



RESOLUTION No. 2019-20-16

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REFERRED TO: A.S. Board of Directors

APPROVED: April 17, 2020

SUBJECT: An Act to Prioritize Student Engagement

WHEREAS, the Associated Students (A.S.) Board of Directors of Humboldt State University (HSU) is the single recognized voice for over 6,300 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, the Associated Students are then also tasked with the responsibility to engage students to understand and help interpret their voices so that they can use their power in the most efficient and effective way; and,

WHEREAS, the engagement of students comes in various forms such as participation in campus clubs, attendance of club events, participation in sports, attendance in sports, participation in the shared governance process of Humboldt State University, and attending all committees of said shared governance process; and,

WHEREAS, the Associated Students Board of Directors like the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee are deliberating bodies that are essential to the shared governance process; and,

WHEREAS, the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee is comprised of student-athletes that have priority registration, as was granted to them, since, they meet the criteria under "Category B" of the Registration Policy and Procedure for Students that Humboldt State University has in place; and,

WHEREAS, this allows for the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee to have priority registration, which grants each individual student with the benefits of planning accordingly for their individual sporting events; and,

WHEREAS, the Associated Students of Humboldt State University is an essential part of the University's shared governance process and it then requires all students advocates involved in the Board of Directors to attend various University Senate committees where it is critical for the student voice to be placed in each committee; and,

WHEREAS, the student advocate voice being present is dependent upon the class schedule of the individual person; and,

WHEREAS, the Registration Policy and Procedure for Students that Humboldt State University has in place states in Category C “Students who would not otherwise achieve their academic goals within a reasonable period of time because they participate in an ongoing, university-sanctioned activity that significantly benefits the university. (See Procedures, Section A.3. for general eligibility criteria.) The coordinator of the activity must apply to the Academic Policies Committee (APC) on behalf of the students, for possible inclusion in Category C.”

WHEREAS, the Associated Student Board Coordinator has submitted a request for priority registration for the A.S. Board of Directors; and,

WHEREAS, if the Associated Students Board of Directors of Humboldt State University begins receiving priority registration this “would help the student Directors better maintain their ex-officio and appointed committee memberships. As one of the main vehicles for the shared governance structure this campus strives for, your action towards priority registration would help secure schedules that would allow Directors to uphold their responsibilities and commitments. Additionally, campus would look forward to increased and more consistent student participation in campus decision-making processes.”; therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, that the Associated Students of Humboldt State University move to officially support the priority registration of all student-athletes and **repeal** the A.S. resolution titled **Opposition to Priority or Specialized Registration for HSU Student-Athletes**; furthermore, be it,

RESOLVED, that the Associated Students of Humboldt State University Board of Directors attend the next University Senate Meeting full attendance, to show support for our fellow student advocates and demonstrate through public comment what priority registration can do for the entire Board of Directors; furthermore, be it,

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution are sent to the but not limited to the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, to the office of the President PH.D. Tom Jackson, to the office of the Vice President of Enrollment Management Ph.D. Jason Merriweather, and to the office of the Dean of Students PH.D. Eboni Turnbow.

References:

- <https://associatedstudents.humboldt.edu/content/opposition-priority-or-specialized-registration-hsu-student-athletes>
- <https://policy.humboldt.edu/p15-02-student-registration-policy-and-procedure>