RESOLUTION No.  2013-14-19

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REFERRED TO:  AS COUNCIL

ACTION APPROVED:  February 14, 2014

SUBJECT:  Inclusion of Birthdates on Student ID cards

WHEREAS, Associated Students mission is to “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,

WHEREAS, The Associated Students is the official voice of ALL the Students of Humboldt State University (HSU); and,

WHEREAS, the Vision Statement of HSU includes that “We will be renowned for social and environmental responsibility and action,” and that “We will commit to increasing our diversity of people and perspectives”; and,

WHEREAS, the published Core Values of HSU state, "We prepare students to take on the commitments of critical inquiry, social responsibility, and civic engagement necessary to meet the challenges of the 21st century”; and,

WHEREAS, the Associated Students of HSU recognize value diversity while upholding a commitment to commend and partake in acts of social justice that educate the campus and community on issues of diversity; therefore, it must support Undocumented/International students as a valuable cultural community on campus who are susceptible to harmful negative stereotypes and that these stereotypes create barriers to a safe learning environment for all; and,

WHEREAS, The current university ID card is mandatory for all students and it is more affordable (it costs $5.00) than the California ID card (it costs $35.00); and,

WHEREAS, HSU student’s ID card is required for many campus services such as student housing, dining, library services, academic programs, events, and official functions; and,

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 540 states that “There are high school pupils who have attended elementary and secondary schools in this state for most of their lives and who are likely to remain, but are precluded from obtaining an affordable college education” and a HSU student’s ID card would be used by these students after registering for an academic semester as a form of official identification; and,

WHEREAS, State governments issue an Identification card with a birthdate to its residents to assist them with things such as opening bank accounts, cashing checks, purchasing medicine with a medical prescription, booking any lodging, traveling; renting cars, riding bus/train/airplane, background checks, return items at retailers, renting apartments, getting a membership at sport clubs, and access county services; and,

WHEREAS, State Identifications assist when individuals are involved in any kind of accidents where they can not consciously identify themselves; and
WHEREAS, State Identifications are essential for all students but essential for incoming students who up until now carried other ID cards to prevent the barriers that are aforementioned, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that The Associated Students Council of HSU request the University to provide Student ID cards with the date of birth to the student body; and be it further

RESOLVED, The Associated Students has recognized the need to increase the awareness surrounding issues of the Undocumented/International students including incorporation to HSU, community building, and violence against them; and be it further

RESOLVED, The Associated Students of HSU recognize Undocumented /International Students as an essential members of our community on campus that become targets to susceptible micro-aggressions, that create barriers to a safe learning environment and the ability for students. In addition to additional burdens to process another official identification when a student’s identification with a birthday printed on it will suffice; and be it further

RESOLVED, That HSU communicates the validity of the Student ID cards with birth dates to community partners; such as Real Estate Property Management Offices, Pharmacies, Transportation Facilities, Banks, City Hall, University Policy, and Background Check Agencies

RESOLVED, Social justice should be widely reflected in our vision and values here at HSU, as well as gaining knowledge on our student population such as Undocumented/International issues. As demonstrated by the organization: Finding Resources and Empowerment through Education and allies at HSU, and students are deeply involved in creating a campus that operates with an undocumented friendly mind; and be it further

RESOLVED, The Associated Students call upon the HSU community to take action to ensure that the HSU campus is a safe and friendly learning environment for Undocumented/International students by allowing their date of birth to be present on the student’s identification card; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be sent to, but not limited to: CSU Chancellor, Dr. Timothy White; HSU President, Dr. Rollin Richmond; Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Peg Blake; Vice President of Administrative Affairs, Ms. Joyce Lopes; Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Robert Snyder; the California State Student Association, and all CSU Associated Students.

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