

September 10, 2026 Humboldt-ERFSA Executive Meeting Notes

Present: Marshelle Thobaben, President & Cal Poly Humboldt University Senate Representative; Jeffry Borgeld, Membership Chair; Lou Ann Wieand, Treasurer, Susan Dobie, Program Chair, Kumi Watanabe-Schock, Communications Chair, Guest VP Steve Karp

Decision: Unanimously approved ERFSA starting a **CPH Humboldt-ERFSA Current Use Account**. ERFSA will maintain accounts with both HAF and CPH. Establishing a CPH account would provide the added advantage of expanding our fundraising opportunities. This is an addition to The Cal Poly Humboldt ERFSA Account TV012-HSU_ERFA_Fund—dues account.

9/11 Sent the approved motion to VP Karp to review and include the link for the CPU. It will be sent to:

Foundation ERFSA Acct. Will email the request to:

Lindsey Murrell, Donor Relations Manager

Humboldt Area Foundation & Wild Rivers Community Foundation

363 Indianola Road, Bayside CA 95524

Motion: That the Humboldt-Emeritus and Retired Faculty and Staff Association (Humboldt-ERFSA) Executive Committee recommend that HAF+WRCF approve a \$2,000 distribution from the ERFSA Expendable Field of Interest Fund to the Cal Poly Humboldt Foundation for deposit into an ERFSA CPH Current Use Account, with the funds to be used for purposes consistent with the intent and provisions of the Fund Agreement; and that the ERFSA President or designee be authorized to submit the request to HAF+WRCF and obtain confirmation that the proposed distribution is permissible under the Agreement.

Action: Motion approved by the Executive Committee.

The Agreement and ERFSA Bylaws for reference:

[Humboldt Area Foundation-ERFSA Updated Contract](#)

[2022 Humboldt-ERFSA Bylaws \(updated February 26, 2025\)](#)

President Report (Marshelle)

Update: Kumi Watanabe-Schock was also invited to be a member of CPU's Strategic Planning Council—She will set up a google doc page once there are documents for ERFSA members to comment on.

Invitation from President Carvajal to join Cal Poly Humboldt's Strategic Planning Council.

- **Kick-Off Meeting: Monday, August 31 | 1:00–2:30 p.m.**
- **Half-Day Strategic Planning Retreat: Friday, September 25 | 12:00–5:00 p.m.**
- **Strategic Planning Work Session: Tues, Nov. 3, 1:00-3:00pm**

*Through your service as the **ERFSA delegate to University Senate [all senators invited and members of the President's Cabinet and Executive Cabinet]**, we value the perspective you bring from Humboldt's retired faculty and staff and your long view of the institution. Our goal is to bring together established leaders and voices that may not always be part of institutional planning conversations, drawing upon the experience, creativity, and insight found throughout our university and broader community. The process*

will be inclusive, but it will also move quickly. Council members should expect an active working role: engaging deeply in our conversations, listening to perspectives beyond their own.

Discussion: If Humboldt-ERFSA ceases to exist the current language is:

If the Cal Poly Humboldt Emeritus and Retired Faculty & Staff Association Board should cease to exist, HAF+WRCF will expend the balance of the fund to the California State University Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association, 18111 Nordhoff Street, CA 91330-8339.

Lou Ann will bring back motion for the Exc Com to vote on.

Aug. 24th Kumi received a notice she was losing her email privileges because she did not have emeritus status. She contacted **Michelle Caisse, Interim Associate Vice President of Human Resources**, who responded to both of us. I sent her the complete list of ES Awardees since 2021—there were several ES retirees with the same issue: *...we can see that when it [Kumi's email] was entered, HR added a note that this would be ongoing with **no end date**. At some point after that, someone added an exit date. I believe the issue is that there needs to be an end date entered. We changed the exit date to 01/03/2099 and reviewed all others on the list and made the necessary corrections to those people as well.* I also notified Executive Assistant to the Provost Pearl Podgorniak.

