

**HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY
University Senate**

Resolution on Emeritus Faculty and Staff

20-20/21-FAC – March 30, 2021 – Second Reading

RESOLVED: that the University Senate of Humboldt State University recommends to the President that Section 540 of the HSU Faculty Handbook be amended to recognize the change in membership of the CSU and HSU Emeritus and Retired Faculty Associations (CSU-ERFA and HSU-ERFA, respectively) to the CSU and HSU Emeritus and Retired Faculty and Staff Associations (CSU-ERFSA and HSU-ERFSA, respectively).

RATIONALE: Whereas, under present practice, faculty and staff who are not tenured faculty members are not given the designation of "emeritus" unless specifically classed so by the University Senate. The proposed change in wording would give other faculty members, such as retired lecturers, coaches and counselors, and staff, a specific merit-based path to the designation of "emeritus" and the rights so described.

FACULTY HANDBOOK SECTION

540-EMERITUS FACULTY

~~Any tenured faculty member who retires under the provisions of service retirement is classed as "emeritus". Others may be so classed by action of the University Senate. The names of the faculty members attaining emeritus status are listed in the HSU Catalog. All emeritus faculty are eligible for and are urged to enroll as members in the CSU and HSU Emeritus and Retired Faculty Associations.~~

~~Emeritus faculty have the same rights as active faculty members for the use of university facilities and attendance at university functions. To the extent that resources permit, these rights include, but are not limited to, the following: participation in academic ceremonies and university social life; library borrowing privileges; access to university computer systems and media services; maintenance of E-mail accounts; application to and through the HSU Sponsored Programs Foundation for grant support; contracting with the University for teaching or other services; secretarial and technician assistance; and, insofar as space allows, use of an office on campus.~~

~~Information pertaining to the emeritus faculty and the CSU and HSU Emeritus and Retired Faculty Associations is to be housed on campus in the office maintained for the General Faculty and University Senate.~~

540 EMERITUS FACULTY AND STAFF

Emeriti faculty and staff are considered an important and integral part of the university community. The University recognizes the benefits and privileges of continued participation of retired faculty and staff in the academic life of the institution. Emeritus status may be granted to any academic, administrative, staff or faculty member upon the written recommendation by a personnel committee, Department Chair, or Supervisor in their academic unit or working unit subsequent to the approval by a majority of the University Senate.

Recommendations for conferring emeritus status shall be based upon: retirement from the California State University; having provided ten or more years of full-time service or its aggregated equivalent at this campus; and meritorious contributions to teaching, scholarship, and/or service to CSU. In special circumstances, the University Senate may award emeritus status to faculty or staff with less than 10 years of cumulative service. Faculty participating in the Early Retirement Program are considered to be regular members of the faculty and therefore are not yet eligible for emeritus standing.

Emeritus status may be revoked by a majority vote of Senate when the title holder has been found guilty of a significant criminal offence or with fraud, or has been found to be engaged in activities which have brought disrepute to the University. Prior to such a vote, the involved individual or their representative(s) are entitled to present a written defense to the University Senate. A person whose emeritus status has been revoked may appeal to the University Senate for re-instatement, which may be conferred by a majority vote.

Emeritus Status – Benefits

The University should, so far as space, resources, and priorities permit, offer amenities to emeritus faculty and staff to recognize their continuing membership in the university community, including but not limited to: an invitation to join the HSU Emeritus and Retired Faculty and Staff Association (ERFSA), whereby other benefits may be sustained; listing in the program of the commencement ceremony closest to their retirement; an invitation to participate in department, school/college and university functions, such as convocation, commencement, and other celebrations; services normally extended to active faculty and staff, including an email account, , parking, and the same discounts available to active staff and faculty for use of campus recreational facilities, activities and cultural events, and resources.

Faculty and staff emeriti may place the Latin designation emeritus or emerita following the title of their highest academic or administrative position on official correspondence, (i.e., Professor Emerita, Professor Emeritus, or Lecturer Emeritus, Lecturer Emerita, Librarian Emerita, Librarian Emeritus, Counselor Faculty Emeritus, Counselor Faculty Emerita, Coach Emeritus, Coach Emerita, Staff Emeritus, and Staff Emerita); academic faculty emeriti will be listed in a position of honor on a prominent University website and in appropriate University publications.

The University should, so far as space, resources, and priorities permit, offer amenities to assist faculty emeriti in their scholarly or professional pursuits, including but not limited to: the assignment of an appropriate office space if available and access to equipment or services; the right to compete for research grants through the Sponsored Programs Foundation; use of the library; attendance at department faculty meetings as ex-officio, nonvoting members with floor

privileges; the same discounts for use of academic resources such as books and software as active faculty; eligibility for the appointment and/or election to faculty committees; and free parking.

Decisions about the provision of resources should be broadly consultative and should include officials from affected units (i.e., Chairs when Department resources are involved, Deans when college resources are involved, etc.).