CAL POLY HUMBOLDT University Senate

Resolution to Recognize the Importance of Accessibility in Teaching

23-23/24-FAC — May 7, 2024 — Second Reading

RESOLVED: That the University Senate of Cal Poly Humboldt recommends the following changes to Appendix J be forwarded to the General Faculty for a vote of acceptance or rejection; and be it further,

RESOLVED: That these changes become effective at the beginning of the 2024 fall semester; and

RESOLVED: That these updates are intended to clarify the importance of accessibility and the expectations of faculty in accessible course design and other aspects of teaching; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the University Senate of Cal Poly Humboldt acknowledges that creating accessible learning materials is not only mandated by state law and CSU policy, but that it is an imperative aspect of creating an inclusive campus and in ensuring student success.

RATIONALE:

This idea was brought forward by the Accessibility Fellows as a way to promote faculty involvement in working to improve accessibility in their work. The proposed changes do not alter the RTP requirements or criteria but simply clarify that working to improve course accessibility is a way to demonstrate teaching/librarianship/counseling excellence.