

CAL POLY HUMBOLDT

University Senate Written Reports, December 9, 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): 11/19/25 and 12/3/25

Meeting Details: The committee finished discussing and incorporating comments on the revision to the procedure for discontinuance of an academic program during the 11/19 meeting. The committee discussed a plan to distribute the draft more widely, and hold the first listening session ([on Zoom](#)) for input during our December 10 meeting. The committee also discussed meeting times for the Spring 2026 semester, plans to finalize the policy on ABC/NC grade modes, and a request from CCBL for revision to the policies on academic credit granting internships and service learning.

Appointments and Elections Committee

Submitted by Jorge Monteiro, AEC Chair

Members: Ara Pachmayer, Jorge Monteiro, Michihiro Sugata

Meeting Date(s):

Meeting Details: "no report"

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

Meeting Date(s): 11/19 and 12/1

Meeting Details: We discussed the results that are coming in from the email sent out to Faculty seeking input regarding policies that relate to faculty.

- 14 responses so far. Many not FAC policies. We will share the responses with the right groups once we close the survey.
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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): December 2, 2025

Overview of Meeting Details: The committee reviewed an extensive set of curriculum proposals across all colleges, including consent-calendar updates, STEM Education MA revisions, large program change packages in English, Music, Sociology/Criminology/Justice Studies, Cannabis Studies, and extensive CAHSS, CNRS, and CPS curriculum updates. Several new minors and certificates, including Music Production, Digital Humanities, and Spanish Healthcare Interpretation, were approved. The committee also held substantial discussions on the Cannabis

Studies revisions and Business Administration core changes; both packages were tabled for the December 16 ICC meeting for additional review. The meeting included an update on the Academic Master Plan, including two new projected degrees (BS in Gerontology and MS in Speech-Language Pathology), and reminders about the tight curriculum timeline leading to the February PeopleSoft deadline. In total we reviewed over **140 distinct proposals** at the meeting (counting all programs, courses, certificates, minors, and the two AMP projected degrees, and de-duplicating overlaps).

Information Item - Curriculum Update: From **January to March 2026**, Modern Campus Curriculum (MCC/Curriculog) will be closed to new proposals while the Curriculum Office updates workflows and templates to improve usability, streamline ICC review, and increase clarity and accessibility within the shared governance curriculum process.

- This temporary pause applies only to new submissions. Proposals already in the 2025 cycle will continue moving forward according to their current position in the workflow.
- Teams working on curriculum during this period may consult the Curriculum Office for guidance on offline development tasks such as forms, syllabi, curricular decision-making, and department or interdepartment review.

Approved Proposals Moving Forward to Senate:

- **Information Item:** AMP for January: Academic Master Plan - CSU BOT Requirement from each campus
 - Current working draft of the AMP: [12-02-25 ICC Meeting DRAFT AMP Document 01-26 - Cal Poly Humboldt.pdf](#)
 - Includes 2 new projections:
 - [Gerontology - Bachelor of Science - 25-3130 - PROGRAM: Projected Degree Proposal Form \(Chancellor's Office\)](#) **Description:** The Bachelor of Science in Gerontology is designed to prepare students for leadership, professional practice, and advocacy in the rapidly growing field of aging studies. This **fully online**, degree-completion program builds on stackable credentials—the Foundations Certificate and Advanced Certificate in Gerontology—and provides students with integrated training across the biological, psychological, and sociological dimensions of aging.
 - [Speech Language Pathology - Master of Science - 25-3129 - PROGRAM: Projected Degree Proposal Form \(Chancellor's Office\)](#) **Description:** This Speech Language Pathology (SLP) Master of Science Program is proposed in response to increasingly high needs in the local workforce, healthcare system, and schools. Speech Language Pathologists assist individuals across the lifespan with a wide range of communication disorders. This program provides students with pre-professional and professional training in speech-language pathology and audiology, which is founded on state and national standards, evidence-based practice, research, and science and technology, to prepare them to serve persons with communication disorders and their families in an ethical and culturally competent manner. Students pursuing a M.S. degree (and completing an additional elective course) may become eligible for State of California Licensure as a Speech-Language Pathologist and/or Speech-Language Pathology Assistant (SLPA) from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.
 - Connecting the AMP reporting to the CSU and BOT
 - [March 2025 BOT Academic Planning Slides](#) from Spring 2025 BOT Meeting

