



RESOLUTION No. 2016-17-5

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**REFERRED TO: AS COUNCIL
ACTION SCHEDULED: February 06, 2017**

SUBJECT: An Act to Establish the Position and Membership of Officer of Social Justice and Equity

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 as a core value, "We believe in the dignity of all individuals, in fair and equitable treatment, and in equal opportunity. We value the richness and interplay of differences. We value the inclusiveness of diversity, and we respect alternative paradigms of thought."¹; and,

WHEREAS, Goal one of the HSU 2015-2020 Strategic Plan is "Prepare students to be socially and environmentally responsible leaders in a diverse and globalized world"²

WHEREAS, Goal two of the HSU 2015-2020 Strategic Plan is "Foster meaningful relationships across differences, including diverse cultural communities, identities, and competencies"³

WHEREAS, Students of HSU have strongly voiced their concerns and shared personal experiences of acts of racism and/or discrimination on this campus; 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>

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WHEREAS, Such acts of racism and/or discrimination may be detrimental to the physical or mental well being of students and interfere with their ability to pursue an education; and,

WHEREAS, This iteration of the Associated Student Council has taken a particular interest in issues of campus climate and cultural competency; and,

WHEREAS, The University and Associated Student Council's interest in equity is not reflected in the makeup of HSU's Associated Student Council; now, therefore be it:

RESOLVED, That (1) College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Representative position shall be dissolved; and,

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

RESOLVED, That the Officer of Social Justice and Equity 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 Officer of Social Justice and Equity shall be the chief advisor to the A.S. President and the A.S. Council on matters of Social Justice and Equity; and,

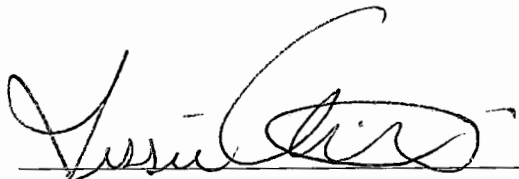
RESOLVED, That the duties and powers of the Officer of Social Justice and Equity shall be to sit on, or appoint a designee for, the Diversity and Inclusion Campus Advisory Council, the Diversity Program Funding Committee, the Services to Students with Disabilities Advisory Committee; the A.S. Executive Committee and any future committee directly pertaining to diversity and/ or inclusion; and be in collaboration with the Social Justice and Equity Council of the CSSA, and,

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

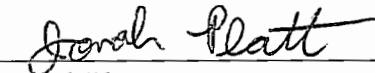
RESOLVED, That these changes shall go into effect with the start of the next A.S. Council and therefore shall be reflected in the Spring 2017 election; and,

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

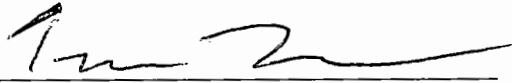
RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to, but not limited to: CSU Chancellor Timothy White, HSU President Lisa A. Rossbacher, HSU Administrative Vice President Joyce Lopes, HSU Student Affairs Vice President Peg Blake, HSU Office of Diversity and Inclusion Interim Directors Ramona Bell & Jennifer Eichstedt, University Center Executive Director Dave Nakamura, HSU MultiCultural Center and all HSU Cultural Centers for Academic Excellence, HSU Oh Snap, HSU Health Educator Mira Friedman, Library Dean Cyril Oberlander, 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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