



**STUDENT INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS**

November 6, 2000

**WHEREAS:** All individuals, including students, possess the traits needed to create intellectual property material; and

**WHEREAS:** Humboldt State University's mission "is to provide an environment where learning is the highest priority. While instruction is central to its mission, the university also acts as a base for discovery through research and creative activities;" and

**WHEREAS:** By claiming students intellectual property rights, the university diminishes the environment so that students have no incentive to use the environment as a "base for discovery through research and creative activities;" and

**WHEREAS:** Stanford University, a private institution, and Virginia Polytechnic Institute, a public institution, grant intellectual property to students if the intellectual property is completed within the context of a course whether or not university facilities were used; and

**WHEREAS:** University facilities and resources do not create ideas but rather the student creates and determines the intellectual property; and

**WHEREAS:** Students spend time investigating all conceivable avenues of research in pursuit of a degree, and by claiming student intellectual property, the university positions itself to take advantage of student labor; and

**WHEREAS:** Students are not employed or paid by the institution for their research like that of faculty or other employees, but rather pay the institution, also unlike faculty, students are not expected to generate, on a regular basis, the type of work that is expected of faculty; and

**WHEREAS:** Students face challenges when presenting their works/work to an outside entity either for redistribution or for non-profit purposes; and

**WHEREAS:** Humboldt State students were never asked to relinquish their intellectual property rights to the university nor were students consulted in the drafting and development of the current Humboldt State Intellectual Property policy; now, therefore be it

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**RESOLVED:** That Humboldt State University rewrite the policy on intellectual property to reflect the student concerns listed in the resolution above with all intellectual property producing parties including but not limited to, students, administration, faculty, staff, and auxiliary organizations; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That Humboldt State students retain all intellectual property rights produced by them within Humboldt State University, unless otherwise contractually obligated; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That copies of this will be sent to but not limited to President Alistair McCrone, the Academic Senate, Vice President of Development and Administrative Services Don Christensen, Vice President of Academic Affairs Charlotte Stokes, Vice President of Student Affairs Steven Butler, the Humboldt State Foundation, Dean of Undergraduate Studies, Dean of Research and Graduate Studies, Dean of the College of Natural Resources and Sciences, Dean of the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, Dean of the College of Professional Studies, all faculty chairs, all Humboldt State auxiliaries, California State Student Association Chair Shaun Lumachi, CSU Chancellor Charles Reed, the CSU Board of Trustees, and the local media.

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