

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

**Resolution on Auxiliary Reorganization**

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**Resolved:** That the Humboldt State University Senate recommends to President Richmond that the work of the Foundation (Auxiliary) Reorganization Workgroup be immediately stopped.

**Rationale:** Early in the Spring semester of 2014, the Foundation Reorganization Workgroup was struck and charged with reviewing and making a recommendation to the Foundation Reorganization Steering Committee regarding restructuring the governance and administrative operations of Humboldt State University's auxiliary organizations. Since then, multiple presentations have been made to the University Center Board of Directors, Associated Student Council, and the University Senate. Much angst and comment has been produced.

The University Senate is concerned that the reorganization process is flawed on three grounds. First, multiple members of the Foundation Reorganization Workgroup, including the chairs of the two subcommittees, also sit on the Foundation Reorganization Steering Committee to which the workgroups report, thus creating a vertical integration of decision making. Second, the Senate is further concerned that the controversy engendered by the restructuring proposal could hamper the effectiveness of the incoming President. Finally, the Senate is concerned that the Executive Summary and charge provided to the Workgroup and Steering Committee in January appear to prejudge the outcome of their work, recommending that "the foundations and auxiliary organizations reorganize into two primary entities the "Humboldt State University Foundation (HSUF)" and the "Humboldt State Associated Students & Student Union" (HSAS) with the actual names to be determined," each of which would have "its own governing board and share services (business, legal, information technology, etc.)."

Finally the new President, Lisa Rossbacher, will surely convene a Task Force to update the Humboldt State University Strategic Plan, plus other guiding documents, and the review of the Auxiliary Organizations should become a part of that process and not done independently. It is premature to be conducting such a major reorganization review at this time as the HSU presidency changes.

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