



HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY

Office of the President

May 5, 2014

Provost Robert Snyder
Professor Erick Eschker
Co-Chairs of the University Resources and Planning Commission

Dear Bob and Erick and URPC members:

Please accept my thanks for your and your colleagues' excellent review of the university's budget situation and your recommendations for the 2014/15 budget for Humboldt State University. I have discussed your recommendations and the minor changes I will effect with incoming President Lisa Rossbacher. Dr. Rossbacher agrees with my decisions.

First, Dr. Rossbacher and I accept your recommendations. We are both concerned about our need to recruit more tenure-track faculty, and Dr. Rossbacher has indicated that increasing the percentage of tenure-track faculty is a prime concern of hers as well. She also expects that the priorities you have established will be continued in the future to allow the campus to address the important issues you have identified. We also approve the request from Academic Affairs to cover the anticipated deficit in funds for faculty salaries and benefits from the 2013/14 university reserves. Please inform the President's Office if the financial request stated in the document is significantly different from the actual need at the end of this fiscal year.

I propose one change to your recommendations. The request of the eLearning unit for \$360,000 in one-time funds to augment their budget will be granted by transferring funds from the 2014/15 university reserves. The eLearning initiative is an excellent way to help our students, especially those who have significant demands on their time as a consequence of having jobs, families, or professional or cultural requirements that affect their schedules. In addition, eLearning has significant potential to bring additional resources to the university at a time when the resources allocated by the state are less than what is needed to support a quality educational experience for our students.

Thank you again for your excellent work on the budget for 2014/15.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rollin C. Richmond".

Rollin C. Richmond
President

cc: President Designate, Dr. Lisa Rossbacher
Professor Noah Zerbe, University Senate Chair