Resolution on Protecting Academic Programs at Humboldt State University (#08-03/04-SF)

- WHEREAS, Humboldt State University is facing both a fiscal and an academic crisis as a result of the budget reductions for Academic Year 2003-2004; and
- WHEREAS, The Department of Finance has directed all state agencies, including the California State University, to plan for a 20 percent reduction for the next fiscal year; and
- WHEREAS, CFA and the CSU recently reached an agreement in the form of Supplemental Report Language that captures the legislature's intent that the CSU prioritize funding for "core classroom instructional needs, student services, and libraries"; and
- WHEREAS, The Academic Senate of Humboldt State University passed a resolution on HSU budget reduction criteria that required differential reductions to protect Humboldt State University's academic quality; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University fully endorse the Supplemental Report Language; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommend that the President use the Supplemental Report Language priorities in all matters that require budget reduction at HSU.

The Chancellor's Office memo containing Attachment G may be viewed at: http://www.calstate.edu/budget/2003_04BudIndex/2003-04_final_budget_allocations.pdf

ATTACHMENT G

Joint CSU/CFA 2003-04 Supplemental Report Language Proposal

It is the intent of the Legislature that reductions to the California State University (CSU) budget in 2003-04 be implemented to protect, to the greatest extent possible, the CSU's primary educational mission of undergraduate and graduate instruction, as defined in Education Code Section 66010.4. To this end, the CSU will give priority to funding core classroom instructional needs, student services, and libraries. It is recognized that other functions of the CSU, such as academic support and maintenance and operations, help to maintain the system's educational quality.

In addition, the CSU shall:

- 1. Ensure that budget reductions are apportioned to mitigate their impact on the quality and availability of CSU class offerings, student services and libraries.
- 2. Use alternative funding sources, to the extent permissible under law, to help mitigate the impact of budget reductions on students, faculty and staff.
- 3. Reduce administrative costs, while at the same time maintaining sufficient resources necessary for the campuses and system to operate efficiently, serve students effectively, manage the CSU system and remain accountable to the state.
- 4. Defer expenses in 2003-04 for implementation of the Common Management System (CMS) on campuses proposing new start-up projects, where feasible.

The CSU shall report the following to the Department of Finance, Legislative Analyst's Office and appropriate legislative committees by March 30, 2004:

- The total number (both headcount and full-time equivalents) of tenured and tenure-track faculty; lecturers; represented staff; and MPP personnel employed by the CSU in October 2002 and October 2003.
- Total student enrollment (both headcount and full-time equivalents) in the Fall terms of 2002 and 2003.

The CSU shall report the following to the Department of Finance, Legislative Analyst's Office and appropriate legislative committees by November 1, 2004:

- The total number (both headcount and full-time equivalents) of tenured and tenure track faculty; lecturers; represented staff; and MPP personnel employed by the CSU in March 2003 and March 2004.
- Total student enrollment (both headcount and full-time equivalents) in the Spring terms of 2003 and 2004.
- Average class size in both 2002-03 and 2003-04.
- The total number of course sections taught in 2002-03 and 2003-04.
- Total actual expenditures by program and subprogram area in both 2002-03 and 2003-04.

The CSU shall also report by November 1, 2004 on the deferral, if any, of CMS implementation costs during fiscal year 2003-04; and the use, if any, of alternative funding sources used to help mitigate the impact of the 2003-04 budget reductions.

Subject: Senate Resolutions

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Sue: This is to inform you that my office is in receipt of Senate Resolutions #06-03/04-EX and #08-03/04-SF. I would appreciate some additional time to consider the recommendation in the resolution dealing with the enrollment targets and enrollment management policies to consult with my colleagues and consider various alternatives.

I accept the resolution on protecting academic programs at Humboldt State University with the following reminders to the Senate. First the Chancellor asked all the Presidents to abide by the supplemental report language. My memory is that all members of the Executive Council agreed with the Chancellor's recommendation. Second, the Senate adopted last year a set of guidelines on budget reduction that seem to me to embody much of what the report language intends. Those guidelines were initially presented to the Senate by me for their consideration. Thus I believe that Humboldt State University has already been acting in a way that the supplemental report language intends.

Thank you, Rollin

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