

HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY
University Senate

Resolution to Amend the *Bylaws and Rules of Procedure of the University Senate* to Include a University Policies Committee as a Standing Committee of the University Senate

21-16/17-EX – March 7, 2016 – First Reading

RESOLVED: That the University Senate authorize this amendment to Section 11 of the *Bylaws and Rules of Procedure of the University Senate*, establishing a University Policies Committee as a Standing Committee; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Committee be chaired by a senator, who shall be elected annually by the Senate, and shall also serve as a member 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 members be appointed for staggered, three-year terms, except for the student member, who shall be appointed for a one-year term; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Committee include as ex officio, non-voting members the Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs (or designee) and the Vice President for Administrative Affairs (or designee); 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 responsible for overseeing the ongoing implementation of the newly established (AY16-17) University policy process and recommending to the Senate any changes that might be needed to ensure a transparent, efficient, and clear policy process rooted in principles of shared governance; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Committee be responsible for reviewing the existing configuration of shared governance committees on this campus and recommending to the Senate changes that advance the goals of reducing redundancies, ensuring clear committee charges and reporting of recommendations, and fostering more transparent and effective university decision-making.

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 had assumed this responsibility. A University Policies Committee has been created on an ad hoc basis and demonstrated its value to the Senate over more than a year of service. The charge of this Standing Committee would be expanded from its Ad Hoc predecessor to explicitly include consideration of the shared governance committee structure on campus, something previously discussed informally among Senators, but not explicitly included in the Ad Hoc Committee resolution.