

CAL POLY HUMBOLDT

University Senate Written Reports, September 30, 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), Jacob Garcia (AS Students), Marissa O'Neill (Faculty-Social Work), Jenni Robinson Reisinger (Registrar), Mark Wicklund (Director-Assessment, AVP Academic Programs designee).

Meeting Date(s): 9/17/25 and 9/24/25

Meeting Details: We are developing details for a proposal to adopt the ABC/NC grade mode. Financial Aid and Advising will attend our October 8 meeting to discuss. We continue to work on the revisions to the procedures for the suspension of and the discontinuation of academic policies. We have consulted most recently with APS and are incorporating that information in our draft revisions.

Appointments and Elections Committee

Submitted by Jorge Monteiro, AEC Chair

Members: Ara Pachmayer, Jorge Monteiro, Michihiro Sugata

Meeting Details: The committee nominated the candidates from the first call for nominations and will send a second call for nominations in the coming days. We still need someone to fill the seat for the CNRS representative in the ICC (CDC).

Constitution and Bylaws Committee

Submitted by Rouhollah Aghasaleh, CBC Chair

Members: Kimberly Stelter, Eduardo Cruz, Sarita Ray Chaudhury, Jill Anderson, Khristan Lamb

Meeting Details: No Reports.

Faculty Affairs Committee

Submitted by Jayne McGuire, FAC Chair

Members: Claire Till, Melanie Michalak, Lisa Tremain, Ara Pachmayer, Ryder Dschida, Kim White

Meeting Date(s): September 22 and 29

Meeting Details:

- Membership
 - We welcome Ara Pachmayer to FAC
 - Congratulations to member Lisa Tremain on her Senate election
 - Reviewed language for email to Chairs regarding the reminder of the Excess Enrollment Policy. The email has been disseminated.
 - Discussed strategies to reach out to colleges for needed policies or policy updates.
 - Jayne to visit the Council of Chairs to encourage consideration of policies that are needed or that need updating to better match practices.
 - How to update policies with our new name??
 - Brought the question forward to Senex
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Integrated Curriculum Committee

Submitted by Sara Sterner, ICC Chair

Members: Paul Michael Atienza, Morgan Barker, Christine Cass, Joice Chang, Tom Cook, William Fisher, Paul Geck, Chris Guillen, Sara Hart, Alison Hodges (Proxy for Anna Thaler at this meeting), Sei Hee Hwang (CEE Chair Designee), JuEun Lee, Heather Madar*, 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): September 23, 2025

Meeting Details: Overview The meeting focused on discussing proposal processes, including course proposals and consent calendar approvals. The group reviewed syllabus and course outline policies, debating changes to streamline the review process while maintaining quality standards. Updates were provided on various academic initiatives including catalog cleanup, certificate reviews, and plans for academic program policies, with discussions on strengthening connections between offices. (Zoom AI Generated)

- See ICC Senate Consent Calendar for approved proposals via Consent and Voting Action Calendars at ICC

Read More:

- **Meeting Agenda:** [09.23.25-ICC Meeting Agenda - Approved](#) (Humboldt Login Required)
- **DRAFT Meeting Minutes:** [09.23.25-ICC Meeting Minutes - DRAFT](#) (Humboldt Login Required)
- **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)
 - **Update: Will be at ICC for review on 10/7/25** 🎉
- **25-26 Curriculum Review Queue:** Curricular Review for 25-26: [ICC 2025-26 MCC Proposal Tracking](#)

Note: We are still seeking a CNRS member for CDC. Please encourage anyone you know in CNRS who could join our work on ICC!

University Policies Committee

Submitted by Sulaina Banks, UPC Chair

Members: Sulaina Banks, Cameron Allison Govier, Heather Honig, Kijung Ryu, William Cook, and Kimberly White

Meeting Date(s): 09/23/2025

Meeting Details: Many policies do not list when it was last reviewed or updated since being issued or posted. Other than the ones listed below, we are creating an email template and identifying ownership to reach out to ask the responsible parties to review them and let us know if it is still valid or if they need to be updated.

Our committee identified the following as policies that need immediate review:

1. [Campus Closure Policy](#)
 2. [Found, Unclaimed, or Abandoned Property Policy](#)
 3. [International Visitors - Guidelines for](#)
 - This is a guideline; however, it would need to be reviewed and updated.
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University Resources and Planning Committee

Meeting Date:

September 26, 2025

Submitted by:

