

RESOLUTION TO INVESTIGATE THE MERGER OF THE COLLEGES OF  
ARTS & HUMANITIES AND BEHAVIORAL & SOCIAL SCIENCES  
(#13-96/97-FA)

- WHEREAS, Policies exist which guarantee the right of faculty to consultation and shared governance in matters related to academic reorganization; and
- WHEREAS, In the 1996 Fall semester the faculty of Humboldt State University was informed that the Colleges of Arts & Humanities and Behavioral & Social Sciences would be merged into one College; and
- WHEREAS, Serious questions have been raised about the degree of faculty consultation involved in the decision to merge these Colleges; and
- WHEREAS, The practice of shared governance and faculty consultation is a fundamental principle guiding the operation of this and other institutions of higher learning; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommends that a formal investigation be conducted and a report prepared related to the merger of the Colleges of Arts & Humanities and Behavioral & Social Sciences, said investigation and report to include the following:
1. documenting the College merger process, including relevant correspondence, conversations, meetings, events, etc. and their chronology;
  2. reviewing documents, policies and principles regarding shared governance and faculty consultation, and their applicability to the College merger process;
  3. obtaining perspectives from appropriate Humboldt State University administrators on their view of the meaning of faculty consultation and shared governance and how those perspectives relate to the College merger process; and
  4. determining whether the rights of the faculty to consultation and shared governance were violated by administrators at Humboldt State University in the process of merging the Colleges;
- and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommends that an ad hoc Senate investigative committee be formed consisting of five members; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommends that the report of the committee be submitted to the Academic Senate, the President and Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs of Humboldt State University.