

HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY

University Senate

**Resolution on the CSU Board of Trustees' Policy for the Selection of Presidents**

05-13/14-EX – October 1, 2013

RESOLVED: that the University Senate of Humboldt State University (USHSU) strongly encourages the Chancellor and the Trustees Committee for the Selection of the President (TCSP) to schedule official campus visits for the finalists in the search for a new president of Humboldt State University in the academic year 2013/14; and be it further

RESOLVED: that the USHSU encourages the CSU Board of Trustees to revisit their Policy for the Selection of Presidents of September 20-21, 2011 (attached) and once again make official campus visits for finalists in presidential searches mandatory; and be it further

RESOLVED: that the USHSU urges the CSU Board of Trustees and the Office of the Chancellor include a representative from the campus Advisory Committee to the Trustees Committee for the Selection of the President as a full member of the Trustees Committee for the Selection of the President; and be it further

RESOLVED: that the USHSU affirms that the incoming president of Humboldt State will ultimately be judged *not* on the procedures by which she or he was selected *but* on her or his performance as president.

RATIONALE: The CSU Board of Trustees will be conducting a search for a new president of Humboldt State University in the academic year 2013/14. The CSU Board of Trustees' Policy for the Selection of Presidents of September 20-21, 2011 states that "the Chancellor and the Chair of the TCSP determine whether to schedule campus visits, which are optional, or to schedule campus visits on a modified basis, depending on the circumstances of the search." That same Policy affirms a "deep commitment throughout the process to the principles of consultation with campus and community representatives." Candidate campus visits would increase the transparency in the search process and reinforce the trust between the University and the public in the outcome of the search. Such visits also provide the CSU Board of Trustees and the TCSP as well as the University and the public important insight into the candidates' knowledge of, and ability to lead, the students, faculty, staff, and administration of Humboldt State. Further, given the unique characteristics of Humboldt State as a relatively remote campus in the system, campus visits provide the only vehicle through which any candidate can develop a real sense of the strengths and challenges faced by the campus. While we welcome efforts by the Board of Trustees and the Office of the Chancellor to ensure an active role for the campus advisory committee in the search process, we also believe it is important to include a member of the campus community in the decision making process itself.

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Forwarded to President Richmond as Information Item:

Forwarded to Chancellor White and CSU Board of Trustees: