

RESOLUTION ON REORGANIZATION OF
HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION
(#07-02/03-EX)

WHEREAS, Research, scholarship and creative activities are essential activities of faculty, staff and students at Humboldt State University, are a part of our mission, and contribute in fundamental ways to student learning; and

WHEREAS, Research, scholarship and creative activities are often supported by non-state funds; and

WHEREAS, The successful completion of activities supported by non-state funds requires efficient and competent fiscal and administrative management; and

WHEREAS, Humboldt State University Foundation has reached a stage of development at which it has become necessary to consider alternative models of organization to accomplish its functions in support of research, scholarship and creative activities; and

WHEREAS, Three models are under consideration for the future of HSU Foundation activities including:

1. Placing grants and contracts management within campus State offices for fiscal management,
2. Splitting HSU Foundation into two foundations, one that would manage grants and contracts and one that would manage gifts, endowments, scholarships and other similar trust accounts,
3. Continuing with the present model,

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WHEREAS, Management of grants and contracts under the auspices of an auxiliary with more flexible policies and procedures than are possible on the State-side has benefited grant and contract activity and fostered the growth of research, scholarship and creative activity; and

WHEREAS, Activities designed to develop the potential of the University through fostering relationships with non-State funding sources may benefit considerably from a dedicated foundation for that purpose with its own board of individuals knowledgeable in areas such as fund raising, community development, real estate, and investment; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the HSU Foundation, the university already has at its disposal an additional "501 c 3" authorized auxiliary, the College Improvement Foundation, which has in the past few decades been administered through the HSU Foundation; and

WHEREAS, It may be feasible, at least initially, to establish the College Improvement Foundation as an independent foundation using little or no additional staff; therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommend the reorganization of the Humboldt State University Foundation into two separate foundations, HSU Foundation for the management of grants and contracts reporting to the Dean for Research & Graduate Studies, and the College Improvement Foundation for university development activities whose organization and reporting line shall be the subject of further consultation; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University encourage the university administration to move forward with all possible speed to put in place management personnel at HSU Foundation to facilitate reorganization and to proceed with the evolution of grants and contracts management functions necessary to foster the continued and increased success of research, scholarship and creative activities at Humboldt State University.