

## **CAL POLY HUMBOLDT**

**University Senate Written Reports, November 18, 2025**

**Standing Committees, Statewide Senators and Ex-officio Members**

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### **Academic Policies Committee**

Submitted by Tyler Evans, APC Chair

Members: Julie Alderson (Faculty-Art), Ayan Cabot (AS Students), Frank Cappuccio (Faculty-Chem), Alexus-Harrelle Deshazer (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): 10/29/25, 11/5/29 and 11/12/25

Meeting Details: The committee finished drafting the proposed revision to the procedure for discontinuance of an academic program and made a plan for soliciting input from FAC, ICC, SenEx and associate deans in the 10/29 meeting. The committee discussed input from FAC, ICC, SenEx and associate deans in the 11/5 and 11/12 meetings.

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### **Appointments and Elections Committee**

Submitted by Jorge Monteiro, AEC Chair

Members: Ara Pachmayer, Jorge Monteiro, Michihiro Sugata

Meeting Details: We finished the appointments from the 2nd call for nominations. The third call for nominations has been sent, and we hope to fill all the Fall vacancies.

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### **Constitution and Bylaws Committee**

Submitted by Rouhollah Aghasaleh, CBC Chair

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

Guest: Mary Virnoche

Meeting Date(s): Oct. 27, 2025

Meeting Details:

- Review of the University Advancement [Report](#) on ESR investment:

*It is important to highlight that Cal Poly Humboldt is among the higher education leaders in environmentally and socially responsible investing. In 2014, with extensive student involvement, an investment strategy focused on reducing investments in the fossil fuel industry and in tracking investments in socially concerning sectors was adopted. In 2023, again with student involvement and assistance, a new policy focused on Environmentally & Socially Responsible (ESR) investing was adopted. This policy takes a "positive investment" approach to select funds with strong environmental, social, and governance practices, and again puts Humboldt at the leading edge of responsible investing within higher education.*

*The Cal Poly Humboldt Foundation's allocation to dedicated Environmentally & Socially Responsible (ESR) investing has significantly increased since 2023. On June 30, 2023 the funds qualifying as ESR totaled 33%, and as of June 30, 2025, 73% of funds qualify as ESR. Note that the maximum amount achievable is 82% because real estate funds (7%) and local properties (11 %) are not categorized as ESR.*

*The investments in the University's endowment do not include any direct investment in defense companies or any securities issued by Israeli companies or organizations, or to defense firms. In fact, because of the relatively small size of the endowment, the investment strategy does not include direct investment in any specific companies or securities. Instead, the portion of the investment in securities is in mutual funds, which are bundles of many securities that reflect the portfolios of numerous different investment managers.*

*So any holdings of the securities in question would represent indirect investment. Our estimates put the potential indirect investment in the areas that are asked about at less than 1 % of the investment portfolio of more than \$54 million. Of this, our estimate of potential defense investment is less than 0. 7% of the entire portfolio, though that can fluctuate over time.*

*This estimate is probably high as these companies primarily manufacture components of various industrial products (e.g. aircraft engines, wind turbines, and navigation systems). The portion of the indirect investment in Israeli organizations is likewise less than 0.1 %, and can fluctuate over time. These securities, which again are bundled in a single mutual fund, are in bonds rather*

*than common stock. Any of these holdings could be sold by the fund manager at any time.*

- Discussion w/ ASCSU Senator Virnoche regarding other campuses' activities and policies. and the legislative side of CalPERS.
- Next Step:
  - Discussion regarding Purchasing Policy with Hank Kaplan (Chancellor's Office Scope3 Analyst)
  - Follow up w/ ASCSU.
  - Discuss w/ Chair Harmon regarding CSU-wide Senate Chair network regarding their campus policies, since ASCSU members may not be on their campus Senate.
  - Discuss w/ Campus Procurement and Contracts.

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## **Faculty Affairs Committee**

Submitted by Jayne McGuire, FAC Chair

Meeting Details: No Report

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## **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):** November 4, 2025

**Overview of Meeting Details:** The committee engaged in strategic planning updates and reviewed several major academic proposals. These included the Cultural Resource Management Certificate of Study, preparing students for applied archaeology careers through field and regulatory training; the Applied Humanities B.A., a new multidisciplinary program emphasizing

community engagement and workforce-relevant humanities skills; the Critical Agriculture Studies & Agroecology B.S., an innovative, farm-based program focused on climate-just and transdisciplinary agricultural practices; and the Health and Medical Sciences B.S., designed to prepare students for diverse clinical and biomedical careers through multiple pre-professional concentrations. The meeting concluded with discussion of engineering program revisions to align life science requirements across majors and to adjust elective and prerequisite structures to improve consistency and student success, with some proposals requiring additional clarification before final approval.

