HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSTIY University Senate

Resolution on Revision to HSU Animals on Campus Policy

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RESOLVED: That the University Senate recommend to the University President that the attached University Policies on Animals on Campus be adopted.

RATIONALE: This revision to the HSU Animals on Campus Policy previously approved by the University Senate (4/25/17) simply separates the approved policy into two separate policies; one for university employees and one for students and visitors. There is evidence of a growing number of domestic animals on University Property, including a rapidly growing number of Emotional Support Animals recorded in University Housing (from 2 in AY14-15 to 35 in AY16-17). These policies are designed to draw together relevant and often confusing areas of state and federal law, and to establish a shared understanding for all members of the University community. Requirements are differentiated based upon the status of the person, status of the animal, and type of University property.

A working group whose membership included the Student Disability Resource Center, General council, Housing and Residential Life, Dean of Students, University Police Department, Facilities Management, Risk Management and Safety Services, and Human Resources created the draft policies. The University Policies Committee worked with representatives of this group to revise these draft substantially in the interests of clarity, consistency, and fairness to all members of our community.