RESOLUTION No. 2019-20-02

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REFERRED TO: A.S. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ACTION APPROVED: 11-05-2019

SUBJECT: An Act to Establish a More Perfect Student Union

WHEREAS, the Associated Students (A.S.) Board of Directors of Humboldt State University (HSU) is the single recognized voice for over 6,500 students; and,

WHEREAS, the Mission of the Associated Students of Humboldt State University serves to "assist in the protection of rights and interests of the individual student and the student body," and to "stimulate the educational, social, physical, and cultural well-being of the University community"; and,

WHEREAS, per the Associated Students of Humboldt State University constitution last revised May 2017 and the charge given by the Associated Students Board of Directors to "As Student Representatives We shall: consider the opinions and needs of our immediate constituency, the Students, prior to our taking any action on their behalf, As Student Advocates We Shall: be vocal on issues that protect and increase student rights; create opportunities to increase the student perspective in the University decision making process; actively seek institutional changes that serve to enhance the student environment; and uphold and protect the integrity of the student body association, and, As Fiscal Officers We Shall: allocate Associated Student Body fees in accordance with the A.S. Mission Statement,"; and,

WHEREAS, the Associated Students of Humboldt State University Board of Directors being the sole governing body of the Association must often evaluate its bylaws and regulations to ensure that adequate services are being offered to the constituency of the Board of Directors thereof; and,

WHEREAS, numerous Associated Students across the California State University System undergo thorough revisions of their bylaws and codes to ensure that their respective constituencies are properly empowered, their respective governing bodies are adequately empowered to carry out the will of their constituencies; and,

WHEREAS, it is then the responsibility of the Associated Students of Humboldt State University to take the helm in providing a more perfect student union through establishing proper guidelines for Associated Students of Humboldt State University Programs and funded organizations, endowing students with "positions of institutional power" as per the Associated Students 5 year strategic plan, entrusting checks and balances of power, providing a clear structure that the Associated Students Government can operate within; and,
WHEREAS, it is also the responsibility to provide the future student leaders of the Associated Students Board of Directors with institutional knowledge so that they may be more effective leaders for the whole Association.

WHEREAS, it is important that the student union be open to change through re-formation that benefits students in engaging in the shared governance that Humboldt State University has in place, open to forming a more cohesive student governing model that puts students first, as was the result of the initial creation of the HSU College Union (circa 1966) to be a testament of what student involvement combined with the means could do together; and,

WHEREAS, the Legislative Vice President is the chief legislative assistant to the President of the Association, having the trust of the association to make proper and accurate analysis concerning the policies concerning Associated Students that would benefit the Association as a whole; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Associated Students Board of Directors move to unite student leaders across campus, such as the Residence Hall Association [RHA] Executive Committee, The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee [SAAC] Executive Team and the Associated Students Executive Committee, in the form of monthly meetings with the provisions set by the Proposal of the Associated-Residential-Athletic-Council, furthermore, be it,

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to, but not limited to people, Associated Students Funded Programs, Residence Hall Association Executive Board, Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, The University Center Board of Directors, The University Center Executive Director Dave Nakamura, The Humboldt State University Senate, and to the office of Humboldt State University President, Tom Jackson Jr, as well as the Humboldt State University Vice President(s) and Office(s) thereof.

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References: Associated Students Resolution calling for Democratized and Student-Run CSU Union
: Associated Students 5 year strategic plan; 2017-2023