

RESOLUTION ON UNIVERSITY  
QUAD SOUND LEVELS  
(#13-01/02-SA)

- WHEREAS, The Academic Senate of Humboldt State University has been asked to review existing noise policies for the University Quad and make recommendations to the Office of the President, the University Center Board and Associated Students; and
- WHEREAS, Associated Students desires the continuance of live musical events in the University Quad on a regular basis from Noon to 1 PM Monday through Friday; and
- WHEREAS, A measurement of sound levels at the quad entrance to Siemens Hall and directly outside of Siemens Hall classroom exteriors has been completed using General Industry Safety Orders, Occupational Noise, Control of Noise Exposure from the California Code of Regulations (attached) with findings of an average between 100-105 dBA for amplified voice or non-amplified music with the projection that amplified music will generally exceed these levels; and
- WHEREAS, Sound levels also were measured in classrooms and offices fronting that area, finding the average interior sound levels to exceed 90 dBA when amplified voice or non-amplified music is being produced in that area; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommend that the University Policy that allows amplified music performance Monday through Friday from Noon to 1 PM be continued, with the following clarification added: measured sound levels not to exceed 90 dBA of a time weighted average at any time when measured at the Quad exterior door of Siemens Hall [language suggestion per Kevin Creed: . . . measured sound levels not to exceed 90 dBA as a time-weighted average for any ten-minute period within the hour . . . ] or directly outside of Siemens Hall classroom exteriors; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommend that non HSU-affiliated performers/speakers/musicians be required to submit a \$100 deposit, to be forfeited if not compliant with these guidelines after receiving a warning, and that HSU-affiliated performers/speakers/musicians will forfeit the opportunity to appear in this venue for the remainder of the term if not compliant with these guidelines after receiving a warning; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommend that should a complaint arise, sound level measurement be done through the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, with enforcement by University Center; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommend that this entire process be reviewed at the end of the Fall 2002 term to evaluate effectiveness or make any changes necessary to enact this as permanent policy.