RESOLUTION No. 2016-17-16

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REFERRED TO: AS COUNCIL
ACTION SCHEDULED: April 3rd, 2017

SUBJECT: An Act to Add The AS Vision And Commitments To The Constitution

WHEREAS, the Associated Students (A.S.) Council of Humboldt State University (HSU) is the single recognized voice for over 7,500 students; and,

WHEREAS, the Mission of the Associated Students of Humboldt State University serves “to assist in the educational, social, physical, and cultural well-being of the University community”; and,

WHEREAS, the HSU Office of the President explicitly states HSU “will be renowned for social and environmentally responsible action”; and,

WHEREAS, the Goals of the HSU 2015-2020 Strategic Plan are to “1 Prepare students to be socially and environmentally responsible leaders in a diverse and globalized world...2 Foster meaningful relationships across differences, including diverse cultural communities, identities, and competencies...[and] 4 [to] serve as effective stewards of the natural and built environment and the university’s financial resources with a focus on sustainability”; and,

WHEREAS, Associated Students have no documented values; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the members of the Associated Students Council that a core set of beliefs are established; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that a clear vision is established; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that future Councils will be held accountable to this established vision and set of commitments; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the following changes take place within Article I of the AS Constitution:

Article I
Name, Mission, Vision, Commitments and Membership

Section A: Name

The name of this corporation shall be the Associated Students of Humboldt State
University, hereinafter referred to as the "Association".

Section B: Mission and Purpose (per AS Constitution)

The Associated Students of Humboldt State University is a recognized non-profit corporation and an auxiliary of Humboldt State University. The specific purpose of this corporation is to provide a means for responsible and effective participation in the governance of the campus; provide an official voice through which students' opinions may be expressed; foster awareness of these opinions both on and off campus; assist in the protection of the rights and interests of the individual student and the student body; provide services and programs as deemed necessary by the corporation to meet the needs of the student and campus community; and to stimulate the educational, social, physical, and cultural well-being of the University community.

The Associated Students’ services and programs shall be established for the purpose of providing essential activities closely related to, but not normally included as a part of the institutional educational program.

Section C: Vision (Results of a Successful Mission)

Equity:
- Striving for social and environmental justice
- Listening to those directly affected by inequity
- Striving for respect and the understanding of all people

Empowerment:
- Developing student organizers and leaders
- Providing tools for institutional and policy changes
- Offering spaces for group and individual empowerment

Well-being:
- Enhancing the livelihood and academic success of the student body
- Fostering support for personal and community well-being
- Offering opportunities for healing/care

Section D: Commitments

We as AS Board Members will be held accountable to the following commitments:

1. I will take full accountability for the impact of my actions or inactions.
2. I will do my best to become aware of my own biases by understanding them and critically thinking about their impact on myself and others.
3. I will listen to the people who are impacted by inequity and injustice before trying to
implement policies that may adversely affect them.

4. I will research systems of inequities and injustice, and then invite those who are impacted by inequity and injustice to provide their insight so that I may develop my understandings, and allow myself to be educated in order to better formulate policy.

5. I will strive to be honest in my actions.

6. I will dedicate myself to the preservation and the well-being of all life.

7. I will be personally accountable for my own well-being.

8. I will welcome the responsibility to transform systems so that they are equitable for all beings.

9. I will choose to be the change I want to see in this world, working to free myself from the negative influences of fear, pain, victimhood, inadequacy and other perceptions that are obstacles to achieving my goals.

10. I will pursue active involvement to improve the livelihood of individuals alive today and those yet to come.

11. I will hold myself personally responsible for these values so that all lives are respected and given an opportunity to thrive.

and, be it further,

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to, but not limited to: Dr. Peg Blake, Dr. Lisa Rossbacher, Julia Alderson, the Multicultural Center, Latinx Center, the AACAE, ITEPP, INRSEP, all HSU AS funded programs, the director of the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, and all other CSU Associated Students and Associated Students Incorporated organizations.

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