

HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY
University Senate

Resolution on Updating Naming Conventions and Typographical Errors in Governing Documents

22-20/21-CBC – March 30, 2021 – Second Reading

RESOLVED: That the University Senate of Humboldt State University recommend the following amendment to the Senate Constitution be forward for ratification.

RATIONALE: *The University Senate Governing Documents and General Faculty Constitution and Handbook refer directly to committees, personnel positions, and divisions. The names of these bodies can be changed often and without formal process which can create discrepancies between the documents and working titles. Furthermore, when changes to documents are approved through formal resolutions, typographical errors may exist that are not identified until after the ratifying vote. Current processes for updating any aspect of the University Senate Governing Documents and General Faculty Handbook and Constitution require a formal resolution of the University Senate and Faculty Senate respectively and a ratifying vote. This can lead to delays in updates to the documents to align with new naming conventions and/or fix typographical errors as well as to bloating of Senate Agendas. Establishing a pathway wherein the Chair of the University Senate can recommend these types of changes and, with general consent from the University Senate, oversee their implementation will allow for timely and consistent updating of naming conventions and typographical errors in governing documents.*

Proposed language for **Section 9.0 Amendments**

9.4 Amendments to update names and titles, correct grammatical or typographical errors, or to make other non-substantive corrections to the University Senate Constitution and Bylaws, and the General Faculty Constitution may be initiated by the Chair of the University Senate. Any such updates shall be presented to the University Senate as an agenda item at its next regular meeting. The University Senate shall affirm by an absolute two-thirds majority vote any such updates. Any updates not approved by the Senate shall not be adopted.