

HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY
University Senate

Resolution to Amend the General Faculty Constitution as Approved in Resolution 03-19/20-CBC (Resolution to Revise the General Faculty Constitution)

15-19/20-CBC – March 10, 2020 – Second Reading

RESOLVED: That the Resolution to Revise the General Faculty Constitution, 03-19/20-CBC, which passed the Senate on January 28, 2020, be amended to further clarify procedures related to elections, vacancies, and amendments.

RESOLVED: That implementation of these amendments shall be conditioned on passage of **#07-19/20-CBC** - Resolution to Amend the Constitution of the University Senate of Humboldt State University to Reflect Parallel Amendments to the General Faculty Constitution.

RATIONALE: The Constitution and Bylaws Committee has determined that additional revisions to the Constitution of the General Faculty, as approved by the Senate on January 28th, are required. These revisions further clarify the role of the Appointment and Elections Committee, reinstate the section on vacancies, and establish procedures for amending the Constitution.

Currently approved and proposed language is as follows:

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7.0 NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

7.1 Election Dates – Elections for General Faculty Officers, General Faculty representatives to councils, boards or committees, faculty senators-at-large and Lecturer senators shall be held and completed during “green” days. Special elections shall be held as needed.

7.2 The University Senate’s Appointments and Elections Committee shall serve as the Nominations and Elections Committee of the General Faculty.

7.21 The Appointment and Elections Committee, in conjunction with the Senate Office, shall solicit all nominations for faculty representatives on the University Senate, university committees, campus auxiliary governing boards, and state organizations.

7.22 Nominations shall be solicited in accordance with the rules established in: 1) the General Faculty Constitution, 2) the University Senate Constitution and Bylaws, and 3) the document defining the faculty representative’s membership on the University committee, campus auxiliary governing board or state organization. In the event of conflicts between the rules, the priority listed here will be followed.

7.23 The Appointment and Elections Committee shall recommend nominees for appointment of faculty representatives on university committees, campus auxiliary governing boards, and state organizations. Recommendations shall be forwarded to a faculty session of the University Senate for approval.

7.24 Any University committee or auxiliary governing board that requires faculty representation shall specify whether faculty representatives on the committees are to be appointed or elected. If election is required, the specific electorate that will select the faculty representative must be specified. The terminology defined in 2.5 shall be used.

7.25 The Appointment and Elections Committee shall develop procedures for and administer elections of faculty members to the Senate and of representatives of the General Faculty. All such procedures are subject to the approval of a faculty session of the University Senate.

7.26 The Committee shall oversee and administer all elections within the Senate.

7.27 The Committee shall be responsible for elections and appointments to other positions as directed by the Senate or by the Executive Committee.

7.28 Members of the Committee shall, when requested, act as tellers when votes are cast by ballot.

7.29 The Committee shall verify that the eligibility of all candidates has been certified by Senate office staff and, in cases of doubt, shall decide eligibility for election or membership in the electorate.

7.3 Special Elections -The Presiding Officer

8.0 Interpretation

9.0 AMENDMENTS

9.1 Proposing Amendments – Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed to the General Faculty President/University Senate Chair by any member of the General Faculty. The proposed amendment(s) shall be presented at a faculty session of the University Senate for passage of a resolution calling for the amendment(s) to be forwarded to a vote of the General Faculty.

9.2 Notification of Members – The complete wording of any proposed amendment shall be made electronically available to all members of the General Faculty. This notification shall occur at least seven days prior to the election.

9.3 Ratification – Amendments to this Constitution shall be ratified by a majority of General Faculty votes cast in an election of the General Faculty, consistent with the provisions in section 8.0.

Proposed Amendments:

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7.30 The position of any faculty representative on the University Senate, university committees, campus auxiliary governing boards, or state organizations shall become vacant when they (a) resign from the position, (b) fail to meet the eligibility requirements for membership in the General Faculty; or (c) go on leave, for more than one semester.

7.31 The Senate Office shall report circumstances constituting a vacancy to the University Senate Appointments and Elections Committee, which shall recommend appointments to serve until the next regular election. All such appointments are subject to the approval of a faculty session of the University Senate.

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8.10 Requests for interpretation of General Faculty actions, General Faculty/Senate-approved documents or General Faculty/Senate governing documents must be initiated by at least two voting members of the General Faculty.

8.20 Requests for interpretation shall be forwarded to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee to formulate a written interpretation.

8.30 The written interpretation shall be placed on the Senate agenda as an action item within one month of the date of request. The interpretation shall be considered binding unless rejected by a majority of a faculty session of the Senate.

8.40 Notification of Members – The complete wording of any General Faculty-initiated interpretation shall be made electronically available to all members of the General Faculty. This notification shall occur at least three business days following the vote.

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