RESOLUTION No. 2019-20-01

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REFERRED TO: A.S. BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ACTION TAKEN: 9-24-2019

SUBJECT: An Act to Clarify the Commitment of the Associated Students of Humboldt State

WHEREAS, the Associated Students (A.S.) Board of Directors 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 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, a commitment from the Associated Students is seen as a commitment from the entire student population on campus; and,

WHEREAS, the term ‘commitment’ is defined as “Commitment is a strong belief in an idea or system;” and,

WHEREAS, the commitment statement of the organization should align with the mission statement of the organization, of which would reflect the current campus goals of the entire Association; and,

WHEREAS, Humboldt State University (HSU) is going through a period of moving to help better address the change of demographics local to HSU; and,

References:
Definition of Commitment https://www.collinsdictionary.com
Definition of Social Justice https://en.wikipedia.org

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WHEREAS, the climate of HSU is one that is calling upon all organizations to be consistently practicing environmental awareness to achieve sustainable practices, to promote consent culture, to promote and embody equitability, of which these are all set as goals, so that HSU can have a Fair and Just campus; and,

WHEREAS, the Term Social Justice is defined as "is a concept of fair and just relations between the individual and society. This is measured by the explicit and tacit terms for the distribution of wealth, opportunities for personal activity, and social privileges"; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Associated Students Board of Directors, request and give authorization to the Social Justice and Equity Officer to establish the 'A.S. Social Justice Committee', as they see fit, and upon the creation of the parameters of the 'A.S. Social Justice Committee' be it automatically enacted, furthermore be it,

RESOLVED, the Associated Students Board of Directors alter the commitment of the Associated Students from being "committed to sustainability" to being "Committed to Social Justice" and that the Associated Students Board of Directors require all A.S. Funded Programs align themselves with this commitment, for all of the Association, Funded Areas to explain how they plan to use Associated Students monies to promote Social Justice, and for all clubs that apply for Associated Students grants to explain how they will use Associated Students grants to help spread Social Justice; furthermore be it,

RESOLVED, that the Associated Students Board of Finance use the Humboldt State University, Associated Students commitment to Social Justice as a critical factor when conducting financial business, such as preparing budgets; furthermore be it,

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to, but not limited to people, Associated Students Funded Programs, Associated Students Funded Areas 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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