

CAL POLY HUMBOLDT

University Senate Written Reports, October 28, 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): 10/15/25 and 10/22/25

Meeting Details: We are doing a line-by-line review of our draft revision to the Procedures for the Discontinuance of an Academic Program, and we hope to circulate the draft for campus input sometime in the next two weeks. Other items in the committee's queue are:

1. Creation of a ABC/NC grade mode policy (in progress)
 2. Revisions to Procedures for the Suspension of and Academic Program
 3. Revisions to Syllabus Policy (pending ICC procedure changes for course proposals)
 4. Creation of a policy on accommodations for student athlete travel related absence
 5. Revisions to policy regarding university assessment
 6. Revisions Posthumous Degrees and Certificates of Achievement Policy
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Appointments and Elections Committee

Submitted by Jorge Monteiro, AEC Chair

Members:

Meeting Date(s):

Meeting Details: No report

Constitution and Bylaws Committee

Submitted by Rouhollah Aghasaleh, CBC Chair

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

Meeting Date(s):

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): October 27

Meeting Details: This report was submitted prior to the meeting on October 27. However, FAC has a meeting scheduled with all three colleges' Council of Chairs to discuss policy needs.

Integrated Curriculum Committee

Submitted by Sara Sterner, ICC Chair

Members: Jill Anderson, Paul Michael Atienza, Morgan Barker, Christine Cass, Joice Chang, Tom Cook, William Fisher, Paul Geck, Chris Guillen, Sara Hart, Alison Hodges, 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): October 21, 2025

Overview of Meeting Details: The committee reviewed several program and course updates. Sara reported that the STEM Education MA was returned to ICC after Senate review and is being revised with stakeholder input for resubmission. The Community Health proposal was approved with minor revisions, and the Economics proposal passed unanimously, with a course classification update for HED 482 (S36 → C78). The committee also approved a new Healthcare Economics course and revisions to the Geospatial Science and Technology major, including updated math options and prerequisites. Broader issues around course substitutions were

noted. The group supported restructuring Geospatial Certificates into new basic and advanced options to improve clarity and phase out the ESM geospatial concentration.

Approved Proposals Moving Forward to Senate:

- On consent:
 - [Economics, B.A. - 24-2963 - Change Core Requirement](#) and related proposals
 - [GSP - 436 - 25-3044 - Course Change - Geospatial Applications in NR](#)
 - [GSP - 570 - 25-3045 - Course Change - Advanced Geospatial Analysis and Modeling](#)
- As a resolution:
 - [Community Health, B.A. New Degree Proposal - 24-2678](#) + Related Proposals
 - [Geospatial Certificate of Study \(Basic\) - 24-2787 - Suspend Program](#)
 - [Geospatial Basic Certificate of Study - New Certificate of Study - 24-2891](#)
 - [Geographic Information Science Certificate of Study - New Certificate of Study - 24-2938](#)
 - [Remote Sensing Certificate of Study - New Certificate of Study - 24-2939](#)
 - [Cartography Certificate of Study - New Certificate of Study - 24-2931](#)

The committee also reviewed distinctions between Chancellor's Office and campus definitions of programs, streamlined course templates, and proposed adding zero-cost materials and HEOA guidance to course instructions. Cameron clarified that the Provost (via Heather) is the final policy approver. Members discussed shared governance boundaries, Senate objections, and the importance of earlier faculty consultation and transparency in new program development. Cameron concluded with updates from the Modern Campus conference, highlighting upcoming system enhancements to strengthen curriculum management and review workflows.

Read More:

- **Meeting Agenda:** [10.21.25-ICC Meeting Agenda - Approved](#) (*Humboldt Login Required*)
 - **DRAFT Meeting Minutes:** [10.21.25-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](#)
 - [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](#)
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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

Submitted by Jaime Lancaster, URPC Co-Chair

Members:

Meeting Date(s):

Meeting Details: No report

Academic Senate of the CSU

Submitted by Stephanie Burkhalter and Mary Virnoche, ASCSU Senators

Meeting Dates: The next ASCSU subcommittee meetings and plenary will be November 5-7, 2025 at the Chancellor's Office in Long Beach.

Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program October 21, 2025 Advisory Committee Meeting Senator Virnoche, ASCSU Representative

- **Application Materials & Evaluation:** The [CDIP](#) advisory committee reviewed application materials (essay prompts, rubrics, eligibility), as well as the scoring process (e.g. normalizing evaluation through generation of Z scores). The prompts were improved to directly solicit examples linked to evaluation criteria outlined on the rubric. The rubric itself was improved to orient scoring on "criteria" that may draw evidence from across application materials (e.g. commitment to collaboration) instead of past listing of each application object (e.g. essay 1).
- **Recruitment:** The advisory committee discussed recruitment coordinated mostly by program staff working out of the Chancellor's Office. That recruitment includes participation in the annual [California Forum for Diversity in Graduate Education](#),

[NDISTEM](#) Conference, and direct marketing to campuses through the designated [campus coordinators](#) and cultural centers. The CDIP Faculty Director will host information sessions in November, December, and February with applications due February 16, 2026.

- **Increasing Applicant Pools:** Applicant pools have been steadily increasing. Most (80%) of applicants to CDIP are CSU current students and alumni. With a focus on mentoring and supporting prospective CSU faculty, CDIP also recruits applicants from outside the CSU. 2025-26 [Dashboard](#)
 - **Campus Representation Uneven:** All campuses are not generating proportionate applicant pools. Some campuses have never had an alumni [receive a CDIP fellowship](#). CDIP leadership noted that while our current students may apply simultaneously to doctoral programs and CDIP, some past fellows reported that doing both was too overwhelming. Often applicants come from students who have already begun their doctoral study and are looking to the CSU for future employment – they come to CDIP to get mentoring on teaching, as well as other program resources including financial support.
 - **Action Item:** CDIP leaders asked if there were ways in which ASCSU, Campus Senates, and/or campus programs might enhance outreach and visibility for CDIP. One suggestion included identifying campus programs or structures that could host/support student writing and organization of their applications.
 - **Note:** The CSU also supports the [Sally Casanova Pre-doctoral Program](#) that includes a pilot health professionals track and contributes to building future (CSU) faculty.
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Associated Students

Submitted by Eduardo Cruz, AS President

Members: Administrative and Finance Vice President Nate Heron, Executive Vice President Ayan Cabot, Officer of Student Affairs Riley Hemenover, Officer of Environmental Sustainability Roselyn Montanez, Officer of Social Justice Equity and Inclusion Anna Martinez, Officer of Academic Affairs Stephanie McKindley, and Officer of External Affairs Mary Angelie Mangubat
Meeting Details:

External Affairs Officer and Elections Commissioner

We are recruiting for an **External Affairs Officer**, who represents Associated Students at the systemwide level, building connections to other CSU campuses, tracking state and federal legislation, and ensuring our student voice is heard through the California State Student Association and beyond.

We are also recruiting for our **Elections Commissioner**, who prepares for the upcoming Spring

2026 elections developing timelines for candidate orientations and voting outreach while working closely with our Board Coordinator.

Classroom Presentations

Associated Students have been giving classroom presentations, which aim to expand awareness of Associated Students' work and resources. If you are interested in having Associated Students present in your classroom, contact us at **hsuas@humboldt.edu**.

Student Experience Survey

We are collaborating with different campus departments and groups such as **Enrollment Management & Student Success, Administration & Finance, and Facilities Management** for the Student Experience Survey.

We encourage you to tell and encourage every student you encounter or know to take this survey, as it will help enhance the Humboldt experience today and in the future.

Students will be entered to win various prizes such as an **Apple iPad, State Parks Annual Pass, Parking Pass, or a \$25 Cal Poly Humboldt Store Gift Card**.

The survey closes on **Wednesday, October 29th, 2025**.

This is more than just a survey, it is a way to shape the future of Cal Poly Humboldt.

Grants

Associated Students have grants available, such as Travel Grants, Professional Development Grants, and Initiative Grants.

We really want to emphasize the Initiative Grants, these are open to students and even faculty who have an idea on how to enhance student life.

They are intended for those seeking funds for general campus projects, starting groups, or addressing campus needs in order to enhance the educational journey.

CSU Voices and Federal Updates

The CSU has launched **CSU Voices**, an advocacy platform.

Here is the link: <https://www.calstate.edu/join-csu-voices>.

You will receive timely updates and opportunities to advocate via email and text on issues that directly affect student success and the CSU from the California State Budget to federal programs like **Pell Grants** and others that support students.

I encourage you all to sign up. If you are also interested in CSU federal updates, visit:

<https://www.calstate.edu/Pages/Federal-Updates.aspx>.

California State Student Association (CSSA)

We attended **CSSA** on **October 18–19, 2025**.

Here is the link to the agenda:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1X0B6vuX_7Ur_5KfpCtR3dYvU_ya86HBg/view.

