CAL POLY HUMBOLDT General Faculty

Sense of the Faculty Resolution on A Vote of No Confidence In President Tom Jackson

25-23/24-EX — April 25, 2024

WHEREAS, On April 22, 2024 students protesting the ongoing war and tragic loss of life of Palestinians in the Gaza Strip entered Siemens Hall; and

WHEREAS, Shortly after students occupied Siemens Hall, the university called on multiple law enforcement agencies to respond, which included dozens of armed, non-university police officers arriving at Siemens Hall wearing body armor and carrying shields; and

WHEREAS, Such a swift and disproportionate police response created unnecessary escalation resulting in physical assault on students and faculty and injury of law enforcement personnel; and

WHEREAS, President Tom Jackson and Chief of Staff Mark Johnson, through their unfamiliarity with the Cal Poly student body mishandled the protest by calling those law enforcement agencies to attempt to extract protestors from Siemens Hall, which led to the injury of students and faculty of Cal Poly Humboldt; and

WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of all members of Cal Poly Humboldt campus community to ensure the safety of our students, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the General Faculty of Cal Poly Humboldt have no confidence in the leadership of President Tom Jackson and his Chief of Staff Mark Johnson; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the General Faculty demand Cal Poly Humboldt not pursue disciplinary action or legal prosecution against any students for actions taken in connection with the protest and occupation of Siemens Hall; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Faculty and University provide all necessary and reasonable accommodations to ensure that every student has the opportunity to successfully complete their coursework and fulfill their academic requirements for the semester; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the General Faculty demand that Cal Poly Humboldt guarantee full compensation for all student employees irrespective of their ability to perform their usual duties; and be it further

RESOLVED, In keeping with our desire to maintain a campus that is safe for our students and return to the work of educating those students, that the General Faculty of Cal Poly Humboldt demand the immediate resignation of President Tom Jackson and Chief of Staff Mark Johnson; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution be distributed to:

The Office of the Chancellor of California State University
The Academic Senate of California State University
Governor Gavin Newsom, State of California
Senator Mike McGuire, President Pro Tempore of the California Senate
Representative Jared Huffman, US House of Representatives