

CAL POLY HUMBOLDT

University Senate Written Reports, September 2, 2025

Standing Committees, Statewide Senators and Ex-officio Members

Academic Policies Committee

Submitted by Tyler Evans, APC Chair

Members: Julie Alderson (Faculty-Art), Ayan Cabot (AS Students), Frank Cappuccio (Faculty-Chem), Alexis-Harrelle Deshazier (Coordinator-Umoja Center), Tyler Evans (APC Chair), Frank Fogarty (Faculty-Wildlife), Marissa O'Neill (Faculty-Social Work), Jenni Robinson Reisinger (Registrar), Mark Wicklund (Director-Assessment, AVP Academic Programs designee). Vacant: AS Student 2nd Rep

Meeting Date(s): August 27, 2025

Meeting Details: The Academic Policies Committee convened on August 27, 2025, and we welcome new members Professor Frank Fogarty (Faculty-Wildlife) and student representative Ayan Cabot. The committee's fall work will begin with:

- Development of a proposal to adopt ABC/NC grade mode
 - Review and revise the Procedures for Suspension of Academic Programs
 - Review and revise the Academic Program Discontinuance Procedure
 - Develop and implement a five-year cycle procedure to review APC initiated policies
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Appointments and Elections Committee

Submitted by Jorge Monteiro, AEC Chair

Members: Ara Pachmayer, Jorge Monteiro, Michihiro Sugata, Chelsea Belden

Meeting Date(s): 08/25

Meeting Details: The committee met on 08/25 to discuss the upcoming vacancies. After reviewing the list of vacancies, the committee identified the University Senate at-large seat and the ICC (CDC) CNRS representative as the top priorities. The Chair of the AEC presented data on the percentage of participation from each college, and the committee discussed strategies to increase participation.

Constitution and Bylaws Committee

Submitted by Rouhollah Aghasaleh, CBC Chair

Members:

Meeting Date(s):

Meeting Details: no report

Faculty Affairs Committee

Submitted by Jayne McGuire, FAC Chair

Members:

Meeting Date(s):

Meeting Details: no report

Integrated Curriculum Committee

Submitted by Sara Sterner, ICC Chair

Members: Ramesh Adhikari, Paul Michael Atienza, Morgan Barker, Christine Cass, Joice Chang, William Fisher, Paul Geck, Chris Guillen, Sara Hart, Alison Hodges, Sei Hee Hwang (CEECE Chair Designee), JuEun Lee, Heather Madar*, Geneviève Marchand, Bori Mazzag, John Meyer, Cindy Moyer, Justus Ortega, Meenal Rana, Jenni Robinson Reisinger, Joshua Smith, Sara Sterner (Chair), Anna Thaler, Melissa Tafoya, Mark Wicklund; Student Representative: Ayan Cabot, AS Executive Vice President; Curriculum and Catalog Specialist: Cameron Allison Govier; Curriculum and Assessment Analyst: Khristan Lamb

Meeting Date(s): August 26, 2025

Meeting Details: The meeting began with introductions of new committee members and approval of previous minutes, followed by discussions of upcoming deadlines and academic program proposals including the "Big 5" polytech programs scheduled to launch in 2026 (see below). The committee reviewed various curriculum development resources and processes, including website updates and new tools for syllabus review, while addressing concerns about faculty workload and attendance requirements. The conversation ended with discussions about curriculum submission processes and potential changes to how course outlines are handled to better align with departmental needs and academic freedom. (Zoom AI Generated)

- **Meeting Agenda:** [08.26.25-ICC Meeting Agenda - DRAFT](#)
 - **Meeting Minutes:** [08.26.25-ICC Meeting Minutes - DRAFT](#)
 - **PolyTechnic Curriculum Priority: The Big 5**
 - [Applied Humanities, B.A. New Degree Proposal - 24-2524](#) (CAHSS)
 - [Critical Agriculture Studies & Agroecology New Degree Proposal - 24-2837](#) (CAHSS)
 - [Community Health, B.A. New Degree Proposal - 24-2678](#) (CPS)
 - [Health and Medical Sciences BS - New Degree Proposal - 25-2933](#) (CPS/CNRS)
 - [Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Education MA - 24-2875 - New Degree Program](#). (CPS)
 - **25-26 Curriculum Review Queue:** Curricular Review for 25-26: [ICC 2025-26 MCC Proposal Tracking](#) (291 proposals currently in the works)
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University Policies Committee

Submitted by Sulaina Banks, UPC Chair

Members:

Meeting Date(s):

Meeting Details: no report

University Resources and Planning Committee

Meeting Date:

9/29/25

Submitted by:

Jaime Lancaster, URPC Faculty Co-Chair.

