

Timeline: 1984 -2025 ERFA → ERFSA

Year / Date	Event / Milestone	Source / Notes
1984	ERFA founded by Kathryn Corbett	Based <i>A View from the Hill: A History of Humboldt State University</i> (1993) by William Tanner
1987	Trust established under the umbrella of the HSU Foundation to “benefit the academic and creative programs, scholarly and creative activities and research at HSU	Humboldt-ERFA Newsletter #3 plans were to ask each professor to donate \$100.
2015	Letter of Agreement with Humboldt Area Foundation and the Wild Rivers Community Foundation (HAF&WRCF) for fund administration	Indicates ERFA has a formal board and can negotiate fund management. https://www.humboldt.edu/emeritus-and-retired-faculty
2019	All Retired Annuitants (faculty, staff and administrators) be included in ERFSA membership.	Humboldt-ERFSA website https://www.humboldt.edu/emeritus-and-retired-faculty
2019	Bylaws approved ; organization formally becomes Humboldt-ERFSA	Codifies governance, fiscal year, officer roles; formalizes existing .operations http://www.humboldt.edu/emeritus-and-retired-faculty
2020–present	ERFSA recognized in University Senate minutes and policies	Confirms ongoing activity, engagement with administration, and emeritus nomination process.
2024	HAF&WRCF agreement updated; fund continues to support junior faculty and ERFSA activities	Ensures continuity and clarifies succession if the local ERFSA dissolves. https://www.humboldt.edu/emeritus-and-retired-faculty

Humboldt-ERFSA: Key Historical Points

• **Founding and Early Mission (1984–1987):**

Kathryn Corbett founded the Emeritus & Retired Faculty Association (ERFA) in 1984. Within a few years, the group formalized its support for academic enrichment through the creation of an HSU Foundation trust and early grant-fundraising efforts.

• **Connection to CSU-wide Advocacy (1985):**

Parallel to local efforts, CSU-ERFSA secured policies recognizing emeritus faculty as continuing members of the academic community with full faculty privileges—context that strengthened ERFA’s position and expectations at Humboldt.

- **Strengthening Infrastructure (2015):**

A formal agreement with the Humboldt Area Foundation & Wild Rivers Community Foundation established long-term, professional administration of the ERFA/ERFSA fund.

- **Organizational Transition (2019):**

ERFA evolved into Humboldt-ERFSA with the adoption of bylaws, expanded membership, and clarified governance. The new structure formalized decades of activity while remaining consistent with the group's founding mission.

- **Continued Presence and Support (2020–present):**

Humboldt-ERFSA remains active in university governance and continues to support junior faculty and staff through its endowed fund, bolstered by updated agreements in 2024 ensuring long-term continuity.