- Full Document: [AMENDED AGENDA COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY Meeting: 2:45 p.m., Tuesday, March 25, 2025 Glenn S. Dumke Conference Center Die](#)
- **On consent:** Many
- **As a resolution:**
 - [Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Education](#) (updated and returning to Senate)
 - [Digital Humanities - Certificates of Study - 24-2970 - New Certificate](#)
 - [Spanish Healthcare Interpretation Minor - New Minor - 25-2771](#)
 - [Music Production - New Minor - 24-2851](#)

Read More:

- **Meeting Agenda:** [12.02.25-ICC Meeting Agenda - Approved](#) (*Humboldt Login Required*)
- **DRAFT Meeting Minutes:** [12.02.25-ICC Meeting Minutes - DRAFT](#) (*Humboldt Login Required*)
- **PolyTechnic Curriculum Priority: The Big 5**
 - **APPROVED:** [Applied Humanities, B.A. New Degree Proposal - 24-2524](#) (CAHSS)
 - **APPROVED:** [Critical Agriculture Studies & Agroecology New Degree Proposal - 24-2837](#) (CAHSS)
 - **APPROVED:** [Community Health, B.A. New Degree Proposal - 24-2678](#) (CPS)
 - **APPROVED:** [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](#)

University Policies Committee

Submitted by Sulaina Banks, UPC Chair

Members: Sulaina Banks, Kijung Ryu, William Cook, Heather Honig

Meeting Date(s): Tuesday, December 2, 2025

Meeting Details:

It was recently brought to the attention of UPC that the [Alcohol and Drug Policy](#) exists; however, it is not included on the official Policies website, nor does it have an assigned policy number. We will be meeting with responsible parties to begin the process of formalizing this policy and exploring whether it may be appropriate to combine it with the existing Alcoholic Beverages Policy.

Meeting Date - December 10, 2025

University Resources and Planning Committee

Submitted by:

Jaime Lancaster, URPC Faculty Co-Chair.

Meeting Date:

November 21, 2025

Members:

Jaime Lancaster, Jenn Capps, Dave Janetta, Ramesh Adhikari, Rosanna Overholser, Steven Margell, Nate Cacciari-Roy, Eduardo Cruz, Nate Herron, Bori Mazzag, Chrissy Holliday, Mike Fisher, Steve Carp, Carla Wharton, Melanie Bennenhausen, Kevin Furtado, Sarah Long, Kendra Higgins

Meeting Agenda:

1. Review and approve the minutes from [November 7, 2025](#)
2. Recap & discussion of Divisional Presentations
3. Budget oversight policy review and finalize [proposed revisions](#)
4. Quarterly update
5. Strategic budget planning update & [Discussion of budget scenarios for AY 26/27](#)

Key points from the meeting:

Recap & Discussion of Divisional Presentations

Recordings and slides of the presentations are available on the [URPC website](#)

Budget Oversight Policy

We have learned that the Budget Oversight Policy must cover “all CSU funds” – not just the operating budget (HM500). Carla is doing some additional legwork and will report back to the group in Spring with suggestions on how to proceed and we will go from there.

Quarterly Reports

The first quarter reports are available and have been posted to the [University Budget Office webpage](#).

First quarter results provide a preliminary snapshot of financial performance, but many expenses for the year have not yet been incurred, so there’s not a lot of information to “take home”.

Strategic budget planning update & discussion of budget scenarios for AY 26/27

Upcoming dates:

- December 15, 2025 | UBO’s target date for distributing preliminary budget scenarios and targets to the campus community.
- January 10, 2026 | Governor to release the California State proposed budget for 2026/2027
- End of January, 2026 | UBO to provide updated planning scenarios if needed.