In Attendance:

Nate Cacciari – Roy,, Dave Janetta, Sarah Long, Carla Wharton, Nate Herron, Kendra Higgins, Eduardo Cruz, Rosanna Overholser, Chrissy Holliday, Kevin Furtado, Bori Mazzog, Jenn Capps, Mike Fisher, Dave Munoz, Brigid Wall, Melanie Bettenhausen, Steven Margell, Ramesh Adhikari, Andrea Humphreys, Rachael Gipson,

Agenda Items Covered:

1. Introductions and welcome new members
2. Discussion / review of the draft of the URPC charge for 25/26
3. Brief enrollment update (Chrissy Holliday)
4. Budget Update since URPC concluded in Spring 2025 from the University Budget Office.

Key points from the meeting:

President's Charge:

The charge is being developed collectively by URPC, the University Budget Office (UBO), and Executive Cabinet.

The draft charge consists of the following 6 items:

1. Educate the campus community on state, system, and campus fiscal matters through platforms such as the successful budget forum series.
2. Partner on multi-year scenario planning.
3. Collaborate on initiatives to help the campus identify both short and long-term strategies for cost savings, cost avoidance and alternative revenue generation.
4. Review and recommend changes to budgetary policies (i.e. reserves, roll forward guidelines, etc) for strategic relevance and alignment with CO guidelines.
5. Recommend a balanced and strategically-aligned operating budget for Presidential consideration by the end of the academic year.
6. Recommend and maintain budgeting principles and priorities

State of the Budget:

Carla Wharton, Sarah Long and Mike Fisher provided the committee with an update on the state of the budget at the state, system and campus level. Here is my summary:

Overall, we are doing quite well, despite uncertainty at the state & Federal level. Cal Poly Humboldt receives just under 70% of its revenue from State Appropriations. The State of California is projected to have a growing budget deficit through 2028-2029. Because of this, the CSU is expecting a tight/restrictive budgeting environment over the next few years. Despite estimated growth in enrollment this year of 4%, Cal Poly Humboldt remains below its enrollment target and expects continued budget recalibration. We finished AY 24/25 in a strong budgetary position and have not needed to use \$4 million in approved one-time funding to cover ongoing costs. Instead, we were able to modestly bolster our reserves. The hard-work done across campus to develop and implement budget-reductions has paid off. The URPC thanks the campus community for engaging in this important and difficult work.

Those who are interested in more information can review the [presentation slides from the UBO](#). Please let me know if you have any questions.

Schedule of meetings for AY 25/26

Fall 2025	URPC CCR & Zoom	Activities/Notes
	August 29 (week 1)	State of budget & enrollment
	September 12 (week 3)	Planning for divisional presentations
	September 26 (week 5)	Discussion of presidents charge
	October 10, 2025 (week 7)	TBD
	October 22, 2025 Budget Forum (week 9)	Forum
	October 24, 2025 (week 9)	Divisional Presentations
	November 7, 2025 (week 11)	Divisional Presentations
	November 21, 2025 (week 13)	TBD
	December 12, 2025 (week 16)	TBD
Spring 2025	URPC CCR & Zoom	Activities/Notes
	January 23 (week 1)	
	February 6 (week 3)	
	February 20 (week 5)	
	March 6 (week 7)	
	March 20	Spring break, no meeting
	March 27 (week 10)	
	April 10 (week 12)	
	April 17 (week 13)	
	May 1 (week 15)	If meeting is needed
	May 8 (week 16)	If meeting is needed

Academic Senate of the CSU

Submitted by Stephanie Burkhalter and Mary Virnoche, ASCSU Senators

You can find all resolutions passed by the ASCSU [here](#).

Welcome to the 2025-2026 Academic year!

The first ASCSU committee meetings and plenary sessions will take place September 3 to 5. The next Board of Trustees meeting will take place the following week, September 7-10, 2025

Senator Burkhalter has been reappointed to the Academic Affairs committee and has been appointed to the Commission on Professional and Continuing Education. Senator Virnoche has been appointed vice-chair of the Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (JEDI) Committee and also to the Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program Selection Committee.

Please let us know if you have any questions about the ASCSU or have an issue that potentially you would like us to bring to an ASCSU committee. You can find out more about the structure and work of the ASCSU through the main ASCSU [website](#).

