

RESOLUTION No. 2010-11-1

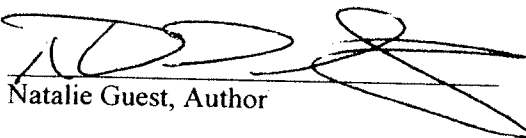
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REFERRED TO: AS COUNCIL
ACTION APPROVED: 1-28-11

SUBJECT: Resolution in Support of Affordable Education and the Student Referendum Results

- 1.) **Whereas**, the mission of the Associated Students is to provide a means for responsible and effective participation in the governance of the campus, to provide an official voice through which students' opinions may be expressed, and to assist in the protection of the rights and interests of the individual student and the student body; and,
- 2.) **Whereas**, Executive Order (EO) 1034, the California State University Student Fee Policy, Section B-1 states "that appropriate and meaningful consultation includes consultation with bodies such as the campus faculty senate, the campus student body association and other constituencies affected by the proposed increase in an existing fee or establishment of a new fee"; and,
- 3.) **Whereas**, , the California State Budget of 2006-07 reduced funding to the California State University (CSU) system, thereby prompting the University Administration, hereafter President Richmond, to remove athletics from the general fund and place it on the Instructionally Related Activities (IRA) fund; and,
- 4.) **Whereas**, President Richmond also placed the Humboldt Energy Independence Fund (HEIF) and the JackPass, being the universal bus pass funding program, on the IRA in that same academic year; and,
- 5.) **Whereas**, President Richmond consciously disregards the results of an Associated Students sponsored referendum regarding the proposed IRA increase of \$202, which received a firm rejection by the student body with an unprecedented 31% voter turn-out; and,
- 6.) **Whereas**, the Associated Students approved resolutions in 2007 that stated that the HEIF and the JackPass program, albeit popular with the student body, do not belong on the IRA fee; and,
- 7.) **Whereas**, mandatory fees for full-time undergraduate resident students at Humboldt State University (HSU) have increased from \$3,175.00 in Academic Year 2006-07 to \$5,750.00 in Academic Year 2010-11, an 81% increase in four years; and,
- 8.) **Whereas**, President Richmond is now proposing another non-sustainable increase to the IRA fee from the amount of \$278.00 per semester per student to \$310.00 per semester per student for Academic Year 2011-12 and \$337.00 per semester per student for Academic Year 2012-13; and,
- 9.) **Whereas**, the IRA fee is proposed to allocate to HEIF 4.0%, the JackPass 8.6%, Athletics 77.9%, and IRA committee only 9.5%; and,

- 10.) **Whereas**, the Student Fee Advisory Committee (SFAC) sponsored a student referendum on the proposed IRA fee that took place on December 7, 8, 9, 2010 receiving 1,464 votes with 32.79% in favor of the proposed increase and 67.21% against the proposed increase; and,
- 11.) **Whereas**, Governor Jerry Brown's proposed State Budget for 2011-2012 will again cut funding to the CSU system in the amount of \$500 million, which will ultimately result in a tuition increase and a decrease in student enrollment; and,
- 12.) **Whereas**, athletic fundraising at HSU in the approximate amount of \$100,000 is not used to support the athletic budget but, rather, is utilized in scouting opportunities and scholarship offers; and,
- 13.) **Whereas**, HSU students currently pay the highest IRA fee and the overall fourth highest mandatory fees in the CSU system according to the 2009-10 CSU Mandatory Fees chart; therefore be it,
- 14.) **Resolved**, that Associated Students vehemently supports the rejection of the proposed IRA fee increase as demonstrated by the student voice via the SFAC sponsored referendum of December 2010; therefore be it further,
- 15.) **Resolved**, Associated Students as the voice of the student body demands that President Richmond honor these referendum results and not increase the IRA fee; be it further,
- 16.) **Resolved**, that no further mandatory fee increases be implemented without being approved by an affirmative vote of the student body; be it further;
- 17.) **Resolved**, that athletic funding be independently separated from the IRA fee and, furthermore, ensure that athletics no longer be primarily funded by mandatory student fees; be it further,
- 18.) **Resolved**, Associated Students continue to support a separation of HEIF and the JackPass from the IRA fee; be it further,
- 19.) **Resolved**, that Associated Students not be hindered in their efforts to "provide an official voice through which students' opinions may be expressed," as stated in the Associated Students' mission statement; therefore be it finally
- 20.) **Resolved**, that copies of this resolution be sent to, but not limited to the following: HSU President Rollin Richmond, CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed, the CSU Board of Trustees, California State Student Association President Christopher Chavez, State Senator Noreen Evans, Assembly Member Wes Chesbro, Vice President for Administrative Affairs Burt Nordstrom, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Robert Snyder, Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs Peg Blake, Vice President for Advancement Frank Whitlatch. The HSU Academic Senate, The Lumberjack newspaper, and members of the local Media


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