### **Approved Proposals Moving Forward to Senate:**

- On consent: None
- As a resolution:
  - [Cultural Resource Management - 24-2854 - New Certificate of StudyApplied](#)
  - [Humanities, B.A. New Degree Proposal - 24-2524](#)
  - [Critical Agriculture Studies & Agroecology New Degree Proposal - 24-2837](#)
  - [Health and Medical Sciences BS - New Degree Proposal - 25-2933](#)

### **Read More:**

- **Meeting Agenda:** [11.04.25-ICC Meeting Agenda - Approved](#) (*Humboldt Login Required*)
- **DRAFT Meeting Minutes:** [11.04.25-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 \(CAHSS\)](#)
  - **APPROVED:** [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: Cameron Allison Govier, Heather Honig, Kimberly White, Kijung Ryu, Stephanie Corigliano, William Cook

Meeting Date(s): November 4, 2025, and November 18, 2025

Meeting Details: No report

## **University Resources and Planning Committee**

Submitted by Jaime Lancaster, URPC Co-Chair

Meeting Details: No Report

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## **Academic Senate of the CSU**

Submitted by Stephanie Burkhalter and Mary Virnoche, ASCSU Senators

Meeting Dates: November 5-7, 2025

The ASCSU standing committee meetings and plenary convened on November 5-7, 2025. Senator Burkhalter participated online and Senator Virnoche participated in person at the Chancellor's Office in Long Beach. *The next ASCSU plenary will take place January 15-16, 2026* and the ASCSU interim committee meetings will convene online on December 5, 2025. The CSU Board of Trustees next meet on November 18-19, 2025. You can view the agenda [here](#).

### **November 2025 Resolutions Passed**

The ASCSU approved at the November 2025 plenary the following resolutions.

*The permanent archive of all ASCSU resolutions, their status, and the Chancellor's Office responses can be found at this [link](#).*

- *AS-3760-25/APEP Supporting the California State University (CSU) System Office Review Standards for General Education (GE) Area 6 (Ethnic Studies) Submissions*
- Updates a prior resolution AS-3505-21/APEP Supporting CSU System Office Review Standards for General Education (GE) Area F (Ethnic Studies) Submissions to incorporate the current label for Ethnic Studies (Area 6).
- *AS-3771-25/Floor Call to Finalize Appointment of California State University Faculty Trustee* The ASCSU reaffirms its strong support for the two candidates it recommended to Governor Gavin Newsom in March 2025 and urges the Governor to promptly appoint one as the next CSU Faculty Trustee for the term that began July 1, 2025

### **First Reading Resolutions and Other Documents For Campus Feedback**

These resolutions were presented for feedback from Senators and communication to campuses. The sponsoring committee(s) revise these resolutions and usually return them as action items (second readings) at the next Plenary.

- [3763 JEDI Support Minority Serving Institutions](#)
- [3769 Exec Faculty Trustee Appointment Advocacy Plans](#)
- [3764 FGA Change In The Advocacy Positions Taken On ASCSU Monitored Legislative Bills](#)
- [3765 FGA 2025 Policy Agenda Priorities And Goals](#)
- [3767 AA CSU-CSU Articulation Of Major Courses](#)
- [3768 AA ASCSU Disciplinary Councils](#)

## Report on Guests

### **Junius Gonzales, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs (new to the job October 6)**

Vice Chancellor Junius Gonzales shared reflections on his background, the CSU's role in California, and his priorities moving forward. Drawing from his experience from an immigrant family, first-generation college student, psychiatrist, and long-time academic leader, he described the CSU as a vital system, essential to the state and its communities. He framed the current moment as one of volatility and complexity, citing shifting demographics, fiscal pressure, political scrutiny, technological disruption, and equity concerns. In this context, he emphasized the need for proactive, collaborative approaches rather than reactive ones, encouraging a forward-looking mindset across the system.

