproducibly and unequivocally answer questions regarding whether scholarships are distributed equitably by gender, and whether resources are being distributed among sports in a manner that assures gender equity and equitable treatment among sports; and
- WHEREAS, The total budget for Intercollegiate Athletics at Humboldt State University currently exceeds \$2.4 million (including salaries), and the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics has requested a budget supplement between \$250,000 and \$500,000 to meet basic needs; and
- WHEREAS, California State University policy (EP&R 87-31, Policy Statement: Intercollegiate Athletics, Governance and Athletic Financing) prohibits the use of general fund money for many of the items identified as basic needs by the Athletic Program; and
- WHEREAS, It is likely that the basic needs of no other academic program at Humboldt State University are currently met by the general fund budget, and that many academic programs are raising extramural funds to support basic needs; and

WHEREAS, Faculty, students and staff of the Athletic Program were successfully raising funds to support their general operations prior to the granting of athletic scholarships at Humboldt State University, and it is likely that they will continue to raise funds for both scholarships and general operating costs of the program; therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University commend the Athletic Program faculty, athletes, and staff for their past success in extramural fund raising, and encourage them to continue their efforts; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommend that the Intercollegiate Athletic Program be denied any budget supplement from the State general fund at this time; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommend that the Intercollegiate Athletic Program be directed to distribute its resources to foster as primary goals: safety, gender equity, and equitable treatment among sports in an environment in which learning is the highest priority for student athletes; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommend that the required independent audit be conducted of the budget and expenditures of the Athletic Program and that such audit include the years 1999-2000, 2000-2001, 2001-2002, and be completed by February 15, 2002 (or as early as is practicable), to provide history and background for a departmental self study, and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommends that the independent audit report be made publicly available.