

**RESOLUTION ON DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
(#05-97/98-EP)**

WHEREAS, High quality professional education programs are central to the mission of Humboldt State University and to the California State University; and

WHEREAS, A significant reorganization of these programs occurred during the 1988-89 academic year with the establishment of an "all-university" governance responsibility because of concerns about the quality of the programs at that time; and

WHEREAS, A study commissioned by the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University during the 1990-91 academic year found the reorganization to be primarily positive with the hope that there would be enhanced communication between the Teacher Preparation Programs and both HSU and public school personnel; and

WHEREAS, The "all-university" governance concept did significantly improve the quality of the service being given to prospective teachers, however, the organizational structure and communication patterns have proved to be cumbersome; and

WHEREAS, The long term goal of providing a central organizational structure for all specialist and credential programs in education should help to promote a professional education community and may provide needed additional services for local educators; therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommend that the proposal for a Department of Education as presented by John Costello, Dean, College of Professional Studies, be approved; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommend that the Dean of the College of Professional Studies commission a study of this reorganization during the 2000-01 academic year to determine if its stated goals have been achieved: namely, maintaining high quality educational programs, enhancing communication between the Teacher Preparation Programs and both HSU and public school personnel, and providing a more efficient and broad based organizational structure.