

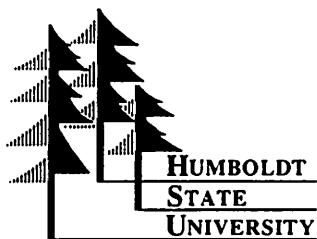
**Resolution Concerning Athletic Scholarships/Financial Aid
at Humboldt State University
(#16-97/98-EX)**

WHEREAS, The discussion of athletic conference affiliation undertaken in Fall 1997 included discussion of the need to address issues of financial aid and athletic scholarships (see minutes of Academic Senate meeting of September 23, 1997); and

WHEREAS, Athletics' recent affiliation with the Pacific West Conference has raised serious questions regarding a university policy change to create student athlete scholarship/financial aid packages of the type currently being offered by competitors; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommend that the General Faculty vote on whether or not to endorse an athletic scholarship/financial aid program; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommend that the Academic Senate, in consultation with the director of Athletics and the director of Financial Aid, develop a set of principles to ensure that an athletic scholarship/financial aid program supports the Humboldt State traditions of a close connection between athletic and academic programs, maintenance of high standards for student athletes, commitment to the recruiting of a diverse student population, and faculty involvement in resource allocation decision making processes.



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To: General Faculty February 20, 1998
From: Colleen Mullery *CM* Chair
Academic Senate
Subject: Athletic Scholarships/Financial Aid Vote

Resolution #16-97/98-EX was approved at the February 10, 1998 Academic Senate meeting. It calls for a vote of the members of the general faculty to determine whether they wish to endorse an athletic scholarship/financial aid program at Humboldt State University. The Senate also recommended that I provide some background information on this ballot question.

In Fall 1996 our conference, the Northern California Athletic Conference (NCAC), unexpectedly disbanded. This necessitated a search for a new affiliation. During Spring Semester 1997 faculty participated in various forums to discuss conference affiliation options. In July 1997, after consultation among many diverse groups, President McCrone decided to affiliate with the Pacific West Conference. At that time the Academic Senate acknowledged that conference choice was linked closely to the student-athlete scholarship/financial aid question; however, it requested that the two issues be considered separately rather than collectively. We further requested that the Senate be an active participant in university policy decisions regarding the question of awarding merit-based financial aid to prospective student athletes.

Since February 1997, athletic conference affiliation has been a topic at five Academic Senate meetings. While the conference affiliation decision was thoroughly reviewed, the Senate was not an active participant in the related decision to commence a scholarship/financial aid program to recruit student athletes. Yet this second issue demands faculty consideration, as expeditiously as possible, since our colleagues, coaches within the athletic program, must comply with spring recruiting schedules dictated by the NCAA.

Because we believe that the faculty should participate in this university policy decision, we have included the athletic scholarship/financial aid question on the General Faculty ballot. Intercollegiate Athletics has prepared an information sheet, *Athletic Scholarships at HSU - Q & A*, which provides more specific details about the proposed scholarship program and has been sent to all faculty. If you have not received this mailing, please contact either Athletic Director Scott Barnes or any HSU coach at 3666. In addition, minutes from the February 10, 1998 Academic Senate meeting, at which the scholarship resolution was discussed, will be available in your department office, in the Senate office, and from your Senator.

Please remember to vote on February 25 or 26. Thank you.