

HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC SENATE

Resolution In Support of Sustainability in the CSU
#24-06/07-EX – April 10, 2007

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University supports actions to make climate neutrality and sustainability a part of the curriculum where appropriate (including campus facilities and grounds as learning laboratories) and other educational experience for all students; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University supports the expansion of research or other efforts necessary to promote climate neutrality and sustainability.

RATIONALE: *In 1987, the United Nations World Commission on Environment and Development declared that "Sustainable development is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs." The California State University (CSU) embraces principles of sustainable development that promote:*

- *a vital and sustainable economy based on the "triple bottom line" (attention to environmental, social and financial performance),*
- *commitment to social justice that includes the rights of future generations, and*
- *respect and care for the greater community of life in all its diversity, including protection and restoration of the earth's ecosystems.*

The State of California has adopted Executive Order S-20-04, which recognizes that state institutions such as the CSU are major consumers of energy and natural resources, and asks these institutions to reduce the use of non-renewable resources as well as increase energy efficiency.

The State of California has also adopted Executive Order S-3-5, which recognizes that California is vulnerable to the impacts of climate change and that we must take action to reduce the use of fossil fuels and reduce our carbon footprint. Therefore, the CSU and its constituent campuses have an obligation to the citizens of the state of California to be wise stewards of scarce resources and to assure the continued economic and ecological viability of the state.

Humboldt State University aspires to be a national and international model for sustainable practices in all dimensions of its operations (teaching, research, business and finance) and has an obligation to help train citizens for participation in a democratic society.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY – April 10, 2007

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Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2007 10:17 AM
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Subject: Your memo of 4/25/07

Merry: Thanks for your transmittal of the Senate actions. I believe I have already responded to the resolutions on Appendix J. I approve enthusiastically the resolution on sustainability (#24-06/07-EX). Thanks, Rollin

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