A quick breakdown of the Plenary:

- The **Finance Committee** discussed topics such as our financial statement and CSSA funding prospects and options.
- The **Systemwide Affairs Committee** discussed **Artificial Intelligence (AI)** and how campuses are gathering feedback or developing policies surrounding AI.
- The **Internal Affairs Committee** reviewed **Executive Officer Duties and Responsibilities** and the **CSSA Constitution** regarding campus membership on ordinary committees, to reflect **22 CSU campuses instead of 23**.
- The **Legislative Affairs Committee** discussed campus advocacy steps and reviewed assigned legislators that campuses can meet with to discuss campus and/or CSSA priorities, as well as updates on **CIVIC Points**.

Lastly, the **Board of Directors** approved the **2027–28 Meeting Schedule**, the **2025-26 Policy Agenda**, and the **revised CSSA Constitution**.

Lastly, we have a Board of Directors meeting on Friday October 31st, 2025 from 2:00–4:00 PM in SAC 131 or via Zoom: [Zoom Link](#) | Meeting ID: 85438739031 | Passcode: 416854

Remaining Board of Directors meetings for the semester:

- November 14th
 - December 5th
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California Faculty Association

Submitted by Ryder Dschida, CFA Humboldt Chapter President

Members: Loren Cannon, Dylan McClure, Yvonne Doble, Caglar Dolek, Roberto Monico, Garrett Purchio, Aaron Donaldson

Meeting Date(s): 10/24/2025

Meeting Details:

Congratulations for another successful Campus Dialogue on Race! CFA Humboldt wishes to express our heartfelt congratulations and appreciation for last week's CDOR event. We wish to bring special attention to our SQE interns who led a workshop on Friday, 10/24, *Rest Through Coalition: Building a Base with Solidarity*.

CFA held its Fall Assembly on 18 and 19 October.

CFA's statewide leadership and delegates spent a lot of time discussing the potential ramifications stemming from the Chancellor's Office accepting the \$144 million no-interest loan. CFA was not consulted on how to use the money. While we are pleased to hear that Chancellor Garcia accepted the money, we are frustrated that CSU faculty were not considered when conceiving as to how it ought to be spent.

Further, CFA wishes to remind CSU members that this loan was intended to restore the 3% budget shortfall and its resulting cuts to appointments, programs, and other functions of the CSU. While CFA appreciates the gesture of getting much-needed funds into people's pockets, CFA feels that this is not in line with the original intent of the loan. For example, why not reinstate discontinued courses or programs that were cut to make up for the budget shortfall?

CFA Humboldt reaffirms its commitment to building an accessible campus, especially focusing on mobility. To that end, CFA Humboldt hopes that the new Engineering building will be a shining example of what the future holds for Cal Poly Humboldt. CFA Humboldt encourages administrators and facilities to look to other campuses as guides for how to make an accessible

campus work... Lewis and Clark University in Portland, Oregon comes to mind as a hilly campus with proper signage that guides folks to accessible pathways.

CFA Humboldt firmly believes that Proactive Advising for Student Success (PASS) needs to be opt-in. With the upcoming requirement for faculty to have accessible Canvas pages according to ADA law, this is more important than ever. Faculty have the right to protect their intellectual property, including their courses.

Finally, CFA Humboldt wishes to express our gratitude to Kim White and associated faculty for their work remedying the situation in Harry Griffith Hall. We appreciate their cooperation and look forward to further collaboration in the spirit of shared governance.

Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Submitted by Rosamel Benavides-Garb, Campus Diversity Officer

Members:

Meeting Date(s):

Meeting Details: -No report-

Emeritus & Retired Faculty & Staff Association

Submitted by Marshelle Thobaben, Senate Representative for ERFSA

Members:

Meeting Date(s):

Meeting Details: If you do not plan to submit a written report, please write "no report" in the meeting details space of this document, just so I know not to wait on your committee/division

On Nov. 13th Humboldt-ERFSA will have 2 guest speakers at Baywood Golf and Country Club.

Ann K Conley, Lecturer in Education, received a 2022 Humboldt-ERFSA Grant, will present "Building Community Identity Through Local Language Practice".

Morgan Baker, Librarian, received a 2023 Humboldt-ERFSA Grant, will present on Sustainability Library Certification at Cal Poly Humboldt.

Labor Council

Submitted by Bella Gray, Labor Council Delegate

Members:

- APC (Unit 4): Tania Marin-Zeldin, Marissa Holguin, Kim Coughlin-Lamphear, Ann Johnson-Cruz
- 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, Ryan Moore, Jason Wiegandt

Meeting Date(s): October 14, 2025

Meeting Details: No action items to report. The Labor Council is curiously looking forward to clarity on how the Chancellor's Office is planning on putting the \$144 million loan towards a "well-deserved recognition for the extraordinary skill and dedication you demonstrate across our campuses every day.

