

**HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY  
University Senate**

**Resolution Establishing Ad Hoc Committee on University Policies**

05-15/16-EX—September 15, 2015—First Reading

**RESOLVED:** That the Humboldt State University Senate authorize the establishment of an ad hoc Committee on University Policies for the current academic year; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That the Committee be chaired by a faculty senator, who shall be elected by the Senate and shall attend the meetings of the Senate Executive Committee; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That the Committee include in its membership in addition to the chair two faculty members appointed by the Appointments and Elections Committee, one non-MPP staff member appointed by Staff Council, and one student appointed by Associated Students; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That the Committee be responsible for reviewing policy items addressing all university policies that do not fall under the purview or charge of the other Senate standing committees; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That the Committee be charged with reviewing the existing policy processes on campus and recommending to the Senate for its approval a policy process that address the campus need for a transparent, efficient, and clear policy process rooted in principles of shared governance; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That the University Senate evaluate the need for a standing University Policies Committee at the end of the current academic year.

**RATIONALE:** As the primary policy recommending body of the University, the University Senate has been asked to consider a wide-range of policy items that do not fall under the purview of any of the existing Senate standing committees. In the absence of a committee to handle these items, the Senate Executive Committee has assumed this responsibility. As the number of such policies has increased, it has been difficult for the Senate Executive Committee to provide the kind of review expected. Further, without a committee to review and consult widely on proposed policies, the Senate has become the venue of first review and consultation on such policies, making the Senate less efficient in its work. The new University Policies Committee, proposed on an ad hoc trial basis for this year, would resolve this situation.