During the July 21-23, 2025, Board of Trustees meeting, AVC Dilcie Perez, ASCSU Chair Boyd and Senator Nobert Schurer, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, presented the results of the Student Success Survey sent to faculty members in April/May. The results of this survey will inform how the CSU prioritizes strategies for student success. You can view the presentation [here](#).

On August 12, 2025, Senator Burkhalter gave an interactive orientation to the incoming officers of A.S. on systemwide shared governance and its relation to local campus shared governance. Jorge Montiero, chair of AEC, spoke on the need for students to serve on University Senate committees and the group brainstormed on different ways to gain student commitment to serve on Senate committees as part of effective shared governance.

On August 26, 2025, ASCSU Chair Betsy Boyd, along with representatives from CFA, CSUEU, and CSSA, presented testimony at a joint hearing of the California Assembly Committee on Higher Education and the Committee on Privacy and Consumer Protection. The topic of the hearing was Oversight of CSU AI policy. If you are interested in the responses of different stakeholders and legislators to the roll out of the CSU OpenAI initiative, you can watch [here](#). Below is a summary of some of the main points.

The concerns expressed by legislators focused quite a bit on the conditions of use of the free version of ChatGPT provided by OpenAI in its contract with the CSU. Legislators probed for

answers from the CSU representatives about CSU monitoring of student use, student ownership of their data, potential CSU legal liability for user misuse, and how the CSU plans to address bias in GenerativeAI results, particularly racism and anti-semitism. Legislators were also concerned that faculty and students were not required to have training on AI/ChatGPT prior to the roll out of the OpenAI initiative. CSU representatives noted that there is training available at the CSU [AI Commons Website](#); however this training is not mandatory, nor are faculty provided with time and/or compensation for completing the training. The ASCSU chair stressed that while ASCSU passed its first AI resolution in 2019, followed by six other AI-related resolutions in subsequent years, and had participated in the CSU AI Working Group, the ASCSU was not consulted on the roll out of the OpenAI-CSU ChatGPT initiative. It was noted that much of the CSU AI policy and planning will now take place through the [CSU AI Workforce Acceleration Board](#), on which ASCSU has two seats.

The CSUEU president noted that staff are unaware of the terms of use that apply to them when they use the CSU ChatGPT tool. There is concern that the CSU as an employer might be monitoring employee use without disclosing such monitoring, and it's not clear if there are disciplinary measures that the CSU can take regarding its employees' use of CSU ChatGPT. The legislative vice president of the CSSA effectively articulated that there is a need for systemwide coordination on AI policy in the classroom. Specifically, students need clarity in the form of an AI policy for each class, so that they know when and how they can use GenAI, and in particular, specifics about when it is not permitted. Some instructors are using unreliable AI detection tools, such as Turnitin, to penalize students who may or may not have used AI. These tools as often as not report a false positive on GenAI use. Students report failing assignments and getting lower grades than they were expecting due to instructors' perception that students are using AI in violation of academic honesty policies. Students report that there are no consistent student discipline processes at the various CSU campuses when a student is accused by an instructor of using GenAI in violation of the instructor's or the university's academic honesty policies. Students are also concerned how OpenAI might use their data. They report that they have not been provided with a user licensing agreement for the CSU OpenAI tool, so they do not know the conditions of use. They are not clear on whether or not the CSU is monitoring their communications when they use the CSU-ChatGPT tool and how any information they input in the tool will be used. Because they have been given so little information, some students are opting to continue using their own private ChatGPT accounts and avoid using the CSU ChatGPT.

Associated Students

Submitted by Eduardo Cruz, AS President

Members:

Meeting Date(s):

Meeting Details: no report

California Faculty Association

Submitted by Ryder Dschida, CFA Humboldt Chapter President

Members:

Meeting Date(s):

Meeting Details: no report

Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Submitted by Rosamel Benavides-Garb, Campus Diversity Officer

Members:

Meeting Date(s):

Meeting Details:

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Personnel Updates

- **ODEI Personnel**
 - Andrea Santamaria: ODEI welcomes Andrea Santamaria, new Administrative Support Coordinator II, to the office!
 - Fernando Paz: Fernando Paz has been named the Equity Arcata Co-Manager in addition to his role as ODEI's Campus and Community Development Coordinator.
 - Pearl Podgorniak: Pearl Podgorniak now serves the Office of Academic Affairs and ODEI as Strategic Initiatives Coordinator.
 - ODEI welcomes three new Student Fellows for AY 2025-26: Juli Suzikawa, Nauselle Gleglaud and Anna Martinez.

