

HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY
University Senate

Resolution to Reduce Immediate Past Chair Duties

#19-14/15-CBC – 1/27/15 – First Reading

RESOLVED: That the Constitution and Bylaws Committee recommend to the University Senate of Humboldt State University that the *University Senate of Humboldt State University Constitution* be amended to include the changes indicated in the attached revision of the document; and be it further

RESOLVED: That voter approval of this change also amend the *Bylaws* regarding Senate Executive Committee membership (*Bylaws* 11.12); and be it further

RESOLVED: That approval of this amendment follow the procedures in Resolution #18-14/15-AEC Resolution to Voting Procedure on the *Constitution* of the University Senate of HSU.

RATIONALE: Under the Constitution, the Senate Chair may serve up to six years due to term limits; following this role, the former chair is a member of the Senate until another past chair—potentially another six years. The role of the immediate past chair is for continuity and mentorship for the new chair, a position that does not require six years. Reducing the unadvertised potential term of being on the Senate as chair for six years with an additional six years as immediate past chair offers clarity to the responsibilities to and obligation of Senate chair.

Finally, the Senate must approve amendments to the Constitution prior to forwarding for a vote.

Attachment to **Resolution to Reduce Immediate Past Chair Duties**

Constitution:

4.2 Terms of Office and Term Limits: The term of office for an elected member shall be three Senate years. An elected member shall serve no more than two consecutive complete terms. Service for a partial term or for terms served as an ex-officio member shall not be included in this calculation. So far as feasible, Senate terms shall be arranged so that approximately one-third of the membership is elected annually.

Change:

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4.22 *The outgoing chair of the University Senate shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Senate for one year subsequent to the completion of the Chair's term. [addition]*

Change:

4.3 Ex-Officio Members: The ex-officio members of the Senate shall be as follows:

University President
General Faculty President
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs
Vice President for Administrative Affairs
Two (2) General Faculty Representatives to the Academic Senate CSU (ASCSU)
Chair, Integrated Curriculum Committee
Immediate Past Chair of the Senate *(One-year term) [added]*
President, HSU Chapter, California Faculty Association
Delegate, HSU Labor Council
President, Associated Students.

Bylaws:

11.1 Executive Committee

11.11 Chair: The chair of the Executive Committee shall be the Chair of the University Senate.

11.12 Membership: The members of the Executive Committee shall be as follows:

- Chair, Senate (who shall be the Chair of the Executive Committee)
- Vice Chair, Senate (who shall be the Chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee)
- Third Officer, Senate (who shall be the Chair of the Academic Policies Committee)
- *Immediate* Past Chair, Senate *(for 1 year following term as chair) [added]*
- Chair, Campus Climate Committee
- Chair, Integrated Curriculum Committee

- Faculty Co-Chair, University Resources and Planning Committee (URPC)
- One (1) General Faculty Representative to the ASCSU (usually the senior senator)
- Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs (who shall be the Co-Chair of URPC)
- President (or designee), Associated Students
- One (1) Staff Senator (selected annually by and from the three current staff senators)
- President, HSU Chapter of the California Faculty Association (non-voting)
- Delegate, HSU Labor Council (non-voting)