

HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY
University Senate

Resolution on TOEFL Scores

07-15/16-APC-October 13, 2015 – Second Reading

Resolved: That the University Senate of Humboldt State University (the Senate) recommends to the President that admissions criteria for international students seeking admittance to the University (including minimum Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)) be set by the Provost or designee, in consultation with the Center for International Programs; and be it further

Resolved: That the Provost or their designee inform the Senate of changes to admissions criteria and subsequently report on the impact of these changes after one year of implementation, and be it further

Resolved: That previous actions by the Senate setting specific TOEFL scores be superseded by this resolution.

Rationale: *It has come to the attention of the Director of the Center for International Programs that our TOEFL scores differ from other CSU campuses and thus may be affecting Humboldt State's efforts to recruit international students. The CSU sets baseline admissions criteria system-wide, but individual campuses may adjust the criteria upwards. Because the minimum admissible TOEFL score was set by the Senate in the past, it will take a Senate action to make any changes. This resolution would cede control over changes to the appropriate admissions criteria to the Provost's office, where the expertise to balance TOEFL scores, other exam scores, grades, and other factors resides. The Senate would still be informed of changes to admissions criteria and how they might impact enrollment.*