

**Resolution Reserving Course Seats for Athletes**

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**RESOLVED:** That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommends that 5% of seats (but at least one seat) in all courses be held in reserve until the end of the normal Fall and Spring registration periods for continuing students participating in NCAA athletic programs; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That *if* all the reserved seats in lower division G. E. courses have not been filled by the end of the normal Fall or Spring registration period, *one* of the remaining seats in all lower-division G.E. courses be held in reserve for incoming NCAA student athletes until the end of the normal HOP-registration period; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That *if* all the reserved seats in a Lower Division G. E. course *have* been filled by the end of the normal Fall or Spring registration period, *no* seat in that course will be held in reserve for incoming NCAA student athletes; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That the Office of the Registrar will monitor NCAA student athletes' eligibility for these reserved seats, and that these seats will be made available only to students who have been unable to enroll in a course through the normal registration process; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That these reserved seats will be available to athletes who maintain their NCAA eligibility, whether or not they are competing during the semester in which they use reserved seats; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That once the reserves have expired, these seats will be available to all students who wish to add a course.

***Rationale:** Because they are recruited to the University for the specific purpose of playing on an athletic team while simultaneously earning a degree, the University owes some special support to student athletes in order to enable them to successfully complete their education in a timely manner. In addition, each semester, student athletes must complete a minimum of 12 units that will count towards their degrees in order to maintain their NCAA eligibility. If the University is going to participate in NCAA sports, then the University is obligated to insure that student athletes are able to get into courses that will permit them to fulfill this NCAA requirement. Creating a class schedule that fits around their athletic responsibilities can be challenging for student athletes; during the semesters when they are competing, they need courses that have as few conflicts as possible with practice and travel, while during the semesters when they are not competing, they need to be able to get seats in courses that would be impossible for them to take successfully during their competition semesters.*

*The period that these reserved seats are unavailable to non-athletes will be fairly brief. In 2005, the normal Fall registration extended from Nov. 14 to Dec. 2; after that date, all unused reserved seats would be available to students (except for the lower division G.E. seats which would be held for incoming students until the end of HOP registration.)*

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