

CAL POLY HUMBOLDT
University Senate

Sense of the Senate Resolution on
Expectations for Ethical Research with Indigenous Communities of Northwestern California

02-26/27-Ex – September 15, 2026 – First Reading

WHEREAS: With Humboldt State University's transformation into California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt, the number of non-Native researchers who want to work with Indigenous Communities of Northwestern California is expected to rise; and

WHEREAS: A document (attached) was created collaboratively for the [Expectations for Ethical Research with Indigenous Communities of Northwestern California](#); and

WHEREAS: These are basic expectations for non-Native researchers who want to engage in ethical research with Indigenous Communities of Northwestern California; and

WHEREAS: While these requirements are necessary, they are not, in and of themselves, sufficient for ethical research with Indigenous Communities of Northwestern California; and

WHEREAS: The following expectations can be considered a “floor,” not a “ceiling.”; and

WHEREAS: This is not a checklist for non-Native researchers, and the following list of expectations does not claim to address all people, communities, or Tribes of Northwestern California; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the University Senate of Cal Poly Humboldt supports this document as necessary training for faculty, staff, and students engaged in scholarly work; and

RESOLVED, That the University Senate of Cal Poly Humboldt supports the Sponsored Programs Foundation in using this document as necessary training for faculty, staff, and students engaged in scholarly work; and

RESOLVED, That researchers review this document before engaging in scholarly work with Indigenous Communities of Northwestern California; and

RESOLVED, That researchers review this document before engaging in scholarly work in locations of Indigenous Communities of Northwestern California; and

RESOLVED, That the attached document and resolution be distributed to

- The General Faculty of Cal Poly Humboldt

- The President of Cal Poly Humboldt, *Richard Carvajal*;
- Special Assistant to the President for Tribal & Community Engagement, *Adrienne Colegrove-Raymond*
- Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, *Shawna Young*
- Associate Vice President for Research, *Kacie Flynn*
- General Faculty President of Cal Poly Humboldt, *Chris Harmon*
- Staff Council Chair of Cal Poly Humboldt, *Kathy Hudson*
- President of Associated Students of Cal Poly Humboldt, *Ayan Cabot*