- **ODEI Faculty and Staff Equity Fellows:**
 - **Student Success:** Dr. Jianmin Zhong from the Department of Biological Sciences will continue to serve as the Student Success Fellow and has also been integrated into the Campus Progress Report Task Force.
 - **Black Student Success:** Dr. Kirby Moss from the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication will continue in this role for a second AY. He will continue to focus on ongoing mentoring and programming that support Black student success and faculty and staff wellbeing. Associated with the Equity Fellowship, Dr. Moss has also led, this past AY 2024-25, the Middle Leadership Academy (MLA) team in their project, *Helping High-Achieving Black Students Thrive in Higher Education*.
 - **Equity Arcata:** As mentioned above, Fernando Paz is now the new permanent co-manager of Equity Arcata.

Initiatives

- **Campus Climate Survey:**
 - ODEI, in partnership with the Office of the President, IRAR, and Undergraduate Programs, is engaged in an initial consultative process regarding our next post-COVID Campus Climate Survey. On June 4, 2025, we had a conversation with the CSU Channel Islands Campus Climate Survey Team to learn about their campus-designed instrument. We will continue expanding capacity through the CSU system level and national level to identify the best tools to meet the needs of our campus.
- **DEI Workshops:**
 - Due to high demand, starting in the Fall 2025 semester, ODEI will offer the Addressing Unconscious Bias (AUB) Workshop for search committee members on a weekly basis. Date to be announced. All AUB sessions will be provided synchronously and virtually.
 - Ethics of Care for Student Supervisors was piloted this summer through L4Humboldt on July 1, 2025.
- **Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA) Grant Program:** The 2025/26 DEIA Grants have been awarded to the following recipients:
 - Awards:
 - Sidney Afsarzadeh for "Pelican Bay BA Program Guest Speaker Series"
 - Jim Graham for "Enhancing Access to Campus through Online and Paper-Based Maps"
 - Chelsea Sabrina Obeidy for "Cultivating Safe Soil for Sovereignty: Soil Health Assessment to Support Indigenous Food Systems"

- Amanda Dinscore for "Enhancing DEIA in the Library's Health Sciences Collection"
 - Paul Micheal Atienza for "AIDS Quilt/Knowledge of AIDS 2025"
 - Sasheen Raymond for "Undamming the Klamath: The River Flows Free"
 - Isaac Kinney for "2026 Tribal Food Systems Symposium"
 - Larisa Callaway-Cole for "Child Development Convening: Storying More Just Futures for Children, Families, and Our Communities"
 - Angel Roca for "Ballet Folklorico de Humboldt Club"
 - Briana Valadez for "Danza Azteca Mexica"
- The next academic year's DEIA grant cycle, for 2026-27, will be announced early in the spring semester of 2026.
- **Campus Progress Report Task Force (formerly Dissecting Diversity):** The Campus Progress Report task force is working to reintroduce former Dissecting Diversity (last published in 2013) with a new and more current title, "Institutional Progress Report," providing annual, trackable success data to the entire campus community.
- **Institutional Anti-Racism Call to Action:**

After the Senate passed the Senate resolution supporting the Institutional Anti-Racism Call to Action on April 1, 2025, ODEI plans to publish the final Institutional Anti-Racism Call to Action 2025-2030 document and conduct several presentations highlighting the key recommendations outlined in the document. These presentations will be directed to middle and high-level cohorts and spaces.
- **Seal of Excelencia:**

Cal Poly Humboldt submitted the Seal of Excelencia application on May 28, 2025. We were selected as national finalists and invited to a finalist interview with selected institutional leadership, including President Spagna and Provost Capps. The national awardee list will be made public by the Seal of Excelencia organization on September 30, 2025.
- **ODEI Walk and Talk Initiative:** Michele Miyamoto and Fernando Paz have led conversations with campus organizations through the Walk and Talk Project to facilitate understanding about how they engage with diversity, equity, and inclusion in their operations. This project moves into its second year. A new cohort of staff units has been invited and has begun their conversations. This initiative supports Humboldt's WASC accreditation process. The Fall 2025 cohort includes Educational Opportunity Program and Student Support Services, the Center for Teaching and Learning, the Office of the Registrar, Housing, the Library and the Learning Center.

Collaborations

- **Equity Arcata:**

- **Equity Arcata Events:** Equity Arcata is a partnership with the City of Arcata to foster "a more welcoming and inclusive community." (MOU). Over the summer and early Fall semester, Equity Arcata has hosted the following events:
 - Equity Arcata, ODEI, City Police and UPD Retreat, June 11, 2025
 - Open House/Crabs Game, July 26, 2025
 - Vendor Workshop, August 15, 2025
 - Sanctuary Event, August 23, 2025
 - Tabling: Cultural Exchange Event in McKinleyville, Obon Festival in Arcata, Sanctuary Day/Farmer's Market (several dates).
- **Equity Arcata Community Development Grant:** Equity Arcata is creating, for the first time, a grant initiative that will support campus and community organizations developing bridge and belonging work between the University and the community. More information and the Call for Proposal will be announced soon.
- **Equity Arcata Restructured:** Equity Arcata has restructured its Board internally into an advisory committee.
- **Arcata/Oaxaca Sister City Project:** Equity Arcata is facilitating conversations that will lead to the development of a sister city project between the City of Arcata and Oaxaca.
 - A delegation of high school students and faculty from Oaxaca will visit the City of Arcata, McKinleyville High and Cal Poly Humboldt at the end of September.
 - Arcata is planning to send a city-level delegation to Oaxaca in the near future.

- **Universidad Autónoma Benito Juárez de Oaxaca (UABJO) and Cal Poly Humboldt Renewed Collaboration Agreements:**

A small delegation of Cal Poly Humboldt representatives, including Provost Capps, AVP Benavides-Garb and World Languages Chair Matthew Dean, visited the University of Oaxaca to renew institutional agreements. These agreements allow our institution to continue its more than 25-year collaboration to enhance opportunities for all students in both institutions.

- **Eureka City School District:** ODEI has been developing collaborations and relationships with the largest school district in Humboldt County. The following two events are in the planning phase:
 - **Lindsay Unified School District Visit:** Eureka City Schools has invited members of ODEI to visit the Lindsay Unified School District to learn firsthand about new

school learning designs to support diverse communities. This visit will take place on Sept 14-16th. ODEI has also invited Dean Shawna Young to join the ODEI delegation.

- **Cross-Cultural Immersion Program in Oaxaca for Faculty and Staff:** ODEI has started developing a full-immersion pilot for professional development of Eureka City School District faculty and staff in Oaxaca. This project is being created in collaboration with Spanish teacher Tim Olson from Eureka High School. Mr. Olson recently completed a Fulbright Scholarship residency in Oaxaca. The focus of his research was centered on culturally appropriate school practices in Oaxaca. This full-immersion program has never been offered before in our region.
- **City of Arcata:** At the end of August, AVP Benavides-Garb was invited to participate in Arcata's next Chief of Police search. This is a critical hire for the City of Arcata and the future of relations between UPD and APD.

Events

- **Faculty and Staff Tea & Talk:** ODEI, in partnership with Human Resources, APS, Staff Council, and CAPS, continues to host monthly Tea and Talk sessions—a professional development space designed to connect, reflect, and build community.
- **The Othering and Belonging Institute:** ODEI staff, including AVP Benavides-Garb and Equity Arcata co-managers Fernando Paz and Mo Desir-Harper, are participating in a national six-month program at the UC Berkeley Othering and Belonging Institute.
- **CSU Senior Diversity Officer Retreat:** AVP Benavides-Garb participated in a two-day retreat at CSU San José to discuss the role and presence of diversity officers in the CSU system within the current national context.

Emeritus & Retired Faculty & Staff Association

Submitted by Marshelle Thobaben, Senate Representative for ERFSA

Members:

Meeting Date(s):

Meeting Details:

Humboldt-ERFSA Executive Committee is proud that 4 of the fall presenters are former Humboldt-ERFSA Grant Recipients.

You are invited to attend the ERFSA luncheon meetings. They are held at Baywood Golf and Country Club, **Address:** 3600 Buttermilk Ln, Arcata, CA **Driving Directions: From Hwy 101 North:** Take Exit 713 and continue on Old Arcata Rd. Turn right on Buttermilk Ln. The Country Club is 2.5 miles up on the left. **From Hwy 101 South:** Take the Bayside Cutoff exit and continue straight until you see Golf Course Rd on the right-hand side.

Lunch Information: Servers will be available to take your lunch orders starting at **11:30**. It's first come, first served with other groups also ordering food—arriving *early* helps ensure your meal is ready before the speaker begins.

Congratulations! Rangeland Resources Sciences Becomes First Accredited Program in the State

Noon: Thursday, September 11th Justin Luong, 2024 Grant Recipient, Assistant Professor, Forestry, **Fire and Rangeland Management**, **Presentation:** *“The effect of local solar microgrids on rangeland vegetation and soils”*. Solar microgrids may be an important production method to help meet growing clean energy demands but could impact rangeland ecosystems. We evaluated how solar microgrid developments affected the *in situ* plant communities and soil properties of three soil microgrids on coastal prairies in Humboldt County. Initial findings suggest that solar microgrids affected plant communities but did not strongly affect soil biogeochemistry. <https://justinluong.com/menu/currentresearch.html> Introduction by Jeffry Borgeld, Humboldt-ERFSA Membership Chair

October 9, 2025 11:45: Julie Stewart, Interim OLLI Program Coordinator, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute The benefits OLLI provides members, their fall program and how to apply to be an OLLI instructor.

