Humboldt State University Proposed Name Change

November 2020:
Invitation from Chancellor White

Early 2021:
Ongoing collaboration and discussions

Late 2020: CO and HSU meet on process to become a polytechnic

Spring and Summer 2021:
Completion of the self-study by HSU
What is a Polytechnic?

- Embraces a “learning by doing” approach to education rooted in place
- Emphasizes application of knowledge and skill, creating career-ready graduates and leaders
- Provides curricula with both broad and specialized offerings in natural sciences, applied sciences, including health, technology, and engineering
- Implements strong integration of the Liberal Arts

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Polytechnic Self-Study

• Academic Programs and the Role of the Liberal Arts
• Inclusive Student Success
• Facilities, Budget and Resources
• External Partnerships and New University Name

Cal Poly Humboldt as a “Triple Threat”

1. Aligning degree programs with California’s goals
2. Increasing access to high demand degree programs in the CSU
3. Stimulating the economy of Northern California
Meeting the Needs of California

New and High Demand Programs

- Applied Fire Science & Management
- Data Science
- Engineering
- Cybersecurity and Information Systems
- Marine Biology
- Health
Stimulating the Economy of Northern California

HSU as an Economic Driver

1. HSU is the largest employer in the area—$459 million annual impact
2. Broader talent pool for current industry
3. New business development
4. New construction = hundreds of new jobs
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Building on our Commitment to Inclusive Student Success

Increase Access and Reduce Equity Gaps

- Recruitment
- Basic Needs
- Retention and Degree Completion
- Alumni Partnerships