

(Resolution #12-06/07-FL)

**Resolution to Waive the TOEFL Examination Requirements for Incoming
International Students from HSU Bilateral Exchange Partners**

#12-06/07-FL – October 24, 2006

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommends that the requirement of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) to be waived for incoming bilateral exchange students from partner institutions who will attend Humboldt State University for one year or less. Students' English language capabilities will be assessed by criteria established by Humboldt State University, which will then be verified by faculty in the English department of the partner institution. The verification will be in the form of a document, or in a letter.

***RATIONALE:** In recent years a great deal of effort has gone into creating international bilateral exchange agreements. At the moment, Humboldt State University has eight such agreements in various parts of the world. Incoming students increase our diversity and cultural awareness and are a valuable asset to the university.*

International students who participate in these exchanges are not matriculated students, nor will they be admitted as regular students, and participating in the exchange does not help establish residence.

As a requirement of the visa process the students cannot be issued an I-20 from Humboldt State until the Designated School Officer, who is required to research the students' English proficiency in order to issue the I-20, is able to establish proficiency.

It can cost \$100 or more to take the TOEFL. At the moment all students, including bilateral exchange students, coming to Humboldt State University must have a score of 500 on the paper test, 173 on the computer based test, and 61 on the iBT, the internet based test. Many of the incoming students, especially those from Germany and other European countries, have very high level of English proficiency so the additional cost of taking the test is somewhat onerous and in many cases might be unnecessary.

Humboldt State students do not have to pass a language test to participate in the programs offered at the partner institutes. They rely almost exclusively on Humboldt State faculty member's decisions as to who we send. We should grant the same consideration to our partner institutions.

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The attached "Resolution to Waive the TOEFL Examination Requirements for Incoming International Students from HSU Bilateral Exchange Partners" has been approved by the HSU Academic Senate (11/7/06) and by President Richmond (12/12/06). Please forward and disseminate as appropriate ~thank you.

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