

HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY
University Senate

**Resolution on Amendment to the General Faculty Constitution Regarding the Election of the
General Faculty and Senate Officers**

#24-12/13-CBC — April 2, 2013 – Second Reading

RESOLVED: That a Faculty Session of the University Senate of Humboldt State University consider amending to the *Constitution of the General Faculty of HSU* (HSU Faculty Handbook, Appendix E) as follows (insertions underlined and deletions indicated by strike-out):

4.0 OFFICERS AND ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

4.1 Officers of the General Faculty: ~~—The elected officers of the General Faculty shall be a President who shall also be the Chair of the University Senate, and a Secretary/Treasurer.~~

4.11 The Chair of the University Senate shall serve as the President of the General Faculty.

4.12 The Vice Chair of the University Senate shall serve as Vice President of the General Faculty.

4.13 The Faculty Co-Chair of the University Resources and Planning Committee shall serve as Secretary-Treasurer of the General Faculty.

4.14 The selection of the Chair of the University Senate, Vice Chair of the University Senate, and Faculty Co-Chair of the University Resources and Planning Committee shall be conducted according to the *Bylaws and Rules of Procedure* of the University Senate.

~~4.11 — The General Faculty President and the Secretary/Treasurer shall be elected by majority vote of the General Faculty members in residence.~~

~~4.12 — The Vice President of the General Faculty shall be the Vice Chair of the University Senate and shall serve as a voting ex-officio member.~~

~~4.2 Members Eligible to Hold Office — Any member of the General Faculty in residence is eligible to be President after three years of employment by the University prior to taking office. Any member of the General Faculty in residence is eligible to serve as Secretary/Treasurer after one year of employment by the University prior to taking office.~~

4.2 Duties of Officers: ~~4.51~~ The ~~elected~~ officers of the General Faculty, ~~together with the Vice Chair of the University Senate~~ shall serve as the Executive Committee of the General Faculty and shall perform its administrative functions.

4.52 The General Faculty President (1) shall preside over meetings of the General Faculty; (2) shall be ~~ex-officio~~ Chair of the University Senate and shall preside over the meetings of the University Senate as provided in the Constitution of the University Senate and the Bylaws and Rules of Procedure of the University Senate; (3) shall carry out the directions of the General Faculty; (4) shall supervise General

Faculty elections; and (5) shall perform the duties customarily performed by presiding officers, including making all arrangements for meetings of the General Faculty.

4.522 The ~~General Faculty Vice President Chair of the University Senate who is ex-officio Vice President of the General Faculty~~ shall exercise the powers and duties of the President in the absence of or at the request of the General Faculty President.~~in his or her absence or at his or her request.~~

4.523 The General Faculty Secretary/Treasurer shall serve as the faculty co-chair of the University and Resources Planning Committee as provided in the Constitution of the University Senate. The Secretary/Treasurer shall see that records are kept of General Faculty meetings. Such minutes shall be distributed to the General Faculty as soon as practicable following each meeting and shall be available from the Senate Office. The Secretary/Treasurer shall certify the eligibility of faculty University Senators as defined in the University Senate Constitution and University Senate Bylaws and other General Faculty representatives as described in the Faculty Handbook. The Secretary/Treasurer shall also have responsibility for the oversight and management of any funds received or disbursed by the General Faculty. The Secretary/Treasurer shall submit an annual financial report to the General Faculty. The accounts of the Treasurer shall be audited annually.

and be it further

RESOLVED: That if approved by a Faculty Session of the University Senate, then the aforementioned amendment will be forwarded to the HSU General Faculty for a vote in Spring 2013, following notification of the General Faculty of the proposed amendments at least seven days prior to the election; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the University Senate of Humboldt State University amend the *University Senate of Humboldt State University Bylaws and Rules of Procedure* (Appendix F, Part 2, *HSU Faculty Handbook*) and the *Constitution of the University Senate of HSU* (Appendix F, Part 1, *HSU Faculty Handbook*) in keeping with the above changes.

RATIONALE: *The power of the General Faculty is exercised though the General Faculty itself, ratifying or rejecting recommendations from the University Senate. The officers of the General Faculty exist to facilitate that function, and their roles are consequently resultant from their offices in the Senate. The Vice President of the General Faculty is already selected by the University Senate in the procedure outlined above. This resolution brings the selection of the other General Faculty officers into alignment with that process.*

University Senate: Passed, 04/02/13

General Faculty: Failed (Spring 2013-May 13-17) General Faculty Election
(91 Yes votes, 125 No votes)