



RESOLUTION No. 2020-21-10

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SUBJECT: Resolution in Support of SQE Demands

WHEREAS, the Associated Students 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, the Students for Quality Education (SQE) is an organization dedicated to “fight for free, accessible and of quality, higher education”; and,

WHEREAS, the Associated Students Board of Directors values and believes in all forms of student advocacy across the California State University system (CSU); and,

WHEREAS, the Associated Students Board of Directors then has the obligation to also support statewide student advocacy across the CSU; and,

WHEREAS, the SQE have laid out demands to the CSU system that they believe will be a benefit to all students across the CSU; and,

No Harm Disarm

- I. Defund UPD
 - A. Defund the police and invest in affirming, life-giving resources and spending for BIPOC and all people disproportionately harmed by the carceral system

- B. Remove all funding for the UPD firearms budget and remove all firearms from campus
 - C. Set a student and faculty run, mutual aid based, program for the emergency/blue lights
 - D. Create a student and faculty led oversight committee/body to oversee the process¹
- II. Resources for marginalized students
 - A. Fund black student resource centers in collaboration with Black/Africana Studies faculty and students
 - B. Hire more mental health counselors in representation of the student body and reflective of the APA student ratio guidelines
 - C. Fund well trained, non-carceral mental health crisis intervention teams
- III. Protect LGBTQIA+ Students
 - A. Provide more safety zones defined by and for LGBTQIA+ and BIPOC students on campus
- IV. Restorative and transformative student justice practices
 - A. Have mandatory, extensive, and repetitive unconscious bias training led by trusted organizations chosen by BIPOC faculty and students Have full transparency to these training sessions including what and when
 - B. Have a process for virtual harassment
 - C. Student affairs must decrease their relationship with policing and do community outreach for restorative and transformative resources instead
 - D. Campus Housing must decrease their relationship with policing. Resident Advisors, staff, and administration required to take consistent unconscious bias trainings

COVID-19 Mitigation: CSU System

- I. Fee Reimbursement
 - A. All fees for cancelled services and unusable facilities must be reimbursed, including gym, lab, housing and parking fees, etc.
- II. Safe/free student housing
 - A. We demand that the CSU system provide safe and free student housing during this pandemic. To ensure safety of CSU students, priority should be given to providing students at risk of being houseless, housing insecurity, and houseless students
- III. Accessible online resources

¹ A.S. recognizes that a process similar to this is currently underway at HSU.

- A. Provide an online open-source library for students to access and support faculty in accommodating students with free online reading material. In addition, do not penalize students for lack of access to technology.
- IV. Faculty & Staff job protections
 - A. In solidarity with CSU faculty and staff, we demand that faculty and staff are jobs are prioritized above administration jobs
- V. Transparency & Student Oversight
 - A. We demand transparency in the use of CARES Act funds via a paid student oversight task force, named by our organization
 - B. We demand that the CSU start planning for commencement ceremonies well in advance
 - C. We demand transparency and pursuit of student input during emergency circumstances. This includes a holistic student, faculty and staff led oversight accountability board
- VI. Student loan debt cancellation
 - A. We demand that the CSU cancel any student loan debt that accrued in response to COVID-19

COVID-19 Mitigation: California

- I. Full rent/mortgage/utility relief
 - A. As students that attend the CSU we demand full rent, mortgage and utility freeze for the on-going period in response to COVID-19
- II. Universal housing guarantee
 - A. A universal housing guarantee via the use of eminent domain. Fill Hotels not graves.
- III. #FreeThemAllForPublic Health
 - A. We demand Governor Newsom grant clemency and release incarcerated people within the CA Prison Industrial complex for public health
- IV. Student loan debt cancellation
 - A. We demand a holistic approach to student debt cancellation
- V. Wealth Tax and police fund relocation
 - A. We demand a wealth tax and police fund reallocation to pay for these measures

WHEREAS, these demands reflect SQE’s vision of free, accessible, and of quality, higher education which is a vision that Associated Students shares and has historically passed resolutions in support of (footnote in a few resolutions from as far back as we can); and,

WHEREAS, with regards to policing the Associated Students Board of Directors have passed a resolution titled “A Resolution to Call for the Restructuring of the University Police Department (2020-21-06)”² and therefore agree with SQE that UPD change is necessary; and,

WHEREAS, students, staff, and faculty within the CSU system have historically attempted to bring honest discussion of basic needs, safety, housing, resource access, and faculty retention to the attention of the CSU system with little definitive system-wide action; and,

WHEREAS, as a body of individual students, The A.S. Board of Directors, believes that the spirit of SQE’s demands in practice would not only benefit the quality of education and wellness of all students across the CSU, but also benefits the quality of workplace environment and wellness of their faculty and staff partners;; therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, That the Associated Students Board of Directors calls for system-wide attention and consideration to the full demands of the SQE, and the actions proposed in those demands; furthermore, be it,

RESOLVED, That the Associated Students Board of Directors calls for campus-wide attention and consideration to the demands of the SQE, and the actions proposed in those demands listed under “No Harm Disarm” and “Covid-19 Mitigation CSU System”; furthermore, be it,

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to the leaders of the HSU SQE Chapter, the University Senate, the California Faculty Association, the and California State Students Association.

² [A Resolution to Call for the Restructuring of the University Police Department](#)