His key priorities include advancing faculty excellence (through professional development, leadership opportunities, and improved support for department chairs and faculty affairs offices); reimaging the academic student experience (particularly advising models and mentorship structures); and fostering program innovation and inter-campus collaboration. He also noted the importance of drawing on systemwide data, including faculty and student surveys, to inform decisions. He is looking at enhancing CSU online, but focusing on fit of online programs that meet needs. He mentioned a forthcoming CSU Economic Impact Report disaggregated into 8 regions. He maintained that CSU regional impact is to legislature and campus identities.

In response to questions, VC Gonzales acknowledged challenges around morale and governance and encouraged open communication and structured partnerships between campuses and the Chancellor's Office. He emphasized that while CSU faces serious challenges, it also holds unique potential to shape the future of public higher education, if work is grounded in shared purpose, data, and inclusive engagement.

### **Junius Gonzales, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs; Dilcie Perez, Deputy Vice Chancellor for Strategic Enrollment Management and Student Success and Chief Student Affairs Officer; Nathan Evans, Associate Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs**

System priorities and current issues were discussed, including federal compliance matters such as the EEOC antisemitism investigation and the OCR complaint related to the PhD Project. Campuses are currently reviewing partnerships to ensure nondiscrimination. Campuses retain discretion over H-1B visa

sponsorships but must report petition activity to the Chancellor's Office. Strategic Enrollment Management planning is underway, focused on aligning programs with workforce needs, expanding access for nontraditional learners, and encouraging regional collaboration. Senators raised concerns about AI and called for clear guidelines for its responsible use in teaching and research. Student mental health remains a key priority, with a need for expanded support beyond standard hours. Senators emphasized the importance of transparency, meaningful consultation, and managing the cumulative burden of compliance and policy shifts on campuses.

**CFA Liaison report: Margarita Berta-Ávila, CFA President** CFA President Margarita Berta-Ávila outlined key issues, including concerns over program and job losses, especially at Sonoma State, and frustration over the Chancellor's use of a 0% interest loan for one-time bonuses rather than program or job restoration. She reported on preparations for bargaining, with a full contract reopening and proposals on academic freedom, AI, workload, evaluations, and other faculty working conditions. CFA intends to hold open caucus meetings and general member updates during the bargaining process. The union has also filed an unfair labor practice charge related to AI initiatives and is actively working on faculty protections regarding doxxing, academic freedom, and health and safety. CFA filed a lawsuit related to the release of personal employee information in the context of a federal EEOC investigation. Other updates included immigration task force activity, successful legislation, and continued coalition-building with other CSU unions and the AAUP.

**CSU Alumni Council Liaison Report: Jodi Braverman, Executive Director, CSU Alumni Council, Lori Brockett, Associate Vice President for Alumni Engagement and University Events (CSUSM)**

The Alumni Council shared updates on aligning their work with the Student Success Framework, focusing on post-graduation success, career support, and alumni-student connections. They promoted the new advocacy platform, CSU Voices.. A discussion followed on how faculty and alumni can better partner to support student career readiness. Senators highlighted challenges such as time constraints, paperwork, and lack of infrastructure, and suggested improved support and coordination at the campus and system levels. The Council will share this input with campus alumni directors and continue the conversation.

**Frank Hurtarte, Vice Chancellor of Human Resources & Peter Lim, Executive Advisor, Civil Rights Programming and Services**

Hutarte and Lim shared ACC Title IX Toolkit Flyers and a draft communications plan for continued civil rights programming. Senators offered suggestions to improve clarity, tone, and accessibility, and emphasized the need for more student-centered language and imagery. Concerns were raised about campus culture, transparency, and accountability, particularly in Title IX cases involving campus leadership. The affirmed their commitment to incorporating feedback before materials are finalized and distributed.

**CSSA Liaison Report: Katie Karroum, CSSA Vice President of Systemwide Affairs**

VP Karroum highlighted CSSA's recently adopted 2025-26 policy agenda, which prioritizes issues such as the total cost of attendance, student wellness and mental health support, academic success, and inclusive student engagement. A major focus has been the CSU's artificial intelligence initiative. VP

Karroum previewed a student-authored white paper on AI, which outlines six key areas: equity and access, academic integrity and grading consistency, privacy and transparency, sustainability, mental health and ethics, and governance and student inclusion. She expressed interest in continued collaboration with faculty on AI-related contracts and policies. She also discussed student perspectives on the Student Success Framework and Graduation Initiative Symposium, noting improvement in student inclusion this year while emphasizing the need for genuine engagement beyond token representation

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## Associated Students

Submitted by Eduardo Cruz, AS President

### Budget Cycle Now Open

Associated Students have been hard at work this month, and we are excited to share that the **A.S. Budget Application Cycle is officially open** for the upcoming fiscal year. Every academic year, full-time students at Cal Poly Humboldt contribute **\$68 per semester** to the Associated Students (A.S.), our recognized Student Body Association. These student body funds support a wide range of student-centered programs, services, and initiatives across campus.

