

**HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**University Senate**

**Resolution to Require Roll Call Votes in *Bylaws***

#16-14/15-CBC – 2/24/15 – Second Reading

**RESOLVED:** That the University Senate of Humboldt State University amend the *University Senate of Humboldt State University Bylaws and Rules of Procedure* as attached to require roll call votes; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That procedures for recording roll call votes be established in the Standing Rules.

**RATIONALE:** *As a democratically-elected body, and as recommended by the American Institute of Parliamentarians' Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure, members' voting records should be open for review by constituents. This allows voters to assess the voting patterns of Senators for a better informed electorate.*

In the *Bylaws*, this would be found under 2.9 Final Discussion and Voting

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2.92 Voting on motions to approve resolutions, sense of the senate items and other action items that do not require general consent will be taken by calling the roll of the Senate.

~~2.93 2.94~~ During a meeting of the Senate, a member of the Senate may request that the vote on a motion be taken by roll call. If as many as five members of the Senate support the request, the vote shall be taken by calling the roll of the Senate. A roll call vote on any other motion not listed in 2.92 shall be taken if requested by a member of the Senate

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Current *Bylaws*:

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