

**Resolution on Revising Humboldt State University's
Physical Capacity Enrollment Ceiling
(#10-03/04-EX)**

WHEREAS, The California Postsecondary Education Commission (CPEC) predicts that in the year 2010, 68,000 FTE students will be unable to enroll in the California State University System, and that the number of students denied enrollment could reach numbers that compare to the entire enrollment of all California public colleges and universities in 1960; and

WHEREAS, As enrollment growth in the CSU is likely to put pressure on Humboldt State University to increase its enrollment ceiling, the current Master Plan Revision process includes an examination of Humboldt State University's physical capacity enrollment ceiling; and

WHEREAS, The 1972 California Master Plan for Higher Education in the Seventies and Beyond stated, "The maximum size and rate of growth for each campus should be determined in response to the particular character of that campus and its programs, its local setting and ecology, and its organization and academic structure--in addition to economies of scale."; and

WHEREAS, The Humboldt State University community identified the following values, important for a high quality HSU academic experience, that should not be compromised by enrollment growth:

- maintain a close-knit community of students and university mentors so that HSU is a place where students want to be and a place where students feel wanted and supported,
- maintain and enhance close partnerships with the community and retain the student/faculty/staff commitment to active engagement in the local community as well as the larger world community,
- enhance HSU's reputation as an environmentally aware campus and use growth in both the community and university as an example for the possibilities of sustainable growth,
- maintain relatively small classes, retain the opportunity for a close student/faculty interaction, and continue to provide access to classes, full-time professors and adequate advising;

and

WHEREAS, The campus physical capacity enrollment ceiling FTES is determined by the exclusion of summer school FTES and S-factor FTES from the funded enrollment FTES, which means:

- the current 2003 funded enrollment of 7100 FTES and 7550 headcount translates to approximately a *6000 FTES campus physical capacity enrollment ceiling*, compared to the current HSU physical capacity enrollment ceiling of 8000 FTES, and
- a projected 11780 funded FTES with a 12832 headcount translates to approximately a *10000 FTES campus physical capacity enrollment ceiling*, and
- a projected 14067 funded FTES and 15323 headcount translates to approximately a *12000 FTES campus physical capacity enrollment ceiling*;

and

WHEREAS, Humboldt State University's current physical capacity enrollment ceiling of 8000 represents approximately 2.23 percent of the total CSU enrollment ceiling; and

- WHEREAS, In 2012 Humboldt State University's current physical capacity enrollment ceiling of 8000 is estimated to be approximately 1.75 percent of the total projected CSU enrollment ceiling, while a 10000 FTES physical capacity enrollment ceiling would equate to approximately 2.18 percent, and a 12000 FTES physical capacity enrollment ceiling would equate to approximately 2.6 percent of the projected CSU enrollment ceiling; and
- WHEREAS, The 1972 California Master Plan for Higher Education in the Seventies and Beyond also stated, ". . . conditions of each campus should be examined before the maximum enrollment is determined . . . and include educational programs to be provided, the economy of scale, the relationship of the campus to its community, and the internal organization of the institution. . . ." and the report recommends that these and other physical conditions be reviewed at enrollment levels identified as *peril points*; and
- WHEREAS, The Carnegie Commission on Higher Education recommended a range of 5000 to 10000 FTES as *peril points* for comprehensive colleges such as HSU; and
- WHEREAS, Any campus growth will need to address issues of parking, housing, ethnic and racial diversity, and the impact on the community; and
- WHEREAS, The rate and magnitude of campus growth can affect the ability of academic programs to place students in the community for activities such as student teaching, service learning experiences and field placements; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommend that the physical capacity enrollment ceiling be set at a range between 10000 and 12000 FTES with a predicted headcount of 12900-15450 students and an annual enrollment growth averaging 1 to 2 percent; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommend that the annual growth rate not exceed the ability of the community to deal with the increased student population; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommend that the student/faculty ratio be maintained at levels consistent with the smaller class size known at HSU with a student/faculty ratio of approximately 18:1; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommend that any campus growth be coordinated with the local and regional community.