### Budget Overview

Each spring, Associated Students conducts a comprehensive budget review to determine the allocation of Student Body Association Fee revenue. This budget establishes funding for the next fiscal year, which runs from **July 1 through June 30**.

Prospective organizations, A.S.-funded areas, and campus departments may submit applications for funding. Anyone and I mean anyone can apply! Applications can be accessed at the following link:

**A.S. Budget Application Portal:** <https://humboldt.infoready4.com/#competitionDetail/1999932>

### Budget Approval Process

#### 1. Application Review – Finance Committee

The process begins with a review by the A.S. Finance Committee, a student-led advisory board. Committee members engage applicants with questions and clarifications to shape the **Recommended Budget**.

## 2. Board Review & Appeals – A.S. Board of Directors

The Recommended Budget then moves to the full A.S. Board of Directors, consisting of eight voting student members and two non-voting staff advisors. The Board hears appeals from applicants and evaluates requested adjustments. A **Final Recommended Budget** is then adopted.

## 3. University Approval – Office of the President

The Final Recommended Budget is forwarded to the Office of the President for review and approval.

All funding decisions must follow a **viewpoint-neutral** process in accordance with the First Amendment. This means recommendations are made impartially, without influence from an organization's ideology, popularity, or message. All applicants are reviewed in an even-handed manner to ensure fairness and equal access to student funds.

### **Upcoming Event: AI World Café**

Our **Officer of Academic Affairs, Steph McKindley**, will be hosting an **AI World Café** on **December 4th**.

More details, including time, location, and topic themes—will be released soon. Keep an eye out for the official announcement!

### **Open A.S. Board Positions**

Associated Students currently has **two open positions** on the Board of Directors:

- **Officer of External Affairs**
- **Officer of Social Justice, Equity & Inclusion**

Students interested in leadership, policy, advocacy, or campus representation are strongly encouraged to apply.

## **Final A.S. Board Meeting of the Semester**

There is **one Board of Directors meeting left this semester:**

**December 5th**

**Nelson Hall East (NHE) 106**

**2:00–4:00 PM**

Everyone is welcome to attend, observe, and participate in public comment.

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## **California Faculty Association**

Submitted by Ryder Dschida, CFA Humboldt Chapter President

Meeting Details: No Report

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## **Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**

Submitted by Rosamel Benavides-Garb, Campus Diversity Officer

### **Personnel Updates:**

- ODEI Personnel
  - Administrative Analyst I position
    - Frank Herrera has been temporarily reassigned to ODEI to support special projects.
  - ASC II permanent position search
    - This position will close on November 20, 2025.
  - New student fellows:
    - We have completed a round of hiring for student fellows. The current cohort includes:
      - Equity Arcata Fellows: Ana Martinez (Political Science).
      - Equity Arcata and ODEI Fellow: Nauselle Gleglaud (Business Administration).
      - ODEI Fellows: Juli Suzukawa (MA, Community and Environment) and Evelyn Lovelace (Studio Arts).
      - Disability Fellow: Vermilion Walls (Geology).

### **Initiatives Updates:**

- ODEI continues to host monthly Tea and Talk sessions on the first Thursday of each month. This informal space allows all staff, faculty, and administrators to gather and discuss topics of interest to our community. These sessions have organically become professional development opportunities. The last session for the Fall semester will be December 4th @ 1 pm in the Vine Deloria room in the SJEIC (Balabanis House). All are welcome!
- Cultural Performance at Fall Commencement Ceremony, on Friday, December 19th, from 12 pm to 5 pm at the Lumberjack Arena. Following the successful reception of the Spring cultural performance events, Provost Capps has asked ODEI to organize and implement a second iteration of these events for the Fall Commencement ceremony. This presents a unique opportunity for our university to collectively celebrate the rich cultural backgrounds of our graduates and our community at large, as they complete this important milestone in their professional development.