Sept 1st University Senate-submitted ERFSA report regarding luncheon speakers

Sept. 2nd & Sept 3rd Meeting with Angie—swag for the 1st luncheon meeting. Members enjoyed the mugs, hats, wine glasses and pens.

Sept. 24th 9:30 to 11:30 am Zoom Meeting with **CSU-ERFSA Ex Com** and campus affiliates *to start to build relationships between the affiliates so that we can each better serve the retirees from our campus.* Kumi volunteered to attend the meeting.

Sept 1st Emeritus Status applications closed.

- The Provost Office/University Senate have agreed on the process/timeline to approve ES nominees.
- **Provost Communication: Wednesday, August 19, 2026 [The Humboldt Emeritus, Retired Faculty and Staff Association \(Humboldt-ERFSA\) Nominations are Due September 1, 2026...](#)**
 - *Nominations should be submitted to the Senate Office by emailing senate@humboldt.edu. More information can be found at the following link: [Emeritus Status](#).*

Promoting the ERFSA website as a primary source of information for our members.

- Aug 18th Emailed to the ERFSA listserv information about the ERFSA Website *Introducing the Humboldt-ERFSA Online Hub: Connecting Our Past, Present and Future. Approved by exe com 8.18.2026* Positive comments about the ERFSA website.
- ERFA Hub handout for members at this meeting.

Discussion-Fundraiser 26-27 AY “shared responsibility”

Who would draft the next fundraiser letter. The 2024 fundraiser letters remain on Fundraising Template as examples.

- 2026 posted on Fundraising Template [Templates | Cal Poly Humboldt](#)
- Announced the ERFSA grant fundraiser at the Sept Luncheon Meeting—handouts were provided.

- 9/10 Emailed the fundraiser 1st Fundraiser letter to the ERFSA listserv (June 30th approved) Continued discussion:

Shared Responsibility update the Grant letters

Grant templates

- [ERFSA Grant Recipient Acceptance Letter Template 2025 \(docx\)](#)—date of réception
- [ERFSA Grant Recipient Rejection Letter Template \(docx\)](#)
- [2025-ERFSA Award Ranking Template \(xlsx\)](#)
- [ERFSA Grant Flyer 2025](#)—missing
- [ERFSA Grant Application 2025](#)--missing

Shared Responsibility Grant Reception

Decision: Discussed the 3 possible choices for the ES spring reception: Plaza Grill View Room [room rental @ \$500/*plus* catering] CPU: <https://humboldtcatering.catertrax.com/> & Decided on Baywood Golf and Country Club: Room Rental \$300 (\$150/hour/room rental). Talked with General Manager Josh @ the cost of hors d'oeuvres & drinks. Will work within our budget.

Program Chair (Susan)

8/14/26 Kumi updated the Google list of potential speakers be updated

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1NTJIADmB3kuhyEVZNt26EoBqmUru6egxmrpbwLmnj4/edit?tab=t.0>

Luncheon Program for Fall 2026: Posted on ERFA Website [Emeritus & Retired Faculty & Staff Association \(ERFSA\) | Cal Poly Humboldt](#)

Debrief--Sept 10th Ryan Aylward: NOAA Warning Coordination Meteorologist. *“El Niño—Just Hot Water.”* Probably @ 40 guests, will receive presentation.

Continued discussion: Humboldt-ERFSA Spring 2027 Speakers, Field trip, President Carvajal
No rush since not included in OLLI program booklet

Future Fall Presenters

Oct 8, 2026. Cutchá Risling Baldy: Prof. Native American Studies, 2026 Outstanding Professor Award Recipient. *“Rou Dalagurr: Everyone Works Together - Indigenous Food Sovereignty & Community Resilience”*. A discussion exploring how the Rou Dalagurr Food Sovereignty Lab creates real-world solutions that support both people and the environment. Engaging sustainability, Indigenous leadership, climate action, or community-based research, this presentation highlights how everyone has a role to play in land management and decolonized futures. Come see how working together today can help shape a healthier future for generations to come.

