



**RESOLUTION No. 2019-20-14**

**AUTHORED BY:** Jeremiah Finley, Legislative Vice President  
**SUPPORTED BY:** Petition

**REFERRED TO:** A.S. BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
**APPROVED:** March 27, 2020

**SUBJECT:** An Act in Support of Financially Sound Practices

**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**, in order to achieve this mission the Associated Students Board of Directors then must spend considerable amounts of time planning events, assessing programs, creating budgets, creating educational materials, and various other amounts of time in meetings to advocate the student's perspective.

**WHEREAS**, the Associated Students are then awarded the means through a Non-Compensatory Stipends in amounts that range from 25 to 95 percent of the "estimated cost of tuition and fees" of Humboldt State University; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Associated Students Board of Directors of Humboldt State University are also students of Humboldt State University and often times the aforementioned cost of tuition and fees often do not accurately reflect the true cost and toll of the attendance of Humboldt State University; and,

**WHEREAS**, the student members of the Associated Students Board of Directors often take on many endeavors that require them to expend their most valuable resource as a student, that resource being time; and,

**WHEREAS**, the time in long and strenuous meetings often increase the responsibility of the student board member to find alternative ways to compensate for time spent in those previously mentioned meetings; and,

**WHEREAS**, currently the Associated Students Board of Directors Non-Compensatory Stipend Code states as follows: Stipends will be awarded per semester (Fall and Spring) based on a percentage of the estimated cost of resident undergraduate tuition and fees as published by the Humboldt State University Financial Aid Office. Adjustments to student fees that are put into effect after the approval of the A.S. annual budget will not be considered until the following fiscal year. Each stipend amount is rounded to the nearest dollar. The percentage of the "estimated cost of tuition and fees" shall be awarded in the following amounts:

- a. President - 95%
- b. Administrative Vice President, Legislative Vice President, Student Affairs Vice President, External Affairs Representative, Environmental Sustainability Officer, Social Justice and Equity Officer, A.S. Presents Representative, Elections Commissioner - 30%
- c. College-specific representatives from each college, AtLarge representatives, Graduate student representative - 25%. (4/17)

**WHEREAS**, the Associated Students Board of Directors affirmed that “the Legislative Vice President is the chief legislative assistant to the President of the Association, having the trust of the association to make proper and accurate analysis concerning the policies concerning Associated Students that would benefit the Association as a whole” as per resolution 2019-20-02; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is then the analysis of the Legislative Vice President that the current Stipend system both misrepresents the workload distribution of the Board of Directors as well as unfairly advantages and simultaneously disincentives other members of the Board of Directors; therefore, be it,

**RESOLVED**, that the Associated Students Board of Directors of Humboldt State University request that the Board of Finance at their next meeting re-evaluate the Stipend System and draft a proposal for the Board of Directors to finalize by the April 24th meeting, furthermore, be it,

**RESOLVED**, upon the finalization of the Board of Directors, the new stipend system shall be incorporated into the following years’ Government budget application.

References:

A.S. Resolution 2019-20-02 “An Act to Establish a More Perfect Student Union”  
A.S. Government Code

Presiding Officer:

Jeremiah Finley, A.S. Legislative Vice President