



RESOLUTION No. 2019-20-06

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REFERRED TO: A.S. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ACTION APPROVED: February 28, 2020

SUBJECT: An Act to Remove the Elections Performance Bond

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, a performance bond of fifteen dollars (\$15) for each candidate shall be required. This bond must be paid at the A.S. Business Office at the time of filing (turning in materials). [A.S. Elections Code 9.01]; and,

WHEREAS, failure to file (an expense report) will result in the forfeiture of a maximum of one-half (1/2) of the candidate's performance bond. Failure to file a statement of finance within seven (7) days of the initial filing deadline will result in the forfeiture of the remainder of the performance bond [A.S. Elections Code 12.06]; and,

WHEREAS, the A.S. Constitution states, "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,

WHEREAS, members of the student body hold various responsibilities in their individual lives such as maintaining a job in order to sustain basic necessities such as housing and food; and,

WHEREAS, necessitating a performance bond of fifteen dollars to be paid in order to file as an official candidate in the Associated Students Elections can pose as a financial barrier for students desiring to run for office; and,

WHEREAS, 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; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that in an effort to allow the current students of Humboldt State University, regardless of their financial status be able to run for Associated Students office, the Associated Students remove the requirement of an elections performance bond that requires all students to pay \$15 in order to run for elections.

RESOLVED, that to create a more inclusive system and incentivize all elected A.S. officials to submit their campaign expense reports, the Associated Students Board of Directors alter sections 12.06 of the elections code:

[12.06 Expense reports will be due by 4:45 p.m. on the Friday following the last day of the election. Failure to file a statement will result in the forfeiture of a maximum of one-half (1/2) of the candidate's performance bond. Failure to file statement of finance within seven (7) days of the initial filing deadline will result in the forfeiture of the remainder of the performance bond. Subsequent failure to submit a financial statement will result in the Elections Commissioner having the option to take action as prescribed Section 17 of this Code. (12/13)]

To state as follows:

[12.06 Expense reports will be due by 4:45 p.m. on the Friday following the last day of the election. If the candidate wins the election and fails to file a statement this will result in a maximum of one-half (1/2) point tally violation in the attendance sheet. Failure to file a statement of finance within seven (7) days of the initial filing deadline will result in an additional one-half (½) point violation tally in the attendance sheet and/or a mandatory meeting with the Executive Director; whichever the elections commission finds applicable.]

RESOLVED, that the Associated Students Elections Code sections and numbering be edited to reflect the removal of the performance bond in all places it once was,

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to, but not limited to, current students attending Humboldt State University, as well as our current State-designated Advisor and funded programs.

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