RESOLUTION ON OVERSIGHT AND GOVERNANCE OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS AT HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY (#06-01/02-EX)

- WHEREAS, The Athletics Review Committee Report suggested that a change in the administrative reporting line for the Athletic Program should be considered, primarily because our current reporting line is "unusual" for athletic programs at similar universities; and
- WHEREAS, The Athletics Review Committee Report identified many reasons why the current organization is appropriate to foster the strong connection between academic and athletic programs at Humboldt; and
- WHEREAS, The long-standing tradition of organization of the Department of Health and Physical Education and the Athletic Program within it has provided for strong ties between their programs including shared use of facilities, shared use of coaching faculty as instructional faculty in Health and Physical Education, and integration of academic programs with intercollegiate athletic sports; and
- WHEREAS, The current organization of Intercollegiate Athletics at Humboldt State University has arisen from the implementation of our mission over many decades whereby the Athletic Program is recognized as an "integral part of the academic and social environment of the university"; and
- WHEREAS, There is no evidence in either the Athletics Review Committee Report nor in subsequent Academic Senate testimony that changing the reporting line for the Athletic Program will solve any of the identified problems; and
- WHEREAS, The Chair of the Athletics Review Committee and the Faculty Athletic Representative testified that the committees and position designed for oversight and NCAA compliance (University Athletic Compliance Committee, Intercollegiate Athletic Advisory Committee, and Senior Woman Administrator) have not functioned recently, or have not functioned effectively; and
- WHEREAS, The Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Committee provides continuity in the face of administrative turnover; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommend that the Dean of the College of Professional Studies be directed to convene the Intercollegiate Athletic Advisory Committee regularly, to exercise the mandate for which the committee was created, and to involve the committee in considering and commenting on a departmental self study of the Athletic Program; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommend that the Athletic Compliance Committee be charged and empowered with the task of participating in and reviewing the audit report (as outlined in Resolution #04-01/02-EX, Resolution on the Budget and Fiscal Affairs of Intercollegiate Athletics at Humboldt State University), and the departmental self study (as outlined in Resolution #05-01/02-EX, Resolution on Sports Mix and Conference Affiliation of Intercollegiate Athletics at Humboldt State University) and of providing the campus with a definitive determination regarding compliance with athletic regulations, including gender equity; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommend that the Faculty Athletic Representative report to the Academic Senate at least once each term on the activities of the Athletic Compliance Committee and the Intercollegiate Athletic Advisory Committee; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommend that the Senior Woman Administrator position be immediately restored and filled; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommend that the chain of authority be clearly identified and charged with responsibility for compliance with the 13 areas of Title IX and with routinely and frequently reporting to the Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Committee; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommend that the Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Committee review the mission statement of the Athletic Program for consistency with the mission of Humboldt State University, and formally recommend an approved mission statement to the President; and be it further

RESOLVED That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommend that the Athletic Program administrative reporting line not be changed at this time.