

RESOLUTION ON THE AVAILABILITY OF COMPUTING RESOURCES  
FOR ACADEMIC PURPOSES  
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- WHEREAS, In the modern university every academic discipline now makes use of computing technology; and
- WHEREAS, Humboldt State University has nearly accomplished its goal of providing a computer to every faculty member with the need; and
- WHEREAS, The usefulness of these stand-alone micro-computers can be enhanced when they are connected with each other in networks, with the university's mainframes, and with various other networks nationwide; and
- WHEREAS, This usefulness is especially enhanced by the availability of services, software, communications, data, and other benefits of computing technology that are not available on micro-computers that have no access to networks; and
- WHEREAS, The ability to connect to such networks is now considered a basic requirement for faculty research, scholarship, teaching, and service; and
- WHEREAS, The use of other technologies (specifically modems and phone lines) is less efficient, requires needless expenditures for additional hardware, and ties up equipment (i.e., phone circuits) for purposes other than those for which they were intended; and
- WHEREAS, The availability of computing resources to faculty at Humboldt State University has been restricted through various administrative, interdepartmental charges for equipment, services, and software that have been funded independently; and
- WHEREAS, In these days of budgetary shortfall, academic programs can scarcely afford any additional surcharges for the use of basic equipment, therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommends that the administration establish and execute a plan to fund and connect all faculty offices to the University telecommunications network system and that the software and hardware necessary to use the connection be made available to HSU faculty without administrative, interdepartmental charge within the University.