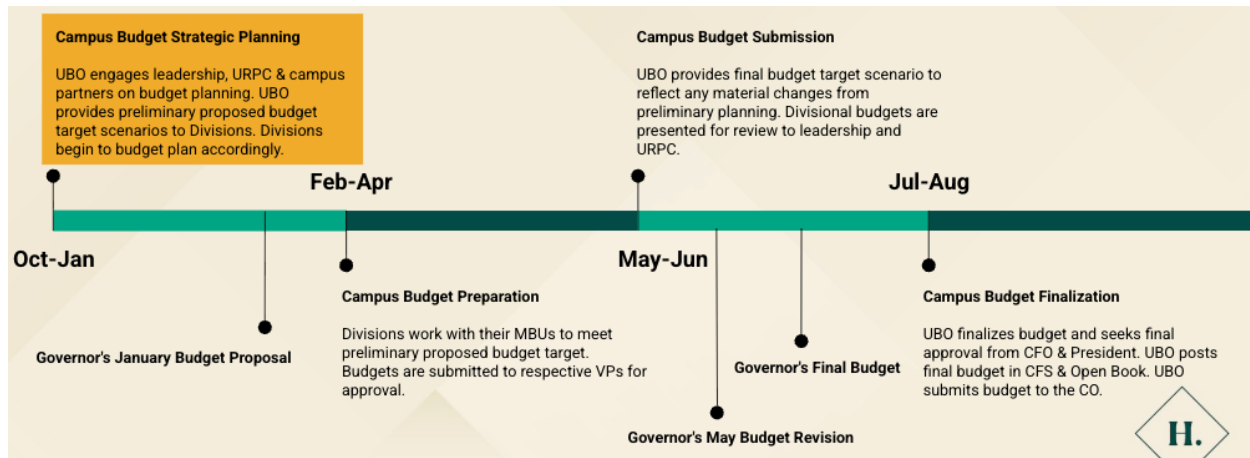
Jaime Lancaster, URPC Faculty Co-Chair.

Meeting Agenda:

1. Approval of [minutes from 9/12/2025](#)
2. Appointment of USFAC member from URPC – Dave Janetta
3. Discussion and planning of Budget Forum – Tentative Date of October 22, 2025 from 12:30pm – 2:00pm in Goodwin Forum (Jenn Capps and Jaime Lancaster) – [2024-25 presentation](#) as reference
4. [CSU Budget Request Update](#)
5. Review of Policies and Guidelines
 - [CSU Budget Oversight Policy](#) (for reference)
 - [Budget Oversight Policy](#) (Humboldt)
6. Divisional Update [Templates](#)

Key points from the meeting:

- We hope to have the location & time of the Fall Budget Forum finalized by Tuesday so that we can begin promoting the event.
- The CSU Board of Trustees has submitted its 2026-2027 Operating Budget request (link in agenda item #4). Now, the Budget Office will begin drafting the scenarios that will inform budget planning for the 26/27 academic year. The CSU has requested an increase in base funding of \$597 million, plus \$1.1 billion in one-time funds to address ongoing and deferred maintenance issues at the 23 CSU campuses. Because of the ongoing budgetary challenges at the State level and continuing risk to Federal funds for research, education and health care, it's unlikely that the CSU will get everything it asked for. We'll have more information from the State in January when the Governor releases his proposed budget (see budget timeline below)



- As we move forward into budget planning for the upcoming academic year, I see two major things that we need to keep in mind. First, we've done good work over the last several years to ensure that our operating budget is balanced, and as a result Cal Poly Humboldt has a balanced budget and is in a better financial position than many of our sister campuses in the CSU. As a campus, we should be proud of this fact, even as budget reductions have been painful, and we find ourselves with little remaining wiggle room if additional cuts are necessary. But because we've made difficult cuts and have tightened-our-belts,, we are able to approach the upcoming budget cycle with a little breathing room. Despite this hard work, public support for higher education is in jeopardy. The possibility of ongoing State budget deficits and changes in Federal funding to important state programs such as medicaid mean that future funding to the CSU is uncertain. Even with growing tuition revenue, changes in state appropriation have the potential to bring additional cuts. The CSU is lobbying in an attempt to protect funding to higher education.
- You can make your voice heard by urging our elected representatives to protect CSU finding:
 - [Link to email Senator Mike McGuire](#)
 - [Link to email Assemblymember Chirs Rogers](#)

Schedule of meetings for AY 25/26

	URPC CCR & Zoom	Activities/Notes
Fall 2025	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)	Overview of VSIP impact to date
	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

Academic Senate of the CSU

Submitted by Stephanie Burkhalter and Mary Virnoche, ASCSU Senators
 ASCSU committees meet on October 17. The next full plenary is November 5-7.

Associated Students

Submitted by Eduardo Cruz, AS President
 Meeting Details: no report

California Faculty Association

Submitted by Ryder Dschida, CFA Humboldt Chapter President
 Members: Loren Cannon, Garret Purchio, Aaron Donaldson, Lisa Tremain, Roberto Monico, Yvonne Doble, Dylan McClure
 Meeting Date(s): 9/26/2025
 Meeting Details: CFA is hosting a family friendly potluck-style Faculty Social at Arcata's Redwood Park on **Sunday, 5 October from 12-3 p.m.** Come with your favorite potluck dish! Bring your family, friends, pets, or just yourself!

