

**HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY
University Senate**

**Resolution to Establish Procedures in the University Senate *Bylaws* for
Impeachment, Censure, and Expulsion**

#25-13/14-CBC – January 28, 2014 – First Reading

RESOLVED: That the University Senate of Humboldt State University approve the three amendments to the *University Senate of Humboldt State University Bylaws and Rules of Procedure* as attached; and be it further

RESOLVED: That these changes are provisional on the passage of the amendment to the *Constitution* of the University to authorize reprimand of senators as presented in Senate Resolution #24-13/14-CBC.

RATIONALE: The Senate should have the ability to remove officers and chairs. The attached procedures set a two-step process where the Senator is aware of the issues and invited to attend, as well as sets a two-thirds vote for passage.

Attachment to Resolution #25-13/14-CBC, First Reading

Amendment on Impeachment:

12.5 Elections and Impeachment within the Senate

12.52 Impeachment of Officers – Any accusations for impeachment proceedings shall be initiated in the Senate Executive Committee; the Senate Chair, or Vice Chair if the Chair stands accused or initiated the accusation, will notify parties about the accusations prior to any and all formal meetings. An officer elected by the Senate may be impeached by a resolution passed by a two-thirds vote of the other members of the Executive Committee. A resolution of impeachment must then pass the full Senate by two-thirds of those voting after having presented the resolution at the previous meeting.

Amendment on Censure:

12.6 Censure of Senators. Any accusations for censure proceedings shall be initiated in the Senate Executive Committee; the Senate Chair, or Vice Chair if the Chair is part of the proceedings, will notify parties about the accusations prior to any and all formal meetings. The Senate may censure a Senator by a two-thirds vote of those voting, provided the resolution for censure has been presented at the previous regular meeting. Consequences of censure must be summarized in a resolution presented by the Senate Executive Committee and should only be used for issues of misconduct.

Amendment on Expulsion:

12.7 Expulsion of Senators. Any accusations for expulsion proceedings shall be initiated in the Senate Executive Committee; the Senate Chair, or Vice Chair if the Chair is part of the proceedings, will notify parties about the accusations prior to any and all formal meetings. The Senate may expel a Senator from the Senate by a two-thirds vote of those voting, provided the resolution for expulsion from the Senate Executive Committee has been presented at the previous regular meeting. The process of expulsion is initiated by a resolution presented by the Senate Executive Committee and should only be used for the most serious violations of misconduct.

Glossary Terms:

Impeachment: Formal process accusing an elected official of misconduct.

Censure: Formal, public reprimand of an elected official.