



RESOLUTION No. 2016-17-4
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REFERRED TO: AS COUNCIL
ACTION SCHEDULED: February 06, 2017
SUBJECT: An Act to Establish the Position and Membership of the Sustainability Officer

WHEREAS, The Associated Students (A.S.) Council of Humboldt State University (HSU) is the single recognized voice for over 8,600 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 of Humboldt State University currently has three representatives from each college: (3) College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, (3) College of Professional Studies, (3) College of Natural Resources and Sciences; and,

WHEREAS, The HSU Office of the President explicitly states HSU "will be renowned for social and environmentally responsible action"¹; and,

WHEREAS, Goal four of the HSU 2015-2020 Strategic Plan is "Serve as effective stewards of the natural and built environment and the University's financial resources with a focus on sustainability"²; and,

WHEREAS, The Associated Students Council has a history of committing to increased sustainability and environmental efforts across campus, including but not limited to: formulating an Earth Week Planning Committee³, supporting the planting of fruit trees⁴, supporting "Meatless Mondays"⁵, making HSU a Zero Waste Campus⁶, reducing campus' usage of toxic chemicals⁷, opposing fracking⁸; and,

¹ Office of the President, Humboldt State University. (2017). "Mission, Vision, Values". Website. Retrieved from <<http://www2.humboldt.edu/president/vision>>

² Strategic Plan 2015- 2020, Humboldt State University. Retrieved from <https://strategicplan.humboldt.edu/sites/default/files/WEB_strategicPlan_optimized.pdf>

³ Resolution 2015-16-11: Formation of an Associated Students Earth Week Planning Committee. HSU Associated Students

⁴ Resolution 2015-16-3: Resolution in Support of having Fruit Trees on Campus. HSU Associated Students

⁵ Resolution 2014-15-23: Resolution in Support of Weekly meatless Mondays in "The J". HSU Associated Students

WHEREAS, Other schools in the California State University have recognized the need for a council member focused on sustainability, Chico State has a Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs⁹, CSU East Bay has a Sustainability Director¹⁰, CSU Northridge has a Chair of Sustainability¹¹; and

WHEREAS, That the University and Associated Student Council's interest in sustainability is not reflected in the membership of HSU's Associated Student Council; and,

WHEREAS, The Associated Student Council recognizes the interconnectedness of social and environmental issues: now, therefore be it:

RESOLVED, That (1) College of Natural Resources and Sciences Representative position shall be dissolved; and,

RESOLVED, That (1) the position of Sustainability Officer shall be created as a voting member of the Associated Student Council of HSU; and,

RESOLVED, That the Sustainability Officer shall be nominated by petitions signed by one hundred (100) members of the Association and elected by ranked choice voting through the general elections.

RESOLVED, That the Sustainability Officer shall be the chief officer of sustainability and the chief sustainability advisor to the President and the A.S. Council; and,

RESOLVED, That the duties and powers of the Sustainability Officer shall be to Chair the Earth Week Committee, to sit on or appoint a designee for the Humboldt Energy Independence Fund committee, President's Advisory Committee on Sustainability, A.S. Executive Committee, any other committees rooted in environmental sustainability, and to assume responsibilities for the Graduate Pledge Alliance; and,

RESOLVED, The Sustainability Officer shall consult with the Officer of Diversity and Equity when writing resolutions or planning events to ensure a multitude of perspectives and inclusivity; and,

⁹ Resolution 2014-15-19: In Support of a Zero-Waste Campus. HSU Associated Students

⁷ Resolution 2013-14-27: Resolution Opposing Use of Super Toxic Rat Poisons on Campus. HSU Associated Students

⁸ Resolution 2013-14-14: In Support of the Prompt Ban on Fracking in the State of California. HSU Associated Students

⁹ Associated Students, CSU Chico. (2017) "Who's who in office". Website. Retrieved from

<<https://as.csuchico.edu/index.php/student-government-2/about-government-affairs/>>

¹⁰ Associated Students Inc, CSU East Bay. (2017). "Board of Directors" Website. Retrieved from

<<http://www.csueastbay.edu/asi/departments/student-government/board-of-directors.html>>

¹¹ Associated Students, CSU Northridge. (2017) "Officers". Website. Retrieved from

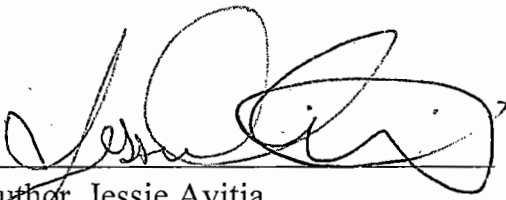
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RESOLVED, That the Sustainability Officer shall receive a non-compensatory stipend of \$2,155 per academic year; and,

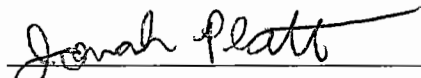
RESOLVED, That these changes shall go into effect with the start of the next A.S. Council and therefore shall be reflected in the Spring 2017 election; and

RESOLVED, That the Associated Students Codes and Constitution be amended to reflect these changes to the Council; and finally,

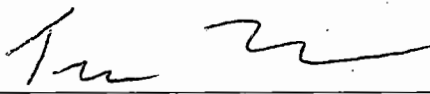
RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to, but not limited to: CSU Chancellor Timothy White, HSU President Lisa A. Rossbacher, HSU Administrative Vice President Joyce Lopes, HSU Student Affairs Vice President Peg Blake, University Center Executive Director Dave Nakamura, HSU MultiCultural Center and Cultural Centers for Academic Excellence, HSU Oh Snap, Library Dean Cyril Oberlander, Provost and Academic Affairs Vice President Alex Enyedi, HSU Interim CPS Dean Chris Hopper, HSU Interim CAHSS Dean Noah Zerbe, HSU CNRS Dean Rich Boone, Director of Sustainability TallChief Comet, Sustainability and Waste Coordinator Morgan King, HSU Resident Housing Association, Humboldt Orientation Program, WRRAP, CCAT, and Green Campus.



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