Cal Poly Humboldt FOUNDATION

Minutes of the
FINANCE & INVESTMENT COMMITTEE
May 29, 2026

Members Present:
Jason Carlson
John Ballard
Steve Karp
Sarah Long
Jack McGurk
Sherman Schapiro
Robin Smith

Members Absent:
none

Guests: Jorie Emory, Ken Fulgham, Kevin Furtado, Peter Lehman, Angie Petroske, Kyle Plitt, Samantha Puentes, Jamie Rich, and Teresa Wilmott

A regular meeting of the Cal Poly Humboldt Foundation Finance & Investment Committee was held on Friday, May 29, 2026 at 1:00 PM via Zoom Teleconference.

1. Call to Order / Land Acknowledgement / Roll Call

   The meeting was called to order by Finance & Investment Committee Chair, Jason Carlson, at 1:00 PM.

2. Public Comments

   There were no public comments.

3. Minutes: February 27, 2026 Meeting

   Upon motion duly made (Robin Smith), seconded (Sarah Long), and unanimously carried, it was:

   RESOLVED, that the Minutes of the February 27, 2026 meeting are accepted.

4. Q3 Financial Statements

Samantha Puentes, Cal Poly Humboldt Accountant, provided a review of the FY 2025-26 Quarter 3 (Q3) Cal Poly Humboldt Foundation unaudited financial statements through 3/31/26. Highlights of the discussion are included here:

Cash - In general, operations and trust income has exceeded the budget while expenses have been under budget over the one-year period.

Investments - The market value of the endowment pooled investment increased $5.9M, or 13.1%, from the prior year due to new gifts, including a single gift of $3M, along with realized gains and investment income. These increases were offset by unrealized losses, endowment distributions and fees.

Fixed Assets - The Land & Buildings value decreased by ($77.1K) over the one-year period due to depreciation on the Schatz and Natural History Museum buildings, as well as depreciation on the buildings at 2920 Foster Ave. The ($34.8K) decrease in the equipment asset category represents depreciation of the 2023 Winnebago RV, which was purchased for marketing and new student recruitment purposes.

Accounts Receivable - Pledges Receivable is the primary component here, and payments on existing pledges are the main factor in the ($0.9M), or (15.0%), decrease compared to the prior year.

Operating Revenue - As of March 31, 2026, the Foundation has earned 110.5% of the total operating revenue budgeted for the fiscal year.

Non-Operating Revenue - Compared to the same period in the prior fiscal year, total non-operating revenue has increased $4.4M, or 47.6%, and has reached 148.2% of the budget.

Operating Expenses - A slight budget increase caused the $15K, or 1.8%, increase in transfers from the operations fund to trust funds; and 100.0% of the budgeted Advancement matching funds amount has been transferred. Supplies and services expense of $53.3K increased $8.9K, or 20.0%, compared to the same period in the prior fiscal year, representing 48.4% of the budgeted amount.

Non-Operating Expenses - The Foundation utilized $2.0M of charitable funds from endowments as of March 31, 2026, a decrease of ($278.2K), or (12.4%), compared to the prior year. A Board-approved distribution of $0.5M from the Humboldt Loyalty Endowment in the prior year, offset by a greater annual distribution this fiscal year accounts for the overall decrease this year. Trust fund utilization was $4.4M, an increase of $747.7K, or 20.7%, as compared to the prior year. Combined total charitable funds utilized as of third quarter close were at 66.1% of the annual budget.

5. Investment Portfolio Update

Kyle Plitt, RVK Investment Advisor, reviewed the Foundation's investment portfolio performance for the month of April, 2026, in addition to providing an asset allocation analysis.

The fiscal year quarterly report was reviewed during the "workshop" on May 15, 2026. As of April 30, 2026, the Foundation's investment portfolio reflected a 7.89% net of fees return with an ending market value of $59.59M. This figure includes $4.52M of UC investments.

The Foundation's total asset allocation as of March 31, 2026 is impacted by relatively high allocation (~16%) to local properties. Excluding local properties, the allocation to commingled real estate funds remains high at ~18% versus the average Foundation at 3%.

RVK has modeled a limited reduction in commingled real estate funds, with increases to equities and fixed income. No action is recommended at this time, however the Foundation may consider reducing real estate if equity valuations look more attractive.

6. ESR Fixed Income Manager

Upon request by this committee, RVK evaluated potential fixed income managers to replace PIMCO Total Return with an Environmentally & Socially Responsible (ESR)-focused entity.

After discussion and upon motion duly made (John Ballard), seconded (Sherman Schapiro), and unanimously carried:

WHEREAS RVK's dedicated research team rates Nuveen Core Impact Bond Fund highest of candidates profiled in their approach to responsible and sustainable investing, and

WHEREAS Nuveen provides an attractive yield amongst candidates with comparable credit quality (AA-/AA+) and interest rate sensitivity, resulting in the fund consistently outperforming the benchmark over the long term, and

WHEREAS Together, Nuveen and Calvert create a well-diversified fixed income allocation with Calvert providing greater ABS and CMBS exposure while Nuveen adds MBS depth, municipal bonds, and Non-US exposure, and

WHEREAS Nuveen provides attractive fee savings versus the incumbents with a 0.35% manager fee; it is

RESOLVED, that the Foundation Finance & Investment Committee accepts RVK's recommendation to replace PIMCO Total Return Fund with Nuveen Core Impact Bond Fund to pair alongside existing manager Calvert Green Bond Fund.

7. FY 2026-27 Budget

Kevin Furtado, Foundation Business Analyst, and Steve Karp, Executive Director, reviewed the proposed FY 2026-27 Foundation Budget, noting the following:

- Personnel Support for 1.5 FTE: Funding requested to continue supporting two Advancement positions not currently funded stateside (Assistant Alumni Director and Director of Special Projects);
- Giving Day Incentive: Restores a 1:1 matching incentive for Giving Day donations
- Support to Advancement Operations: Provides a wide range of operational support to Advancement functions including major giving fundraising, annual giving, alumni engagement and supports cost for 1.0 FTE development position (Donor Stewardship)
- Other Operating Expenses: Additional necessary foundation operating expenditures including credit card processing/bank fees, property insurance premiums, nonprofit compliance fundraising services, asset depreciation, CO University Enhancement Fund annual costs, and an earmark for potential Investiture event programming (required to be nonstate funded)

After discussion and upon motion duly made (Robin Smith), seconded (Jack McGurk), with one abstention (John Ballard), and otherwise unanimously approved, it was:

RESOLVED, that the proposed Foundation Budget for fiscal year 2026-2027 is approved and should be transmitted to the Executive Committee for review and approval.

8. Other Business

No other business was discussed.

9. Adjournment

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 2:24 PM.