

(#08-06/07-EX)

Resolution on the Role of the Academic Senate in Budget Reduction
#08-06/07-EX – October 24, 2006

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommends that an expanded task force be formed in 2006/07 to create budget-reduction recommendations to the President; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommends that the aforementioned ad hoc task force shall include the University Budget Committee and others to be named by the President in consultation with the Academic Senate Executive Committee, and that at least 50 percent of the voting members of the ad hoc task force be faculty; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University also recommends that the student representation on the ad hoc task force be raised by one additional member; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University forwards this resolution to the President of HSU, the Faculty of HSU, and the Associated Students of HSU.

***RATIONALE:** The University budget process and budget policy are up for review by the Academic Senate in 2006. Additionally, Humboldt State University faces a severe budget crisis that could potentially affect the academic areas of curriculum, methods of instruction, and faculty employment. According to the American Association of University Professors (AAUP), these are primarily the faculty's responsibility. Furthermore, the AAUP considers faculty participation "in the preparation of the total institution budget and in decisions relevant to the further appropriating of its specific fiscal division" to be of utmost importance to institutions of higher education. Therefore, the faculty must have a clear voice on the matter of a balanced budget for Humboldt State University. The recommended ad hoc task force is a reasonable body to find a solution to this crisis.*

PASSED Unanimously – October 24, 2006

Merry Schellinger

From: Rollin Richmond [rollinr@humboldt.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, November 07, 2006 8:15 AM
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Cc: Merry Schellinger; Carl Coffey; Richard C. Vrem; Steve Butler; Rob Gunsalus
Subject: Fwd: Response to Senate Resolution and Budget Timeline

Dear Saeed:

This is in response to the Senate's recent communications regarding three resolutions.

I do not approve resolution (#08-06/07-EX) dealing with the proposed budget reductions. I will work with the University Budget Committee to achieve a composition for that group which will give it a workable size and a knowledgeable representation of campus constituencies. What I will propose is a model that is similar to the successful one in place at CSU Long Beach. It will be somewhat larger than the current UBC and retain a strong faculty membership. This proposal is in many ways a balance between the Senate resolution and the prior recommendation from the UBC. After I have communicated my response to the UBC, I will share it with you for distribution to the entire Senate.

I approve the resolution on modified performance review for new faculty (#05-06/07-FA). Thank you for your action on this important issue.

I approve the resolution on articulation with certain standardized exams (#10-06/07-EP) and will request that the Registrar provide information on the CLEP exams to department chairs as suggested. Thank you for your action on this issue.

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