

HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY  
ACADEMIC SENATE

**Resolution on University Curriculum Committee Oversight of Cross-College  
Interdisciplinary Programs**

Resolution #26-06/07-UCC – April 24, 2007

**RESOLVED:** That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommends that the University Curriculum Committee (UCC) be authorized to act in the role of college curriculum committee for cross-college interdisciplinary programs that apply to the UCC for oversight; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommends that interdisciplinary programs that involve collaborations across colleges at the undergraduate or graduate level may request that the UCC assume the role of the college curriculum committee. The UCC will consider applications that have the support of the affected college deans, and have a clear rationale for requesting UCC oversight based on the interdisciplinary nature of the program. New course proposals will continue to go through the standard college level resource review process. Program changes will be reviewed by the UCC, acting as the college curriculum committee. All changes to the program will require the standard interdependency check and negotiation as needed with any other programs affected by the change; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommends that the program review process be as follows:

- For those interdisciplinary programs that the UCC has assumed responsibility for, the Program Leader and an ad hoc committee of program faculty will write the self-study and assume primary responsibility for ongoing assessment.
- The UCC will act as the college curriculum committee to review the program review and make recommendations to the program and to an ad hoc committee of associate deans from the affected colleges who will be responsible for the dean's resource review. This ad hoc dean's committee will include representation from the library to assess the resource implications for library functions.
- The ad hoc committee of deans will forward the program review along with their resource recommendations to the provost.

**RATIONALE:** Current practice includes UCC oversight for a variety of interdisciplinary programs at the undergraduate level including GE Area E, Liberal Studies Elementary Education, and IS/LS. The UCC also provides college level curricular oversight for the CFPP graduate certificate program. However, current policy is silent on the role of the UCC in providing college level curriculum oversight for cross-college interdisciplinary graduate minors or majors. Lacking direction from current policy, the UCC, with its oversight responsibilities for the overall University curriculum, and its history of performing program reviews and providing curricular oversight for interdisciplinary programs makes the UCC a logical choice to take on the college curriculum committee responsibilities for cross-college interdisciplinary programs who apply to the UCC for oversight.

PASSED – April 24, 2007

**Merry Schellinger**

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**From:** Rollin Richmond [rollinr@humboldt.edu]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 17, 2007 5:09 PM  
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Merry: I pushed the button too quickly. I've corrected a few errors in the version below. Rollin

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**Subject:** Your memorandum of April 24th, 2007

Dear Merry:

Thank you for your memorandum reporting the results of the Senate's action on three resolutions. I approve #23-06/07-SA (Web Accessibility) and #26-06/07-UCC (Oversight of Cross-College Interdisciplinary Programs).

I also approve #27-06/07-GF (Faculty Development Committee) with one caveat. This resolution adds to an already hefty workload for many of our faculty. I ask that the Senate request that the Faculty Development Committee provide a report to the Senate and the Provost in the Spring of the 2008/09 academic year on the results of the change in membership, and whether they continue to believe the additional members are required.

Thanks, Rollin

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