

HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY
University Senate

**Resolution to Amend the *Constitution of the University Senate of Humboldt State University* to
Define Interim Membership on the University Senate**

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RESOLVED: That the University Senate of Humboldt State University recommends the attached amendments to the Senate *Constitution* be forwarded for ratification in Spring 2016 in accordance with Senate *Constitution* Section 9.0

RATIONALE: *These changes will define interim membership on the Senate and specify term limits for interim membership. These additions are necessary to allow for elected members of the Senate to temporarily fill vacancies in ex-officio membership positions. Elected members who temporarily fill these roles are benefitting the functioning of the Senate and should have the ability to return to their originally elected position within a certain time period. These changes also allow for an appointee to fill the temporary vacancy in the elected Senate seat during the period in which the elected Senator is serving in the ex-officio position. This allows for the electorate for that seat to maintain representation during the elected Senator's absence.*

Proposed Revisions with Track Changes

4.4 Additional Members: Additional members of the Senate include:

Two (2) student delegates from the Associated Students

One (1) Emeritus professor delegate from the HSU Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association.

4.5 Interim Members:

4.51 Elected members who temporarily vacate their elected Senate seat to serve in an ex-officio membership position shall be referred to as "Interim Ex-Officio" members. Interim Ex-Officio members may serve one semester or less and still retreat to their elected Senate seat without standing for re-election (as long as the term limit has not been reached by the end of the semester). Time served as an Interim Ex-Officio member will still be counted toward the term limits for the elected seat. If the Interim Ex-Officio member will serve longer than one semester, their elected seat will become vacant and will be filled by election in accordance with the Senate Bylaws.

4.52 Persons who have been appointed to fill a temporary vacancy in an elected Senate position shall be referred to as "Interim Elected" members. Interim Elected members shall be appointed from among nominees within the appropriate electorate for the temporarily vacant Senate seat. The Interim Elected member shall serve until the Elected Senator returns to their

seat or the end of the semester – whichever occurs first. Time served as an Interim Elected member shall be counted as a partial term of service in accordance with section 4.21.

4.54.6 Voting and Procedural Rights: All members of the Senate shall have full procedural rights. All members of the Senate, with the exception of the University President, the CFA President and the HSU Labor Council delegate, shall have full voting rights.

4.64.7 Vacancies: Vacancies in Senate membership shall be filled in a manner prescribed in the *Bylaws*.

4.74.8 Recall of Senators: Any elected member of the University Senate may be recalled by procedures established by the governing documents of the electorate or, if no procedures exist, by those specified in the *Bylaws*.