



RESOLUTION No. 2016-17-21

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REFERRED TO: AS COUNCIL
ACTION SCHEDULED: April 17, 2017

SUBJECT: An Act to Amend the Description and Responsibilities of the Office of Social Justice and Equity of the Associated Student Council

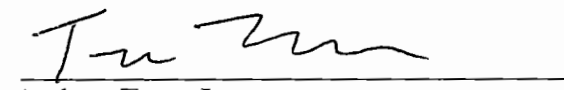
1. **WHEREAS**, The Associated Students (A. S.) Council of Humboldt State University (HSU) is the single recognized voice for over 8,600 students; and,
2. **WHEREAS**, The Mission of the Associated Students of Humboldt State University serves to "assist in the protection of rights and interests of the individual student and the student body," and to "stimulate the educational, social, physical, and cultural well-being of the University community"; and,
3. **WHEREAS**, The authors of the original Resolution to establish this position have received feedback from various stakeholder groups on campus; and,
4. **WHEREAS**, The original intent of this position was to to focus on diversity, inclusion and decolonization, and to address issues of discrimination and injustice; and,
5. **WHEREAS**, The original intent of this position was to represent the many groups on campus who experience discrimination or injustice because of their race, ethnicity, religion, gender, identity, orientation, disabilities or other reasons; and,
6. **WHEREAS**, The intent to represent the many groups and cultures on campus was not outlined or clearly expressed in the language of the Resolution to Establish the Position and Membership on the Officer of Social Justice and Equity, therefore be it:
7. **RESOLVED**, The A.S. Council understands that the term "Decolonization" has many interpretations, however for this definition, this council understands that Decolonization within institutions is a process by which, these very institutions created by colonialism

and imperialism are radically redefined and shaped into supporting and connecting with Indigeneity locally and globally; and,¹

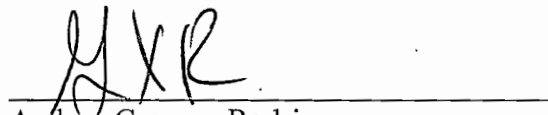
8. **RESOLVED**, That the Officer of Social Justice and Equity will strive for equity and representation of students of different races, ethnicities, genders, gender identity, orientation, disabilities and other underserved identities and communities; and,
9. **RESOLVED**, In addition to the duties outlined in the original Resolution to Establish the Position and Membership of the Officer of Social Justice and Equity, the officer will work to build relationships with groups and entities on and off campus, including but not limited to, the Centers for Academic Excellence, INRSEP, the Multicultural Center, Queer Student Union, M.E.Ch.A., Centro de Pueblo, the Students with Disabilities Advisory Committee, and the Veterans Office; and
10. **RESOLVED**, That the Associated Students Codes and Constitution be amended to reflect these changes to the Council; and finally,
11. **RESOLVED**, That copies of this resolution be sent to, but not limited to: CSU Chancellor Timothy White, HSU President Lisa A. Rossbacher, HSU Administrative Vice President Joyce Lopes, HSU Student Affairs Vice President Peg Blake, HSU Office of Diversity and Inclusion Interim Directors Ramona Bell & Jennifer Eichstedt, University Center Executive Director Dave Nakamura, HSU MultiCultural Center and all HSU Cultural Centers for Academic Excellence, Queer Student Union, The Rainbow Discussion Group, the Veterans Office, Director of Student Access Services, HSU Oh Snap, HSU Health Educator Mira Friedman, Provost and Academic Affairs Vice President Alex Enyedi, HSU Interim CPS Dean Chris Hopper, HSU Interim CAHSS Dean Noah Zerbe, and HSU CNRS Dean Rich Boone



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¹ Ritskes, Erik. "What is decolonization and why does it matter?" Intercontinental Cry. June 18, 2014. Accessed April 24, 2017. <https://intercontinentalcry.org/what-is-decolonization-and-why-does-it-matter/>.