Attachment to Resolution (#08-04/05-FA)

RESOLUTION ON COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS AND HSU FACULTY ON CAMPUS VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE
Approved 9/27/04

WHEREAS, The Associated Students is the official recognized voice of the students at Humboldt State University; and

WHEREAS, The 1998 Higher Education Act requires that institutions of higher education "make a good faith effort to distribute a mail voter registration form, requested, and received from the State, to each student enrolled in a degree or certificate program and physically in attendance at the institution, and to make such forms widely available to student at the institution;" and

WHEREAS, President Richmond has signed on to support all efforts to increase student turnout at the polls; and

WHEREAS, The Associated Students is committed to working on the institutionalization of voter registration within the University in order to allow Associated Students to better focus on educating student voters, in a non-partisan manner, and turning them out to vote with a more educated understanding of the issues; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the California State University (CSU) is "To prepare significant numbers of educated, responsible people to contribute to California' schools, economy, culture, and future; to prepare students for an international, multi-cultural society; and to provide public services that enrich the university and its communities;" and

WHEREAS, Less than half of eligible citizens between the ages of 18-24 voted in the 2000 Presidential Election, compared with 70% of older citizens; and

WHEREAS, An engaged citizenry is essential to the success of the democratic process in the City of Arcata, the County of Humboldt, the State of California, and The United States; and

WHEREAS, The Associated Students recognizes the impact and influence that HSU Faculty members have on their students and that collaboration between students, faculty, staff and administration, is essential to a significantly important to a successful voter registration drive; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University, in conjunction with the Associated Students, and President Rollin Richmond, ask all faculty members to promote civic engagement by annually allotting ten minutes of classroom time during the first week of class to promote non-partisan voter registration for all students; therefore be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent, but not limited to: HSU President Rollin Richmond, the HSU Academic Senate, The California State Student Association, the California Faculty Association, the Lumberjack Newspaper, and the local media.

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