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Humboldt State Students Formally Declare Support for Occupy Humboldt

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Arcata, Calif. – One month into the Occupation of Wall Street and just over two weeks into the Occupation at HSU, Occupy Humboldt has received formal support from the Associated Students of Humboldt State University.

On Oct. 17, the Associated Students passed a resolution to support the continued presence of Occupy Humboldt on campus for the duration of the movement.

Resolution No. 2011-12-3, authored by students Brandon Durr and Emily Adams, formally addressed the presence of the Occupiers on campus. The five resolutions in the legal document recognize the Constitutional rights of the Occupiers to “peacefully assemble in a public space.” They also call on the campus administration to allow Occupiers to suspend University Code Rules and Regulation 5100, officially allowing Occupiers to sleep and camp at the site. The resolution passed the council with just one dissent and one abstention.

The resolution declares that the Occupation is in line with the university’s published set of Core Values, which states, in part: “We prepare students to take on the commitments of critical inquiry, social responsibility and civic engagement necessary to meet the challenges of the 21st century.”

And, in fact, occupiers have shown their ability to “take on the commitments” of such inquiry 24-hours-a-day, despite those challenges.

“Occupy Humboldt provides students with a means to achieve these ends by providing an inclusive public forum through which students deliberate on contemporary social challenges,” the resolution says.

And the Associated Students are not the only organization showing support for Occupy Humboldt and the growing global Occupation, which began Sept. 17. A petition, drafted by Occupy Humboldt to show public support of its continued presence, garnered nearly 400 signatures from students and community members in less than two weeks.

Additionally, a Facebook post by The Green Party of Humboldt County on Occupy Humboldt’s wall voiced the party’s support for the movement. “The Green Party of the United States supports the peaceful actions of #OccupyHumboldt, Occupy Arcata, Occupy Eureka, and all patriots standing up for democracy and equality on this historic day of global protest. Three

cheers for thoughtful and principled political action!"

While the Occupiers appreciate the support, they are not officially affiliated with any political parties.

On a national scale, other groups and organizations are calling for similar recognition of Occupiers' Constitutional rights. A statement from the Center for Constitutional Rights reads, "[Occupy Wall Street] shows the power of dissent, a power and a right that law enforcement has long sought to criminalize and repress..."

As support for Occupations worldwide continues to grow, Occupy Humboldt plans to continue its events, activities and community building opportunities.

This week's events include a live interview of Occupy Humboldt by HSU Journalism professor Marcy Burstiner. The interview will air on KHSU's "Thursday Night Talk," at 7 p.m., followed by a live fire show on the UC Quad by the Humboldt Circus at 7:47 p.m, and an Artful Activism workshop at the Campus Center for Appropriate Technology (CCAT) on Oct. 21 from 4-7 p.m.

The upcoming week's events include a screening of the film "The Art of Flight" in partnership with the campus snowboarding club at the UC Quad on Oct. 24 at 8:30 p.m. and the Harvest Fest celebration at CCAT on Oct. 27 from 5-10 p.m.

As always, there will be an OccuParty on the UC Quad on Sunday, starting at noon, and a General Assembly every evening at 7 p.m., which is open to any who wish to attend. This is your protest; join the party.

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