12:00 Silvia E Pavan, 2024 Grant Recipient, Assistant Professor, Biological Sciences. *“An exploratory expedition to Rio Abiseo National Park: revealing a mysterious new species of mammal and garnering genomic resources from a World Heritage Site”* I am broadly interested in biodiversity, and I work with fieldwork exploration and collections-based research to discover and describe species, and to understand small mammals diversity and evolution. I am going to share with you some of the results from an exploratory expedition to Rio Abiseo National Park in Peru. I am investigating the unknown diversity on this World Heritage Site, revealing high endemism and several new species of small mammals. Publication: [The one describing the new species of marsupial](#), and please [follow this link](#) for an outreach publication framing a new marsupial species, described as a result of the project (published last month!). Introduction by Susan Dobie, Humboldt-ERFSA Program Chair

November 13, 2025 (sequential speakers) 12:00 - 12:30 **Amy K. Conley, 2022 Grant Recipient, Lecturer, Education.** *“Building community and identity through local language practice”* We aimed to increase a sense of belonging at school, attendance, and connectedness to tribes for indigenous

8th graders by having tribal elders teach greetings and names for local fauna for three local indigenous languages and Spanish. We were successful in our efforts as well as increasing the number of indigenous and non-indigenous students planning to take an additional language as high school freshmen

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1gBEdnWcZKZIKbOrqkdseH-jP-Mxi4Bdb_4pdVA150SE/edit?usp=sharing

12:30 - 1:00 **Morgan Barker, 2023 Grant Recipient, Sustainability Librarian, University Library.** *"Sustainable Librarianship - Sustainable Library Certification at Cal Poly Humboldt"* This Certification is helping to define a new and intentional dimension of librarianship. Over the past two years, all Library faculty and staff have been on a collaborative journey toward earning Sustainability Library Certification. Through this collective effort, we have demonstrated just how deeply library work is woven into the fabric of academics and curriculum, research, and community engagement.

https://libguides.humboldt.edu/sustainability/sustainable_library_certification Introductions by Lou Ann Wieand, Humboldt-ERFSA Treasurer

December 11, 2025 Amy Uyeki and Vicki Ozaki, Team HAPI Members. *"Under One Umbrella: Building and Empowering the Community of Humboldt's Asian and Pacific Islanders"* Since its inception in 2021, Humboldt Asians & Pacific Islanders in Solidarity (HAPI) have worked to empower the Asian American/PI community and amplify diverse voices and perspectives for a more engaged and inclusive future. Team HAPI members Amy Uyeki and Vicki Ozaki will provide an overview of HAPI with current and past projects. One focus will be the Eureka Chinatown Project (ECP) which is reclaiming the dark history of the Eureka Chinatown expulsion and its relevance in our lives today. Plans for the Eureka Chinatown monument will be shared as well as envisioning future projects for both ECP and HAPI.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Zu8sNjDtuQsVJk0rdxHeq6ApHcYLb27E/view?usp=drivesdk> Introduction by Kumi Watanabe-Schock, Humboldt-ERFSA Communications Chair

Labor Council

Submitted by Bella Gray, Labor Council Delegate

Members:

Meeting Date(s):

Meeting Details: No report

Staff Council

Submitted by Senator Sulaina Banks

Members:

Meeting Date(s):

Meeting Details: no report

President and President's Executive Cabinet

September 2, 2025

Michael Spagna, President

Bethany Gilden, Chief of Staff

Jenn Capps, Provost and VP for Academic Affairs

Michael Fisher, VP for Administration & Finance and CFO

Chrissy Holliday, VP for Enrollment Management & Student Success

Steve Karp, VP for University Advancement

Nick Pettit, Executive Director of Intercollegiate Athletics & Recreational Sports

Adrienne Colegrove-Raymond, Special Assistant to the President for Tribal & Community Engagement

Connie Stewart, Executive Director of Initiatives

JoAnn Yamani, Executive Director of Strategic Communications

MOMENTS OF PRIDE

Congratulations to the Rangeland Sciences Program for earning accreditation from the Society for Range Management. The very first in California, and a goal that has been sought after for many years.

