

Resolution on Timeline for Review and Decision on Proposed New Governance Structure

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First Reading

RESOLVED: That the Humboldt State University Academic Senate recommends that the referendum vote on the proposed new university senate constitution and bylaws and the proposed revisions to the General Faculty Constitution be delayed to April; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Humboldt University Academic Senate recommends that senate terms ending Spring 2010 be extended through Fall 2011, for the current senate members who are able to continue to serve; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Humboldt State University Academic Senate recommends that if the new governance structures are approved by the HSU General Faculty, elections for new senators will occur in the Fall, prior to the establishment of Spring 2012 schedules, and that the new university senate be constituted at the beginning of Spring 2012; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Humboldt State University Academic Senate recommends that if the new governance structures are not approved, that elections be held at the beginning of Fall 2011 to fill vacancies in the existing Academic Senate.

RATIONALE: *While work on the proposed university senate constitution and bylaws and the proposed changes to the General Faculty Constitution are proceeding systematically, it is important that there be thorough review of these documents before they are put forward for a vote and that there be an opportunity for the electorate to have an informed discussion of these documents before voting. There is not time to effectively achieve these goals and still hold the vote in time to also vote in Spring 2010 for new Senators should the new structure be approved. Holding the vote on the proposed changes in April will allow for a more thorough discussion prior to voting. Delaying elections until fall and making changes, if any, in Spring 2011 will mean that elected faculty, staff and student can plan Spring 2011 schedules with Senate responsibilities in mind.*