

HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY  
University Senate

**Resolution on Online, Self-Support Degree Completion Option in Leadership Studies**

#11-13/14-ICC – October 15, 2013

**Resolved:** That the University Senate of Humboldt State University recommends to the Provost that a new online, self-support, degree completion option in Leadership Studies (LDRS) within the Interdisciplinary Studies (IS) major and all associated curriculum forms (13-117, 13-155 to 163, and 13-328) be approved; and be it further

**Resolved:** That the oversight model for this new program (a combination of logistical support in the College of eLearning and Extended Education, a temporary faculty program leader (yet to be hired), and a faculty advisory committee) will operate on a trial basis until the program demonstrates that this oversight structure can be effective in managing curriculum development and monitoring, appropriate student enrollment and progress to degree, PREP reporting, and faculty hiring; and be it further

**Resolved:** That no new degree programs will be approved with a similar oversight structure until the oversight structure for IS-LDRS has been proved to be effective during at least the first three years that the program is offered.

*Rationale: The ICC is convinced that a self-support, online degree completion option in Leadership Studies within the Interdisciplinary Studies major will be a good addition to HSU's curriculum.*

*1. The evidence for student demand is convincing; the program demonstrates that there is a substantial population of student who have partially completed degrees who are also working within organizations where the education offered by this degree would be valuable. In most cases, students in this program are expected to be working full or near-full time, and thus taking only one course at a time. A student who needs to complete 60 units would expect to take four years to complete the program at the rate of one course at a time.*

*2. Students will complete 30 units of LDRS courses (all the LDRS courses are required for the degree) and 9 units of UD GE at HSU plus whatever other requirements and elective units are needed to reach the 120 units required for the degree. The courses will be offered in intensive eight-week terms, with five terms per year.*

*3. As new self-support degree-programs are developed, new types of "departmental" structures may be needed. The Academic Master Planning subcommittee of the ICC and the IS-LDRS program have had extensive discussions about how to develop a program oversight structure that will ensure continuity and monitoring of a program that may be taught largely (or entirely?) by lecturers who are located hundreds of miles from Humboldt County. We are cautiously optimistic that the proposed oversight structure will be effective, but we recommend that we not create any additional programs with such not-traditional oversight structures until the IS-LDRS model demonstrates that this structure can be effective.*

University Senate: Passed, 10/15/13

Provost:

### Summary of IS-LDRS Curriculum Forms

**13-117: Proposal for a new online, self-support, degree-completion IS-LDRS Option**

**13-155: LDRS 311: Foundation of Leadership** – 3 units, C-2 – pre-req for all other LDRS courses

**13-156: LDRS 321: Data Driven Leadership** – 3 units, C-2 – pre-req for 451, pre-req of 311

**13-157: LDRS 331: Leadership Communication** – 3 units, C-2 – pre-req for 451, pre-req of 311

**13-158: LDRS 341: Strategic Planning and Forecasting** – 3 units, C-2, pre-req for 451, pre-req of 311

**13-159: LDRS 351: Project Implementation/Evaluation** – 3 units, C-2 pre-req for 451, pre-req of 311 and 341

**13-160: LDRS 411: Managing Employees/Stakeholders** – 3 units C-2, pre-req for 451, pre-req of 311

**13-161: LDRS 421: Strategic Sustainability** – 3 units, C-2, pre-req for 451, pre-req of 311

**13-328: LDRS 431: Technology and Leadership** – 3 units, C-2, pre-req for 451, pre-req of 311

**13-162: LDRS 441: Developing Dynamic Organizations** – 3 units, C-2, pre-req for 451, pre-req of 311

**13-163: LDRS 451: Capstone in Leadership** – 3 units, C-2 (has all 9 other courses as pre-reqs)