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 22 12:30 – 2:00 Goodwin Forum
	October 24, 2025 (week 9)	Divisional Presentations Advancement, University Wide, Administration & Finance, Presidents Office
	November 7, 2025 (week 11)	Divisional Presentations Enrolment Management & Student Success, Academic Affairs, Athletics & Recreation
	November 21, 2025 (week 13)	Quarterly reports Overview of scenario plans for AY 26/27 Review of budget oversight policy
	December 12, 2025 (week 16)	TBD

Spring 2025	URPC CCR & Zoom	Activities/Notes
	January 23 (week 1)	UBO update on Divisional planning scenarios UBO update on Governors budget
	February 6 (week 3)	Budget 101 + Budget Update Open Forum (date and time TBD)
	February 20 (week 5)	Divisional presentations
	March 6 (week 7)	Divisional presentations
	March 13 (week 8) – Extra meeting	Working session on budget recommendation
	March 20	Spring break, no meeting
	March 27 (week 10)	Working session on final draft, issue to SenEx
	Tuesday April 7 (SenEx meeting)	SenEx review of Budget Recommendation
	April 10 (week 12)	Working session on SenEx comments
	Tuesday April 14 (Senate meeting)	Senate First Read
	April 17 (week 13)	Working session on Senate Comments
	Tuesday April 28 (Senate meeting)	Senate Second Read
	May 1 (week 15)	Reserve for discussion of Senate comments
	May 8 (week 16)	Hold just in case

Academic Senate of the CSU

Submitted by Stephanie Burkhalter and Mary Virnoche, ASCSU Senators

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

The ASCSU held its interim committee meetings virtually on Friday, December 5. Senator Burkhalter is a member of the Academic Affairs Committee and Senator Virnoche is vice-chair of the Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (JEDI) committee. The next scheduled committee and plenary meetings take place January 14-16, 2026

These resolutions were presented at the November plenary for feedback. The sponsoring committee(s) revise resolutions and are likely to return them as action items (second readings) at the January Plenary. Please share any feedback you have on these resolutions with Senators Burkhalter and Virnoche no later than Monday, January 12, 2026.

- [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](#)
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Associated Students

Submitted by Eduardo Cruz, AS President

We have opened hiring for two positions: the Officer for Social Justice, Equity, and Inclusion and an Officer of External Affairs, to strengthen our advocacy, representation, and campus engagement efforts. At our most recent and last Board of Directors meeting, the Chair provided a welcome, point violation update, meeting guidelines, and words of encouragement; the Board approved the appointment of Marielle Winuk as the A.S. Elections Commissioner and confirmed committee appointments for Marjie Wolfe to the Subcommittee on Student Affairs and Alexa Chapman to the Sustainable Humboldt Initiatives Futures Trust. Presentations were delivered by Youth Educational Services (YES) and the Sponsored Programs Foundation regarding the upcoming Student Research Competition at San Jose State University in April 2026. Standing

committee reports were reviewed, board members shared updates on ongoing work, and new business included an Inclusive Excellence update from Dr. Chrissy Holliday, discussion of norms and expectations, and approval of the Spring 2026 meeting schedule. Announcements included the pause of office hours from December 15, 2025, to January 19, 2026, and Spring Orientation scheduled for January 16, 2026.

Also the Student Fee Advisory Committee (SFAC) has approved the following fee adjustments: the Student Health Fee increasing from \$392 to \$418, the Student Health Facilities Fee increasing from \$34 to \$35, the Materials, Services, and Facilities Fee increasing from \$86 to \$89 for part-time students and from \$174 to \$180 for full-time students, and the Campus Union Fee increasing from \$182 to \$188. These updates reflect rising operational costs and inflationary adjustments across student services.

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: No report

Emeritus & Retired Faculty & Staff Association

Submitted by Marshelle Thobaben, Senate Representative for ERFSA

Members:

Applications for Emeritus Status for Tenured Faculty, Lecturers, Staff and Administrators Are Due to the Senate Office by Feb. 1, 2026

2026 ERFSA Spring Luncheon Program

Feb 12, 2026

12:00 Oscar M. Vargas: Biological Sciences (2021 Grant Recipient)

Project: The evolutionary origin and conservation genetics of rare plants in California.

Portions of the tree of life, the evolutionary origin of rare plants and genetic diversity can be inferred from the use of next generation DNA sequencing. My research team examines this data for conservation purposes.

12:30 Catalina Cuellar-Gempeler: Biological Science (2020 Grant Recipient).