New Student Housing: Cal Poly Humboldt has officially opened Hinarr Hu Moulik, the largest student housing development in the University's history. Aug. 18, our campus and the local community had the opportunity to celebrate with an open house, as well as special tours throughout the building. Aug. 22, the University hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony attended by campus leadership, community partners, and elected officials, including California Senate President Pro Tem Mike McGuire.

Hinarr Hu Moulik (HHM), meaning "our house/home" in Soulatluk, the language of the Wiyot people, embodies the University's commitment to affordability, sustainability, and inclusive student success. It is an essential part of our strategic enrollment management and student success efforts, allowing us to move strongly forward into our polytechnic transformation. In addition to standard housing amenities, HHM also boasts an on-site dining facility, the new 101

Express café and marketplace, which is also open to the local community. The [Humboldt NOW article, photos, and video](#) provide more information and a glimpse into the new residence hall.

The East Tower is open, and the second tower is slated to open in the spring semester, with stronger occupancy for the second phase anticipated in Fall 2026. HHM residents do have access to shuttles and local bus services that support their access to campus if they do not wish to bike or walk. Transportation support is available from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. during the week, with a different weekend schedule that continues to provide campus access.

Enrollment: Cal Poly Humboldt is on track to celebrate our fourth fall semester of enrollment growth, and what is anticipated to be the largest increase in headcount in many years. Census is Sept. 22, and we anticipate being able to confirm final enrollment numbers to campus by early October at the latest. As of 8/28, headcount was up 3.8% over this time last year. An updated Enrollment Target Progress report will be released soon after this report is submitted, but will be included in a future Senate report.

COMMUNITY

Celebrating 20 Years of OLLI at Cal Poly Humboldt!

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at Humboldt has been connecting the community and campus through lifelong learning for 20 years. Housed in the College of Extended Education & Global Engagement, the purpose of OLLI is to provide meaningful, non-credit, educational opportunities to our community of people aged "50 and better". Current and retired Cal Poly Humboldt faculty and staff can become OLLI members for just \$25 a year, providing access to discounted OLLI classes and member benefits. Fall OLLI classes begin September 15.

ACADEMICS

Welcome to our New Tenure/Tenure Track Faculty: They are:

Dr. Sanaa Algaraibeh	Computer Science
Dr. Robert Blenk	Wildlife Management
Dr. Regina Jorgenson	Physics & Astronomy
Dr. Sarah Rios	Environmental Studies
Dr. Monica Sheffer	Entomology/Biological Sciences
Dr. Byron Smith	Anthropology/Archaeology (Spring 2025)

Curriculum and Scheduling Website Updates and Resources

After some structural changes in [Academic Programs](#), there have been some changes to the websites.

- The [Class Schedule Resources](#) website is now a stand-alone menu item. This site was previously nested under Curriculum. This website is managed by the University Scheduler. The email address for the scheduler is: r25class@humboldt.edu.

- The Curriculum Department (curriculum@humboldt.edu) has made extensive changes to the [Curriculum Development](#) website. Please take a look at the rearranged and reworked content.

INCLUSIVE EXPERIENCE

Campus

Enrollment Management & Student Success shared a [campus message Aug. 20](#) that detailed shifts in personnel throughout the division, including enrollment management, the Dean of Students office, CARE, veterans' services, and more. Additional details related to the Dean of Students role will be shared with campus before the end of September.

Accessibility

Cal Poly Humboldt is making progress on accessibility. The Committee for Accessibility and Accommodation Compliance (CAAC) is advancing 28 active projects to improve transportation, housing, bathrooms, signage, pathways, and training. Already, 10 projects have been completed, including upgrades to Creekview housing showers, sidewalk repairs, and updated housing processes for accessible placement. A summary of all current projects along with status update is available at <https://hum.link/accessibility-updates>. A few important highlights:

- CDRC appointment wait time is averaging 1.5 weeks (down from 4-6 weeks). Same-day appointments when needed.
- For the first time, all accommodation memos for returning students were distributed by the first week of class.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Campus Capital Projects Update – Fall 2025

As the Cal Poly Humboldt community returns from summer break, campus may look a little different. Our capital projects team and Facilities Management have been hard at work over the past few months, moving forward on transformative projects that will support our academic mission, enhance student life, and prepare our campus for the future.

Health, Dining & Housing Project – Site Preparation Underway

On the south side of Laurel Drive and the Campus Apartments hillside, major progress is underway toward delivering the new **Health, Dining & Housing Project**. Over the summer, we removed several older buildings and selectively cleared trees in the vicinity. In keeping with our sustainability values, harvested trees will be milled and repurposed for future projects across campus, ensuring they remain a part of the Humboldt story.