<https://www.humboldt.edu/food-sovereignty>

https://www.canva.com/design/DAG5KD7tAlc/m1IfuRmeHhdtgb779Phh4A/view?utm_content=DAG5KD7tAlc&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link2&utm_source=uniquelinks&utm_id=hcc2e7a4b6d

Introduction by Kumi Watanabe-Schock.

Nov 12, 2026, Dr. Justus Ortega, PhD. (Dean of the College of Professional Studies), **Dr. Sarah Landis, PT, MS, DPT** (Director of the Health and Medical Science Degree Program and Biomechanics Lab Mgr.) *“Physical Balance and Fall Risk”*. The Cal Poly Humboldt Fall Risk Program is a collaborative community initiative that partners with local healthcare providers, senior centers, community organizations, and wellness programs to promote healthy aging and reduce fall risk among older adults. This presentation will highlight the impact of these partnerships, showcase ongoing research findings, and demonstrate how community engagement, experiential learning, and

applied research come together to improve the lives of older adults while preparing for the next generation of healthcare professionals.

Introduction by Lou Ann Wieand

Dec 10, 2026, Christine Noel: Education Curator, Sequoia Park Zoo. ***“Stories of Survival at the Sequoia Park Zoo.”*** Sequoia Park Zoo provides a home to many non-releasable rehabilitated animals, including black bear, eagle and owls. Stories of zoo team survival and descriptions of the specialized care, husbandry and welfare practices that go into caring for these animals will be discussed. The Zoo’s website is redwoodzoo.org. We are also accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), their website is aza.org.

Introduction by Susan Dobie

Membership (Jeff)

2026-27AY sum=30-32

Treasurer (Lou Ann) Marshelle

The Cal Poly Humboldt ERFSA Account TV012-HSU_ERFA_Fund: **\$8,301.12**

HAF & WRCF Account: **\$65,335.07**

CSU-ERFSA Quarterly Rebate: **\$189.90**

Communications Chair (Kumi)

- Press releases & UNotices go out through the regular channels including the Northcoast Journal Calendar section for Spring Speaker Series
- **Small Grant Recipients New Promotional Videos: new videos:** Kaitlin Reed (2020. Roberto Mónico (2025) were added. Kumi will line up more recipients for promotional videos in 26-27.
- **Emeritus Status ID cards: Timothy W. Miller**, Library Faculty Co-chair (Access Services), Digital Media & Learning Librarian: question about Faculty and Staff IDs. He worked with ITS to change the titles I.D.s from "Emeritus Faculty & Emeritus Staff" to "Faculty Emeritus & Staff Emeritus".

Humboldt-ERFSA website: Cal Poly Humboldt Emeritus Status ID

There are two ways to get your Cal Poly Humboldt Faculty Emeritus Status ID.

1. At the library’s front desk ask for an emeritus faculty ID. The staff looks up your emeritus status & then they will print you an ID. The library hours vary.
2. Online--the instructions link is: <https://library.humboldt.edu/services/ID/index.html>

Will be added to the ERFSA website with Sept meeting notes

In accordance with Section 540 of CPH's Faculty Handbook, faculty and staff emeriti may place the Latin designation emeritus or emerita following the title of their highest academic or administrative position on official correspondence. Because emeritus is an adjective rather than a noun, the grammatically correct usage is "Staff Emeritus" or "Faculty Emeritus," rather than "Emeritus Staff" or "Emeritus Faculty" for the Emeritus Status ID.

- Update on OLLI Promotion of ERFSA program – Liz Lujan, Interim OLLI Director is promoting ERFSA’s luncheon Speaker Series in weekly e-newsletter. Mairead is on medical leave.

Next Meeting: Oct 8, 2026