Project: Revealing biodiversity–ecosystem function relationships through microbial nitrogen metabolism. Studying the relationship between Biodiversity–ecosystem function helps us understand how the variety of life in a system affects how well that system works. However, we still have major gaps in knowledge, especially about how the movement of organisms between habitats affect ecosystem health. Our findings highlight how complex and dynamic microbial roles can be in shaping the natural world and proposes novel frameworks to manage and predict microbial function in natural and constructed systems.

March 12, 2026

Kyle Weis: Acting Captain of the research vessel, R/V North Wind, Woodley Island Marina

A tour from 12:00 to 1:00pm at CalPoly Humboldt's new research vessel, R/V North Wind, meeting at Dock A at the Woodley Island Marina in Eureka. We will remain at the dock, and Kyle Weis will be available to answer questions during your informal tour. There are many opportunities for lunch in Eureka, including the on-site Café Marina. Dock A is located at the south end of the marina.

April 9, 2026

Brandon L. Browne: Professor, Department of Geology,

Project: Probing the subvolcanic magma plumbing systems of continental and oceanic basaltic volcanoes, examples from Medicine Lake volcano and the Axial Seamount.

Results of new geological research on the magma systems that underly two very different basaltic volcanoes located in the Pacific Northwest, including Medicine Lake Volcano in the California Cascades and the Axial Seamount submarine volcano on the Juan de Fuca Ridge. New evidence from geochemical and geophysical observations is advancing our ability to monitor and forecast volcanic eruptions, driving volcanologists to reimagine classical models of subvolcanic magma systems from simple, long-lived, and melt-dominated systems to complex, ephemeral, and crystal-rich systems.

May 14, 2026

Jose Marin Jarrin: Fisheries Biology (2020 Grant Recipient)

Project: Using genetic barcoding and otolith analysis to train a diverse workforce in Fisheries Ecology. Genetic barcoding and otolith analysis allow ecologists to identify fisheries species, and estimate fish growth and survival rates. In our lab, we have been training students and local partners to use these techniques basic parameters for fisheries management and stewardship to study octopus in the Galapagos Islands, and smelt and surfperch in Northern California. Our work will allow students and local partners to use the techniques critical to small-scale fisheries in small underserved communities.

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): December 1, 202

Meeting Details: The Labor Council met with President Spagna and his Executive Cabinet for the second regular meeting this semester. Items discussed included the scheduling of future dental clinics and health screenings, the need and opportunities for university-wide commitment and financial backing for all staff professional advancement, and continuing the conversation and collaboration between the President's Office and the Labor Council during and after the upcoming presidential transition.

Staff Council

Submitted by Senator Sulaina Banks

Staff Council is seeking staff members to serve on both campus committees and the University Senate.

These positions include Staff Council–appointed committee seats as well as an elected Staff Senate Delegate seat on the University Senate.

Please review the [University Senate’s Committee Directory](#) for details on each committee. For general information on the responsibilities of the University Senate (Section 2.0) and its committees (Section 8.0), see the [Cal Poly Humboldt Faculty Handbook](#).

The **Staff Senate Delegate** will be elected in Spring 2026 and formally approved by the University Senate at their next meeting.

All committee and Senate service terms will begin in **Fall 2026**.

[Click here is the Self Nomination Form](#)

****please submit by 12-22-2025****

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

ACADEMICS

Apologies for confusion related to gown checks that went out Friday afternoon. The change for students was in response to feedback about the invasive nature of student gown checks (discussed briefly at Senate in late spring semester). The change to having students show up carrying their gown was not intended to apply to faculty and was mis-stated in the original email that went out Friday.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Space Use & Events Task Force: Last spring, VPs Holliday and Fisher presented the task force concept to Senate, then convened the Space Use & Events Task Force to review and

improve campus space reservation and event planning processes. The group, which included faculty, staff, students, and administrators, worked through the summer and into the fall to address feedback from our campus and the broader community, in an effort to improve everything from space reservation processes to pricing. Additional information will be shared via a campus message this week, and full details — including updated guidelines, the revised pricing schedule, and supporting materials — are available at ces.humboldt.edu.

Campus is invited to a **Conference & Event Services Information Session** to learn more about these updates, ask questions, and share feedback. We hope you'll join us for this conversation as we continue improving how our campus supports events and community engagement.

Event Details:

Thursday, December 11, 2025

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Nelson Hall East, Room 102 (Goodwin Forum)