

HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY
University Senate

Resolution to Allow Designees as Proxies for ex-officio Senators in *Bylaws*

10-15/16-CBC – November 10, 2015 – First Reading

RESOLVED: That the University Senate of Humboldt State University amends Section 6.0 of the *University Senate of Humboldt State University Bylaws and Rules of Procedure* as attached to allow ex-officio Senators to appoint designees to serve as proxies.

RATIONALE: *The Bylaws currently stipulate that only Senators can serve as proxies for absent Senators. Absent ex-officio Senators may be more effectively represented by a designee who is familiar with the ex-officio Senator’s duties of office and who generally fills those duties in whole or in part in event of absence.*

Current language from University Senate Bylaws

6.0 PROXIES

- 6.1 The term “proxy” may mean either the statement authorizing a Senator to cast the vote of the Senator authorizing it or the Senator who casts the vote. The purpose of a proxy is to ensure that an absent Senator has the opportunity to provide input and/or vote on all issues brought before the Senate.
- 6.2 Any Senator wishing to appoint a proxy should notify the Chair in writing prior to the meeting at which the proxy is to be exercised. A proxy must be a member of the University Senate.
- 6.3 No senator may be a proxy for more than one other senator at any single meeting.
- 6.4 Voting by proxy means that a particular member is authorized to cast the vote of an absent member in a meeting.

Proposed language with track changes:

6.0 PROXIES

- 6.1 The purpose of a proxy is to ensure that an absent Senator has the opportunity to provide input and/or vote on all issues. can be fully represented on all matters of business brought before the Senate. The term “proxy” may mean either the statement authorizing an individual a Senator to cast the vote of the an absent Senator authorizing it or the individual Senator who casts the vote. ~~The purpose of a proxy is to ensure that~~

~~an absent Senator has the opportunity to provide input and/or vote on all issues brought before the Senate.~~

~~6.26.4~~ Voting by proxy means that a particular member is authorized to cast the vote of an absent member in a meeting.

~~6.36.2~~ Any Senator wishing to appoint a proxy should notify the Chair in writing prior to the meeting at which the proxy is to be exercised. ~~A proxy must be a member of the University Senate.~~

~~6.3~~ ~~No senator may be a proxy for more than one other senator at any single meeting.~~

~~6.4~~ An elected or appointed Senator must select another Senator as a proxy. An ex-officio Senator may select another Senator or a designee to serve as proxy. The designee should be an individual who would normally fill the ex-officio Senator's duties of office in whole or in part during any absence.

~~6.4~~ ~~Voting by proxy means that a particular member is authorized to cast the vote of an absent member in a meeting.~~

~~6.56.3~~ No individual senator may be a proxy for more than one other Senator at any single meeting.

Proposed Language with Changes Accepted:

6.0 PROXIES

6.1 The purpose of a proxy is to ensure that an absent Senator can be fully represented on all matters of business brought before the Senate. The term "proxy" may mean either the statement authorizing an individual to cast the vote of an absent Senator or the individual who casts the vote.

6.2 Voting by proxy means that a particular member is authorized to cast the vote of an absent member in a meeting.

6.3 Any Senator wishing to appoint a proxy should notify the Chair in writing prior to the meeting at which the proxy is to be exercised.

6.4 An elected or appointed Senator must select another Senator as a proxy. An ex-officio Senator may select another Senator or a designee to serve as proxy. The designee should be an individual who would fill the ex-officio Senator's duties of office in whole or in part during any absence.

6.5 No individual may be a proxy for more than one Senator at any single meeting.