

**University Senate Chair Report**  
**September 16th, 2025**

Hi All,

Welcome to Week 4! I hope you are settling into your routines and your semester is off to a good start. As crazy as it sounds, I kinda like it when things get busy. Campus is alive, and I love seeing the quad filled with students buying posters, listening to a live band, tabling for clubs or jobs, or just taking a moment to bask in the sun (what little we have) between classes. Also, in case you didn't hear... we have a new President! I am saddened that President Spagna will be departing at the end of this term, but I'm quite excited to meet our new President, Dr. Richard Carvajal.

Indeed, it is an exciting time to be at Cal Poly Humboldt; however, I would be remiss if I did not address that many of us are not so excited about the current administration in the White House and their policies on immigration. I acknowledge that many of us and our students are extremely nervous and genuinely worried about our/their ability to be successful, or even just being safe. Today, we will hear from several folks across many different offices addressing the general question, "What to do if ICE shows up?". We had a conversation about this during the Senate Executive Committee meeting last week, and I learned a lot. We will have continuing conversations on this throughout the year, and I'm hopeful we can work together to strengthen our resolve. We have a solid foundation for supporting our community in this regard, but I think we can do more. Stay tuned, and please don't hesitate to reach out to your duly elected representatives in this University Senate to agendize matters that will improve our resilience to the current administration and their immigration policies.

Last, I want to acknowledge my committee chairs and say thanks for your attention to the Policy on Policies, Procedures, and Guidelines. Many of you have begun working on inspecting out-of-date policies related to your specific committee/field/division and I think this is an awesome, proactive approach. So much of what we do in this Senate feels reactionary... we respond to whatever fire is currently burning, with no time to think about how to put out the next one. I made a pledge to be a more proactive leader and I want to thank you all for rising to the occasion. We are working on better ways to make our policies easier to locate, track, and extract metadata from. I am working with ITS on a project towards that end and will be giving more detail in the coming weeks.

Have a great week ya'll!

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