### **Collaborations Updates:**

- Exchange Group
  - ODEI has initiated an exchange group with the Cultural Centers for Academic Excellence. We have begun meeting monthly with the coordinators and professional staff to share and discuss collaboration, leading or supporting student academic success.
- International Collaborations
  - ODEI has participated in high-level international collaboration with the University of Guanajuato, led by Dean Jeff Crane, along with Professors Jeff Kane and Erin Kelly. This meeting took place on Monday, November 10.
    - The following topics were discussed:
      - Institutional collaboration agreement
      - Faculty Exchange focusing on fire experts from UG
      - Invitation to the XI International Forum & Expo in UG scheduled for May 5-7, 2026.
      - UG summer research program for undergraduate students. The research program will take place in June and July of 2026. Dean Crane is preparing the informational flyer to invite the student community to apply.
- Equity Arcata
  - Equity Arcata has facilitated and led a number of initiatives, including but not limited to:
    - Hosting a student and faculty delegation from Oaxaca on September 30, 2025.
    - Hosting a *Tardeada* (evening gathering) to celebrate Latinx Heritage Month on Friday, October 3, 2025.
    - Facilitating a Safety retreat for the City of Arcata and the Arcata Police Department on October 13, 2025.
    - Hosting a monthly Community Safety Network Lunch, which includes the University Police, the City of Arcata, and the Arcata Police Department.

- Continuing to work with the City of Arcata, as a sanctuary City. Together, we continue to create capacity to support immigrant communities.
- On December 12, 2025, the City of Arcata will swear in the first Latino Chief of Police, Chris Ortega. ODEI and the Provost have been invited to attend.

### **Events Updates:**

- 27th Annual CDOR Conference: “Disconnecting to Reconnect”
  - ODEI offered four workshops during the Campus and Community Dialog on Race Conference.
    - Oct 21 “The Connection Zone: Bridging Gaps and Fostering Reconnection”
    - Oct 21 “Institutional Diversity Reports”
    - Oct 22 “Conversations to Connect to CDOR Themes”
    - Oct 23 “Dis/Connect to Reimagine: Cultivating an Ethics of Care”
- Seal of Excelencia
  - Cal Poly Humboldt received the Seal of Excelencia in Washington, DC, on September 30, 2025.
  - The Office of the President hosted a celebration reception for the campus in the Great Hall, 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM on October 2, 2025.
  - The physical Seal of Excelencia will be featured in the Cal Poly Humboldt Library.
- CSU Initiative on Servingness: Beyond Designation
  - ODEI attended this CSU conference on November 5, 2025.
- Othering and Belonging Seminar
  - ODEI and Equity Arcata team members (Fernando, Mo, and Rosamel) have completed a 6-month training series from the Othering and Belonging Institute in Berkeley, CA.
- ODEI, in partnership with the Dean of Students Office, will host the third end-of-semester Kickback celebration for faculty, staff and administrators in the Goodwin Forum from 12–1:30 PM on Monday, December 15, 2025. Local vendors will provide diverse cultural cuisine. All are welcome.

## **Emeritus & Retired Faculty & Staff Association**

Submitted by Marshelle Thobaben, Senate Representative for ERFSA

Members:

Meeting Date(s):

Meeting Details: No Report

## **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: November 10, 2025

Meeting Details:

- The Labor Council discussed items to be addressed at its next meeting with the President's Executive Cabinet scheduled for December 1, 2025.
- University ombuds, Suzanne Pasztor and John Meyer, attended the meeting, delivered a presentation on their work and trends they observed, and discussed future potential areas of collaboration with the Labor Council.

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## **Staff Council**

Submitted by Senator Sulaina Banks

Meeting Details: No Report

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## **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

## MOMENTS OF PRIDE

Congratulations to the 2025 McCrone Scholars

- Dr. Allison Bronson, Department of Biological Sciences: *Ears Across Eras: Evolution of Shark Inner Ear Anatomy*
- Dr. Alana Chin, Department of Biological Sciences: *How Trees Work*
- Dr. Caglar Dolek, Department of Sociology: *Police Power and Popular Resistance: Tales from the Margin*
- Yaneyry Delfin Martinez, Graduate Student, Public Sociology: *Living in Liminality: Navigating Academic Barriers and Building Support For and By Undocumented Students*

## COMMUNITY

**Immigration Rights and Support Task Force, Brief Update** - The task force convened to strengthen coordination around immigration-related information and response efforts across campus and the wider community. Building on existing ICE response protocols and a centralized resource hub, the group will form a unified network of campus partners, including student, staff, and faculty organizations, to enhance preparedness, communication, and outreach.

