



# HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY

Department of Biological Sciences

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To: The Humboldt State University Senate  
From: The Faculty of the Department of Biological Sciences

We are writing in unanimous support of the revisions to the Excess Enrollment Policy currently under consideration by the University Senate.

Each semester, our department offers multiple courses that enroll 72 students or greater. The instructors of these classes all report that their workload was significantly increased by the 2018 change to the interpretation of the Excess Enrollment Policy. This resulted not only in reduced time available for teaching; student advising, mentoring, university service, and scholarship have also suffered. Furthermore, many of our lecturers experienced a large pay cut and suffered other negative impacts to their professional and personal lives.

We believe the revised policy will address these concerns and urge the University Senate to adopt it.

Sincerely,

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