



RESOLUTION No. 2014-15-3

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REFERRED TO: AS COUNCIL
ACTION APPROVED: May 9, 2014

SUBJECT: Resolution in Defense of the Indian Natural Resources in Science and Engineering Program

WHEREAS, the Associated Students Council of Humboldt State University recognizes that the Wiyot Tribe are the original inhabitants of the Humboldt Bay Area, and encourages our membership of over 8,000 students to recognize the history of this land; and,

WHEREAS, In the last seven years, nineteen students of the Indian Natural Resources in Science and Engineering Program (INRSEP) have received the prestigious award from the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program, each award worth approximately \$140,000; and,

WHEREAS, During the summer of 2013, 41 INRSEP students specializing in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math participated in external research programs in the United States and overseas; and,

WHEREAS, The INRSEP program has enrolled Native American students in Federal jobs, and leads to scientific collaboration with local native American indigenous people, including Yuroks, Hupas, Wiyots, Karuk and Tolowa; and,

WHEREAS, The INRSEP encompasses the Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation (LSAMP), Society for the Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS) and the American Indian Science and Engineering Society. Humboldt State University's INRSEP program has been recognized as the most successful LSAMP program in all of the CSU system; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Jacquelyn Bolman has transformed HSU into the 5th largest LSAMP within the CSU system, allowing our students to compete with often higher participation numbers than the largest CSU LSAMPs within the national collegiate level; and,

WHEREAS, In 2013, Dr. Bolman received the SACNAS Distinguished Professional Mentor Award, one of only 11 ever awarded; and,

WHEREAS, INRSEP was designed and built to be within the College of Natural Resources and Sciences (CNRS), and was a part of the CNRS for 40+ years. We are concerned that a disjunction from CNRS could threaten INRSEP funding opportunities and cause a loss of Dr. Bolman's voice in the decision making process; and


WHEREAS, The INRSEP is praised for being a first program of its kind in California and the United States, and won an award from President Clinton in September of 2000; and

WHEREAS, The Indian Natural Resources in Science and Engineering Program was renamed Center of Academic Excellence in STEM (CAE-STEM) in 2013; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Associated Students Council of Humboldt State University that we request that INRSEP/ CAE-STEM is maintained under the College of Natural Resources and Sciences; and that the program be allowed to continue on without the stress from threats of being dismantled; and be it further,

RESOLVED, That the program be provided the security of keeping the mentor and spiritual leader, Dr. Jacquelyn Bolman and always consider the students of INRSEP; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to, but not limited to, President Lisa A. Rossbacher, President Rollin Richmond, Vice President of Academic Affairs Bob Snyder, the Many Tribal Nations Club, The Indigenous Student Alliance, the Lost Coast Outpost, Times Standard, Mad River Union, North Coast Journal, KIEM TV, The Arcata Eye, KAEF 23, KFMI- FM 96.3, KISS-FM 99.1, KSLUG-FM 94., and to the Indigenous Tribes of the North Coast, including the Yuroks, Hupas, Wiyots, Karuk, Bear River, Blue Lake, and Trinidad Tribes



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