RESOLUTION No. 2019-20-08

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REFERRED TO: A.S. Board of Directors
RESOLUTION PASSED: February 28, 2020

SUBJECT: Restructuring Committee Involvement

WHEREAS, the Associated Students (A.S.) Board of Directors of Humboldt State University (HSU) is the single recognized voice for over 6,400 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, students are burdened with needing to pay for college and as a result have to seek employment for financial support; and,

WHEREAS, students then are spending increased amounts of time either working or seeking work so they are then unable to fully engage in campus life which may negatively impact education; and,

WHEREAS, Associated Students have identified, through the Strengthening Committee Task force established at the Fall 2019 Priority Planning Retreat, that students are unable to engage in campus programs because of this burden; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Associated Students in collaboration with the Vice President of Enrollment Management establish a pilot program to be administered Spring 2020 and last the duration of the semester which will create a perk package for students to receive as a member of an A.S. committee.

RESOLVED, that the perk package includes a set stipend, parking scratchers and a set number of c-points to be loaded into the students account and to be determined by the Executive Committee,

RESOLVED, that the A.S. Executive Committee will meet on a regular basis to pilot the program and discuss the ongoing needs for accountability and supervision,

RESOLVED, that the Strengthening Committees Task Force will collect feedback from the A.S. Executive Committee to create analytical tools appropriate for evaluating the strengths and weaknesses of the pilot program to be distributed to the A.S standing committee chairs at the end of
the semester,

RESOLVED, that once the pilot program is concluded and the Strengthening Committees Task Force is dissolved, the A.S. Executive Committee will examine the data to determine if the program was in fact able to increase student engagement,

RESOLVED, if the pilot program proves effective in increasing student participation, steps will be taken to explore expanding the perks to campus and/or University Senate committees where student voices are also critical,

RESOLVED, that upon determining the effectiveness of the pilot program, it will then be worked into the Executive Committee meeting agenda for the future and continue to be a priority of the A.S. Board in order to ensure students are able to become involved without fear of financial burdens,

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to, but not limited to Interim Dean of Students Dr. Turnbow, President Dr. Jackson, University Senate Chair Dr. Burkhalter.

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