

HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY
University Senate

**Sense of the Senate Resolution on the
CSU Board of Trustees' Policy for the Selection of Presidents**

05-18/19-EX – October 30, 2018 – First Reading

RESOLVED: that the University Senate of Humboldt State University (USHSU) requests that the Chancellor and the Trustees Committee for the Selection of the President (TCSP) schedule official campus visits for the finalists in the search for a new president of Humboldt State University in the academic year 2018/19; and be it further

RESOLVED: that the USHSU requests that the CSU Board of Trustees and the Office of the Chancellor include a representative from the Campus Advisory Committee to the Trustees Committee for the Selection of the President (ACTCSP) as a full member of the Trustees Committee for the Selection of the President (TCSP).

RATIONALE: *The CSU Board of Trustees will be conducting a search for a new president of Humboldt State University in the academic year 2018/19. The CSU Board of Trustees' Policy for the Selection of Presidents (dated September 20-21, 2011), which guides the search process, states that "(a)fter consultation with the TCSP and the ACTCSP, the Chancellor and the Chair of the TCSP determine whether to schedule campus visits, which are optional, or to schedule campus visits on a modified basis, depending on the circumstances of the search." That same Policy affirms a "deep commitment throughout the process to the principles of consultation with campus and community representatives." Candidate campus visits would increase the transparency in the search process and reinforce the trust between the University and the public in the outcome of the search. Such visits also provide the CSU Board of Trustees, the TCSP, the University and the community important insight into the candidates' knowledge of, and ability to lead, the students, faculty, staff, and administration of Humboldt State. Further, given the unique characteristics of Humboldt State as a relatively remote campus in the system, campus visits provide the only vehicle through which any candidate can develop a real sense of the strengths and challenges faced by the campus. While we welcome efforts by the Board of Trustees and the Office of the Chancellor to ensure an active role for the ACTCSP in the search process, we also believe it is important to include a member of the ACTCSP, as a representative of the HSU campus community, in the decision-making process that designates the finalist for the position.*