Jenkins Hall Renovation – Complete and Open on Aug. 25

The renovation of Jenkins Hall is now complete, and the building is ready to welcome **Ceramics** and **Sculpture** programs into their new home. The project preserves the industrial character of the facility, celebrating its historic context, and includes a brand-new all-gender, multi-stall restroom. We look forward to seeing creativity and collaboration flourish in this revitalized space.

Engineering & Technology Building – Rising with Mass Timber

The **Engineering & Technology Building** reached an exciting milestone this summer, with construction going vertical on all three stories of its **mass timber structure**. This sustainable and innovative building approach is a proud highlight of our polytechnic transformation. By the end of the year, the building is expected to be **topped out**, and in the coming months, you'll begin to see the **exterior walls take shape**. This progress marks a major step toward creating a state-of-the-art hub for engineering and technology education and our first on campus polytechnic building.

Energy Research & Sustainability Center – Project Update

Following a strategic review of our capital project portfolio, the **Energy Research & Sustainability Center** has been removed from the current list of funded projects. While it remains part of our long-term vision, the funding has been reallocated to other high-impact academic initiatives, including the renovation of **Science A** and the creation of the **Healthcare Education Hub**. The ERSC site will now serve as the location for a **G14 parking lot expansion**.

Science A Renovation – Design Phase in Progress

The **Science A Renovation** is in the early schematic design phase. Over the summer, we partnered with a collaborative design-build team to guide the project's planning. We are now actively engaging with campus stakeholders to create a facility that will enhance academic programs and better serve students, faculty, and staff.

Healthcare Education Hub – Building Local Healthcare Capacity

Cal Poly Humboldt, in partnership with College of the Redwoods, is moving forward with the preliminary design of the new Healthcare Education Hub at the Stewart Building, located on 16th Street across from Arcata High School. This collaborative project represents a major investment in training local healthcare professionals, strengthening the region's workforce, and creating new opportunities for students pursuing health-related fields. The renovation will

repurpose the existing Stewart Building into a modern learning space designed to meet the growing needs of our community.

Expanded Multi Stall Gender Inclusive Restrooms in BSS Building

Most floors of the BSS building have converted one gender specific, multi stall restroom, into a gender inclusive restroom. This is an expansion based on prior planning from the [Gender Inclusive Restroom Task Force](#)

INNOVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY

Microgrid, Solar Canopies & Sustainable Infrastructure

Several campus parking lots are preparing for the installation of **solar shade canopies** as part of the Microgrid/Battery Energy Storage System/Photovoltaic project. To support these improvements, select tree removals along Rossow and B Streets were completed with care for environmental impacts. This fall, the infrastructure for the **new batteries** will be constructed north of Facilities Management, with the project being completed in 2026, further enhancing our campus energy resilience.

ADVANCEMENT DIVISION

We have recently hired an [Executive Director of Strategic Communications](#) – **JoAnn Yamani**. JoAnn will lead the News & Information team in reporting happenings at Cal Poly Humboldt.

In our **Creative Service Group** under **Kristen Gould** we are working with each of your areas to ensure that the campus websites are updated to provide [accessibility for all](#). Please contact Kristen if you need help in ensuring your websites are accessible.

Since our Boldly Rising Campaign ended last year, we have successfully **raised an additional 11,400 gifts** totaling **more than \$14M**.

We just announced the [Startup Humboldt competition](#) with prize **money totaling \$200k**. **This competition is aimed at starting new businesses in Humboldt**. It will kick-off in September with the **final Pitch Event next April**. Anyone that wants to start a business in Humboldt is welcome to apply.

Our SPF research office worked with faculty and staff and **submitted 302 new proposals requesting \$128 million last year**. These efforts resulted in **199 new awards during the same period, bringing in \$58.7 million** in external support last year.

The **Annual Principal Investigator Research Celebration this year on October 22nd** at the **Morris Graves Museum of Art.**

KHSU update: For the last 4 years KHSU has been managed by CapRadio on behalf of Cal Poly Humboldt. CapRadio is an auxiliary of Sacramento State University and they have also been managing Chico State's NSPR. We have decided to end the relationship with CapRadio and are planning on teaming up with Chico State to have them manage the transmission of the KHSU signal. This transition should be in place by the end of this year. We are expecting this transition to be seamless since KHSU servers and broadcasting signal are already located at the Chico station. This will allow KHSU to provide more locally developed content