CFA has reviewed and—pending documentation—approved all requests for compensation for the campus closure from April through May in 2024.

CFA has filed an Article 37 grievance regarding the ongoing construction at Harry Griffith Hall. Expect a faculty-wide email to be sent shortly regarding this matter.

Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Submitted by Rosamel Benavides-Garb, Campus Diversity Officer
Meeting Details: -No Report-

Emeritus & Retired Faculty & Staff Association

Submitted by Marshelle Thobaben, Senate Representative for ERFSA

You are invited to attend the **October 9th ERFSA Luncheon** at Baywood Golf and Country Club. Our guest speakers are:

11:45: **Julie Stewart**, *Interim OLLI Program Coordinator, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute*

12:00: **Silvia E Pavan**, [2024 ERFSA 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" .



Faculty hired 50 years ago (sent to ERFSA by Emeritus Professor Mark Larson)

Here's a photo of the 1975-76 new faculty on opening day. **Row 1:** Don Carter, journalism; Phyllis Chinn, math; Jeanne Kozlak, nursing; Merry Maloney, nursing; Karen Westbrook, nursing; Marlys Lilleskov, nursing; Marybeth Chase, nursing; Dorothy Field, psychology; Rachel Starr, political science; Ali Shamsavari, economics. **Row 2:** Virginia Krueger, music; Sally Roggia, library; Robert Hunt, math; Suzanne Larson, speech communications; Mike Mesler, biology; Doug Losee, speech communications; Prem Dwivedi, business administration; Nancy Katz, English; Marie Roberts, nursing. **Row 3:** Sharman Smith, home economics; Adam Honea, geology; James LaMont, business administration; Larry Kruckman, geography; Peter Teneau, art; David Gordon, music; Bill Pope, forestry; Denis Potter, industrial arts; Alexis Emerson, foreign languages. **Row 4:** Don Armbrust, affirmative action; Sheila Ross, art; Mark Larson, journalism; Wayne Stromberg, philosophy; Mark Wilson, forestry; Michael McClure, psychology; Michael Bowes, biology; Ross Hale, business administration; Bob Gearheart, engineering; John Hardwig, philosophy.

Labor Council

Submitted by Bella Gray, Labor Council Delegate

Members:

- APC (Unit 4): Tania Marin-Zeldin, Marissa Holguin, Kim Coughlin-Lamphear
- CFA (Unit 3): Ryder Dschida, Loren Cannon, Mario Fernandez,
- CSUEU (Units 2, 5, 7, and 9): Edwin Espinoza, Bella Gray
- Teamsters (Unit 6): Phil Bradley

Meeting Date(s): None since September 9. Next meeting: October 14.

Meeting Details: No report.

Staff Council

Submitted by Senator Sulaina Banks

Members: Scott Harris, Stephanie Souter, Sherry Beasley, Aylea Maxwell-Miller, Xelha Puc, Kathy Hudson, Pearl Podgorniak, Tianna Nourot

Meeting Date: September 16, 2025

Meeting Details:

- Submitted *State of Staff Council 2025* report to PEC.
 - Chairs confirmed: Staff Council Chair (Kathy Hudson), Governance (Scott Harris), Recognitions (Stephanie Souter with Sherry Beasley shadowing), Staff Service (Aylea Maxwell-Miller. Website (Xelha Puc).
 - Recruitment plan finalized: Quarterly email with self-nomination form, followed by 1:1 conversations with interested staff.
 - Meetings:
 - Business meetings - monthly via Zoom with a quarterly in-person business followed by social
 - Open Forums -Two per semester for timely campus update, issues of interest to staff, updates from staff serving on other committees/groups on campus. Planned: Meet Our New President.
 - Adopted streamlined process for approving meeting notes asynchronously
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Executive Cabinet Report to the University Senate

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

COMMUNITY

Accessibility projects continue, with two additional projects completing this month. Monthly updates continue to be available at <https://hum.link/accessibility-updates>

INCLUSIVE EXPERIENCE

Students

Don't Miss the **Grad School Fair** Sept. 30, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Library Author's Hall. The Career Development Center is excited to invite representatives from a number of graduate schools who will share insights on their programs and what to expect when applying, with a

focus on encouraging our students to think beyond the bachelor's degree. On and off-campus representatives will be present.

Our Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) team is bringing back "Let's Talk" sessions. These are a confidential, informal, and easy-to-access session with a counselor who is especially committed to supporting individuals from diverse backgrounds. Check out [the flier](#) to find out more!

Campus

The Division of Enrollment Management and Student Success announced [plans for interim leadership](#) within the Dean of Students office in a recent campus message, as an update to an [earlier message](#) this semester regarding staffing changes that impacted areas including admissions, conduct, and more. **Ravin Craig** will assume the interim Dean of Students role when Dr. Mitch Mitchell departs, and a number of others throughout the division are stepping up to provide additional leadership and support as well, as detailed in the two communications.