

Cal Poly Humboldt FOUNDATION

Minutes of the DONOR INTENTION & FULFILLMENT COMMITTEE February 27, 2026

Members Present:

Carin Kaltschmidt
Eden Donahue
Michelle Donahue
Jordan Kemme
Jack McGurk
Dan Phillips
Robin Smith

Members Absent:

none

Guests: Ana Davis, Jorie Emory, Kevin Furtado, Steve Karp, Stacie Lyans, Angie Petroske, Jamie Rich, Cutcha Risling Baldy, Travis Williams, and Teresa Wilmott

A regular meeting of the Cal Poly Humboldt Foundation Donor Intention & Fulfillment Committee was held on Friday, February 27, 2026 at 9:00 AM via Zoom Teleconference.

1. Call to Order / Land Acknowledgement / Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 AM by Committee Chair Carin Kaltschmidt.

2. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

3. Minutes: August 22, 2025 Meeting

The committee was reminded that the minutes from the previous meeting have already been approved via email.

4. Committee Roles & Responsibilities

The Committee Roles and Responsibilities document was reviewed.

5. Funding Impact Presentation

Cutcha Risling Baldy, Associate Professor of Native American Studies, provided a presentation on the Rou Dalagurr (“Everyone Works Together”) Food Sovereignty Lab & Traditional Ecological Knowledge Institute, of which she is the Co-Director.

The lab is significant in that it is the first of its kind, inspiring food sovereignty projects both locally and across California, fostering connections between Tribal Nations and their local communities. It is an innovative student-led and designed project that connects food sovereignty and health to improve lives, effectively linking the health of land and people to contribute to a better world.

The projects supported by the lab and institute have been made possible through donor-funded initiatives as well as grants, including Wiyot Plaza, featuring an indigenous garden, salmon cooking pit, acorn processing center, native plant landscape, and Redwood forest woodland. Through indigenous stewardship, this exterior cultural landscape offers land-based education and restoration and boasts the first co-management agreement in CSU history.

The Rou Dalagurr Food Sovereignty Lab (FSL) & Traditional Ecological Knowledge Institute offers participatory activities for both students and community members while hosting tours and hands-on activities for local youth as well as a formal supplementary interdisciplinary lab course (NAS 333) supporting the development of students as researchers, community organizers and community-facing professionals.

Additional programs offered by the FSL include an annual Chef in Residence, Food Relatives film series, Internship Fellowship, and multiple print and digital publications.

6. Check 5 Update

Travis Williams, Operations Specialist, guided the committee through documentation covering the randomly selected funds for October 2025 through January 2026. During this timeframe, all gifts were entered and receipted promptly and there were no significant issues discovered. There was significant spending in the Women's Rowing fund, and the fund was temporarily negative at the end of last fiscal year. The team has a robust history of fundraising and the balance is back in the positive.

7. Other Business

Carin Kaltschmidt noted that creating a repository of board and committee accomplishments, to be shared at annual board meetings, would be beneficial for members and the broader campus and local community.

8. Adjournment

In the absence of objection, the meeting was adjourned at 9:54 AM.