Staff Council

Submitted by Senator Sulaina Banks

Meeting Details: No report

President and President's Executive Cabinet Report to University Senate

Michael Spagna, Interim President

Bethany Gilden, Acting Chief of Staff

Jenn Capps, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Michael Fisher, Acting Vice President for Administration & Finance and CFO

Chrissy Holliday, Vice President for Enrollment Management & Student Success

Steven Karp, Interim Vice President for University Advancement

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

Nick Pettit, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics & Recreational Sports

Connie Stewart, Executive Director of Initiatives for University Advancement

JoAnn Yamani - Executive Director of Strategic Communications

INCLUSIVE EXPERIENCE

Campus

The campus will be conducting searches for the permanent positions for the Vice President of Administration & Finance and the Vice President of Advancement. In alignment with the new MPP Hiring policy Position descriptions and justifications are with Senex for review. Faculty, staff, and student search committee membership will be gathered through the Appointment and Elections Committee.

Faculty Fellows call - The Division of Enrollment Management & Student Success (EMSS) is pleased to invite **applications for one-semester Cultural Centers for Academic Excellence Faculty Fellow positions for Spring 2026**. Faculty who are interested in supporting and enriching the academic excellence of students at Cal Poly Humboldt who identify with the Cultural Centers for Academic Excellence (CCAEs) are encouraged to apply. Three fellow positions are available: Dreamer Center, ADPIMENA Center, and Q Center. **Duties:** The Faculty Advisor will be responsible for supporting students in successfully navigating higher ed academically, socially, and professionally in a culturally affirming way by providing direct, ongoing academic advising to students in the designated affinity center, including academic plans; includes regular interface with faculty advisors, the financial aid office, the registrar, transfer programs, and scholarships. Responsible for co-assessing students' time to degree, supporting CCAE programming and addressing areas of concern in pursuit of individual students' success. **Preferred Qualifications:** This position is open to Cal Poly Humboldt faculty in any discipline who have demonstrated experience advising students in culturally affirming ways. Preference will be given to faculty who have served the affinity population for the position being sought: Dreamer Center, ADPIMENA Center or Q Center. **Application:** Please submit a one-page letter of interest that includes a discussion of the specific Center of interest and a brief CV to Ravin.Craig@humboldt.edu by **Friday, November 14**. The Office of Academic Affairs will ensure that selected candidates are in good standing before hire. **Compensation:** The incumbent will receive 6 WTUs of assigned time for the spring 2026 semester. Pending budget availability, there may be an opportunity to reapply for the 2026/27 academic year. **Questions:** For more information, contact Ravin Craig, Temporary Director for the Cultural Centers for Academic Excellence and Director of Student Life (Ravin.Craig@humboldt.edu).

Dining feedback - Previous Senate meetings have included conversations about our contract with Chartwells, student and general campus community perceptions of food quality and selection, etc. Humboldt Dining is currently seeking feedback through the [Voice to Vision dining survey](#), and also accepts text feedback. To use the Text 2 Chat option, message Dining at 707.633.2338. Feedback helps us improve the campus dining experience, so we thank you for sharing!

ADVANCEMENT DIVISION REPORT

Great Campus and Alumni events in October

- Lumberjack Weekend attended by 3,446 (150 more than previous year) Photos: <https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjCuZBF>
- The distinguished alumni award dinner was attended by 108 people with 5 distinguished alumni winners and their families.
- Golden Graduate Brunch and Induction with more than 55 people was full of memories and positivity. Photos: <https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjCruzN>
- Alumni and donor contacts database has grown to more than 70,000 contacts with 875 new contacts in the past month.
- Annual giving is starting off strong with almost 2,000 unique donors this fiscal year, 80 donors ahead of this time last year well on the way to meet our goal of 5,250 donors for the year.

Advancement Foundation and Sponsored Program Foundation

- Advancement Foundation and Sponsored Programs Foundation meet several times each year. Here are the links to the board agendas and minutes for both organizations:
 - Advancement Foundation future meeting dates and minutes:
 - [2026 Foundation Board Meeting Dates](#)
 - [Minutes & Agendas](#) (note minutes are posted after the following meeting once approved by the board)
 - Sponsored Programs Foundation
 - [Meetings, Minutes, & Agendas | Sponsored Programs Foundation](#)