RESOLUTION No. 2019-20-03

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SPONSORED BY: Student Health Center Advisory Committee

REFERRED TO: A.S. Board of Directors
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SUBJECT: Resolution to Restore Student Well-Being

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, the educational, social, physical, and cultural well-being of the student body often overlap at critical intersections in such places as the health system; and,

WHEREAS, often in these places, students that are transgender and/or gender non-conforming are mistreated at an individual level due many times to the system level blindness in properly addressing students by their correct names and pronouns, of which enables structural discrimination, that leads to systematic disadvantage; and,

WHEREAS, the students of Humboldt State University make up the "Association" as per the A.S. Constitution, of which enables the Associated Students to conduct business, it is then the responsibility of the sole governing body of the Associated Students to move to address these blindly discriminatory cross-sections of student life here at Humboldt State University; and,

WHEREAS, the Associated Students of Humboldt State University are committed to "Social Justice" as per Resolution 2019-20-01, where, the term social justice was defined as "Fair and Just"; and,

WHEREAS, the term structure is defined as “a complex system considered from the point of view of the whole rather than of any single part” and the term disadvantage is defined as “an unfavorable, inferior, or prejudicial condition” therefore a structural disadvantage can be defined as an unfavorable, inferior, or prejudicial condition in a complex system considered from the point of view of the whole rather than of any single part on an individual and systemic level, therefore, any form of structural disadvantage is not Fair nor Just; and,
WHEREAS, per the Transgender & Gender Non-Conforming Patients Rights of the Humboldt State University Student Health and Wellbeing Services “Just as all CSU’s health and counseling centers are obligated to respect patients regardless of race, ethnicity, age, religion, creed, sex, disability and sexual orientation, so too must they respect a patient’s gender identity and gender expression”; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Associated Students of Humboldt State University uphold their commitment to Social Justice by moving to restore student well-being by supporting the creation of medical information that reflects and/or highlights the correct names and pronouns of students, and additionally the confirmation of identity through last name and birthdate of students, furthermore; be it.

RESOLVED, that the Humboldt State University Student Health and Wellbeing Services also move to readjust the medical health information system to reflect and/or highlight the correct names and pronouns of students, that the Humboldt State University Student Health and Wellbeing Services move to confirm the identity of students through the confirmation of last names and birthdates of students, and refer to the chart to confirm the correct pronouns of students, furthermore; be it.

RESOLVED, that the Student Health and Wellbeing Services create a culture of competence and understanding in which students feel they are treated with respect, dignity, and empathy beyond the aforementioned terminology, furthermore; be it.

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to, but not limited to Student Health and Wellbeing Services general staff, to the office of the Executive Director of Student Health and Wellbeing Services Brian Mistle, to the office of the Director of CAPS Jennifer Sanford, and to the office of the Dean of Students Eboni Turnbow.

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