Key priorities include clarifying formal response procedures for verified ICE activity, developing an educational and civic engagement framework for informal responses, and deepening collaboration with the City of Arcata through joint planning and workshops.

Next steps involve finalizing task force membership, launching listening sessions to gather community input, creating a campus partner network and meeting calendar, and drafting an operational plan to guide coordinated responses and campus communications. We have deployed the QR codes in major classrooms and labs on campus. The task force will also be working with CFA on adjusting the flyers in circulation to be more responsive to feedback from the campus community. We have been slow to get our meetings scheduled, but now that we have our group identified we will work to get this scheduled out for the remainder of the semester and next semester.

## ACADEMICS

**Publication Release Celebration for the 47th Issue of *The Humboldt Journal of Social Relations*: Wednesday, November 19, 2025**

Congratulations to all contributors and co-editors Paul Michael Atienza and Cinthya Ammerman Muñoz for the latest publication of *The Humboldt Journal of Social Relations (HJSR): Place-Based Digital Inquiry*. Contributors include students, staff, faculty, and community members.

The issue explores how digital tools intersect with relational and situated research, offering innovative ways to document and share local histories, ecologies, and knowledges. Featuring research essays, creative writing, autoethnography, and digital media, it advances critical, place-based approaches to digital engagement. Open access download is available now at [digitalcommons.humboldt.edu/HJSR](https://digitalcommons.humboldt.edu/HJSR).

A publication release celebration will be held on *Wednesday, November 19, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm*, in the Library Scholars Lab, Room 302. All are welcome!

## **INCLUSIVE EXPERIENCE**

**Food security** - With recent interruptions to government services and CalFresh benefits, our campus community came together in an amazing way to increase food security for our students during this time of uncertainty. We knew that we currently have funding to keep Oh SNAP stocked, but significant increases in utilization during this time would impact our availability to continue stocking later in the year. The pantry increased some of the totals for items that students can take with them, and after the call for donations and volunteer support that went out to campus and donors, Oh SNAP saw an influx of funding as well as snack donations and help in shopping and unloading food. Between 10/28 and 11/13, Oh SNAP received 998 visits and spent \$14,557 on food and basic needs for our students.

In addition to the services provided by the pantry, the Dean of Students' office Campus Assistance, Response, and Engagement (CARE) Team also provides monthly meal swipes that can be used at the Jolly Giant Cafeteria. The team increased the number of swipes a student can get monthly due to the loss of CalFresh. Students can apply for those [swipes here](#). As of Nov. 13, 21 students had been awarded emergency food grants totaling \$10,458, with 3 pending; and 219 students had received \$18,466 in food swipes with an additional 70 underway.

The Dean of Students' office Basic Needs team worked with campus partners to provide weekly meals available in the Gutswurra Student Activities Center. Students are able to grab prepared meals that can be reheated at home. On the first day, 119 meals were picked up. For details about the food pickup or other food resources, visit

<https://www.humboldt.edu/basic-needs/food-resources>

## **INNOVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY**

### **Update on the Trillium Project and Conference**

Thank you to Katie Kosiak, Leah Choi, and Morgan Barker who provided leadership for the Trillium Project and Conference last month where participants engaged in an immersive experience where sustainability met teaching, learning, and life. Additional gratitude to the Center for Teaching and Learning media staff, Deborah Ketelson and Michel Sargent created sustainability-focused videos highlighting work from: Sarah Jaquette Ray, Kaitlin Reed, Cutcha Risling-Baldy, Michelle Selvans, Vermilion Walls, and Nick Perdue.

The *Trillium Project Conference - Sustainability Across Curriculum*, engaged 52 educators; 35 of whom were affiliated with Cal Poly Humboldt as faculty, staff, or students. 11 registrants represented national and international educational institutions and organizations, and six registrants represented six different local Humboldt County K–12 educational institutions.

If you would like to learn more about the Trillium Project, please contact: Morgan Barker at [mew11@humboldt.edu](mailto:mew11@humboldt.edu), or visit [Sustainability Faculty & Learning, Trillium Project](#) for information and [curated content from the 2025 Conference](#).