

RESOLUTION ON HSU BUDGET REDUCTION(#11-02/03-SF)

- WHEREAS, The State of California faces nearly \$35 billion of deficit in its budget; and
- WHEREAS, Governor Davis's budget cuts CSU's budget by \$326 million and leaves unfunded an additional \$78.6 million in compensation and health insurance cost increases; and
- WHEREAS, CSU expects 5 percent student enrollment increase for 2003/04; and
- WHEREAS, The CSU Board of Trustees has increased student fees by 10 percent and plans to increase student fees additionally by 25 percent; and
- WHEREAS, Humboldt State University must share the burden of budget cuts and increased enrollment; and
- WHEREAS, Humboldt State University's mission statement considers instruction and learning as the highest priority; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommend to the President the attached list of criteria for budget reduction for implementation of budget reduction.

Criteria for HSU Budget Reduction

- Budget reductions should be accomplished through differential reductions across all units and levels of the university, not through across-the-board cuts.
- Budget reduction should not deteriorate academic quality nor significantly affect our future ability to continue improvements in undergraduate and graduate education, in that order.
- Budget decisions should have a minimal impact on the university's commitment to building a diverse faculty, staff, and student body.
- Any proposals for program elimination or suspension must follow the appropriate policies and procedures in place for program elimination or suspension.
- Explore ways of streamlining administration at all levels.
- Explore possible ways to reduce infrastructure costs (e.g. energy) on campus.
- Explore ways of maintaining or increasing university revenues. This could include increasing the number of out-of state and international students enrolled, aggressively seeking development funds, and marketing of HSU facilities where appropriate.
- Consider ways of reducing redundancy in the curriculum and other areas through consultation with faculty and staff who can determine the degree to which there is redundancy and inefficiency.
- Examine system-mandated programs for their necessity, efficiency, and appropriateness. Pursue delaying or reducing those programs wherever possible.
- Continue to examine the efficiency of summer offerings.
- As part of the strategic planning process there should be a thorough examination of the total campus organizational structure with the goal of increasing efficiency and cost effectiveness.