

HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY
University Senate

Resolution to Fill Vacant Senate Seats in a Special Election

#04-13/14-CBC – October 1, 2013 – First Reading

RESOLVED: That the University Senate of Humboldt State University amend the *University Senate of Humboldt State University Bylaws and Rules of Procedure* as follows (insertions underlined and deletions indicated by strike-out)

12.3 Nomination and Election Procedures:

12.31 The regular annual elections to the Senate normally shall occur during the spring. There shall be no elections to the Senate during the summer. ~~Elections to fill uncompleted terms shall be conducted as part of the regular annual elections.~~

12.4 Vacancies

12.43 Any vacancy which may occur between regular elections among delegates to the University Senate shall be filled by a special election. Any person so elected shall represent the appropriate academic unit and shall serve ~~only until the next regular election, provided that any remaining portion of the term so vacated shall be filled at the next regular election~~ the remainder of the vacated term.

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RESOLVED: that, since all changes to the *Bylaws* are immediate after approval by the Senate, this change will be in effect for any upcoming special elections.

RATIONALE: The current practice is to hold a special election to seat vacated during the fall semester. According to the Bylaws, another election for that seat must be held during a regular election held in the spring semester to elect a senator to finish the term. This resolution, supported by the AEC, aims to reduce streamline the elections process and give senators the opportunity to serve the remainder of term instead of part of a year.