

HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY  
Academic Senate

RESOLUTION CONCERNING GOVERNANCE OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY  
(#17-99/00-FA)

- WHEREAS, Many if not most of the recent difficulties in the CSU system have arisen because the Board of Trustees, the Chancellor and the central administration have preempted the faculty's primary responsibility for curriculum, scheduling, course content and related matters; and
- WHEREAS, There have been increasing demands for faculty accountability without complementary expectations for accountability on the part of administrators; and
- WHEREAS, Recent initiatives regarding technology, assessment, Title 5 changes and other proposed implementations of Cornerstones have been undertaken in a preemptory manner, with inadequate faculty and student consultation and communication, with poorly conceived projections of time and resource costs, and with inattention to long term commitments or consequences for educational quality; and
- WHEREAS, These problems have detracted from the central mission of the University – teaching and scholarship – and have demoralized the faculty and students; and
- WHEREAS, The Academic Senate of San Jose State University has developed and endorsed a significant statement on this current crisis in governance, the white paper “Out of Crisis: Reforming Governance of the California State University”; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University join the Senates of San Jose State University, Cal Poly Pomona, San Diego State University, Cal State Los Angeles, Cal State Stanislaus, Cal State Fresno and San Francisco State University in calling for a task force to be formed as described in the San Jose white paper to examine the governance issues identified in that paper; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommend that said task force also study the general issue of improved and more explicit procedures for joint governance among faculty, students and administration, between campuses and central administration, and between the campus academic senates and the statewide academic senates; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommend that until the proposed task forces complete and publicize their work and recommendations to the administration and faculty, there be a moratorium on any systemwide decisions concerning new assessment and accountability measures, development of a common calendar, development of a lower division core, changes in Title 5 or other projects reputed to be implementations of the Cornerstones document; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University express its appreciation of the work done by the faculty of San Jose State University in their development of the white paper, “Out of Crisis: Reforming Governance of the California State University”; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommend that copies of this resolution be distributed to the Board of Trustees, the Chancellor, and the Statewide and local Academic Senates.

Academic Senate: Passed 05/02/00  
President McCrone: No Action Required