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University Senate Written Reports, January 20, 2026

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, Fall 2025), Frank Cappuccio (Faculty-Chem), Alexis-Harrelle Deshazier (Coordinator-Umoja Center), Tyler Evans (APC Chair), Frank Fogarty (Faculty-Wildlife), Jacob Garcia (AS Students), Stephanie McKindley (AS Students, Spring 2026), Marissa O'Neill (Faculty-Social Work), Jenni Robinson Reisinger (Registrar), Mark Wicklund (Director-Assessment, AVP Academic Programs designee).

Meeting Date(s): 12/10/25 and 12/17/25

Meeting Details: The committee held its first listening session on December 10 open to the campus community to solicit input on the draft revision to the procedure for academic program suspension. Approximately 20 members of the campus community participated, and valuable input was made on several aspects of the draft revision. The committee met on December 17 to compare and discuss notes from the listening session. Additional listening sessions / open forums will follow.

APC will meet on Mondays at 11AM in Spring 2026. We welcome Stephanie McKindley who will replace Ayan Cabot as one of our two AS members for Spring 2026.

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:

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): The first meeting of the semester will be Wednesday, January 21.

Meeting Details: We will focus on the survey that was sent out to faculty regarding policies.

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 16, 2025

Overview of Meeting Details: The final ICC meeting of the semester opened with appreciation for the committee's extensive work and approval of the meeting minutes, agenda, and the consent calendar, including GEAR recertifications. The majority of the meeting focused on the Cannabis Studies curriculum package, where the committee discussed in depth the balance between scientific, sociological, and policy-based dimensions of the proposed medical cannabis coursework. After careful deliberation, the Cannabis Studies core changes and related proposals did not pass. The committee then approved the revised Business Administration BS core requirements, the GEAR recertification of ENGR 205 as a one-time exception, and a set of Rangeland Resource Science special-session courses. The meeting closed with discussion of the need for clearer documentation of exceptions and waivers as part of future curriculum processes.

ICC-Approved Proposals Advancing to Senate on Consent: Reviewed and Voted by Consent at SenEx on 12/16

- [CHEM - 109 - 25-3001 - Course Change - General Chemistry I](#) - GE Area 5A and 5C recertification only.
- [GSP - 101 - 24-2775 - GEAR Recertification - Geospatial Concepts.](#)
- [PSCI - 110 - 24-2766 - GEAR Recertification - American Government.](#)
- [PSCI - 159 - 24-2767 - GEAR Recertification - California Government.](#)
- [PSCI - 160 - 24-2768 - GEAR Recertification - California Institutions.](#)
- [Fine Art, B.F.A. - 25-3163 - Change Program Description.](#)
- [Media Arts, B.F.A. - 25-3164 - Change Program Description.](#)
- [Business Administration, B.S. \(Core\) - Change Core Requirements - 24-2537](#)

ICC-Approved Proposals Advancing to Senate by Resolution:

- None

ICC-Reviewed Proposals Determined to Require Further Development Prior to Advancement to Senate: Proposers have been encouraged to revise and resubmit the proposals for the 2027–2028 curriculum cycle to address identified concerns, discussion points, and make necessary updates.

- [Cannabis Studies, B.A. \(Core\) - Change Core Requirements - 24-2671.](#)
- Related Proposals:
 - [Cannabis Studies, Concentration in Environmental Stewardship, B.A. - Change Program Description - 24-2723.](#)
 - [Cannabis Studies, Policy Stewardship Concentration, B.A. - 25-2972 - Discontinue Program.](#)
 - [Cannabis Studies Minor - 24-2969 - Change Minor Requirements.](#) [CANN - 202 - 24-2719 - Course Change - Humboldt and Cannabis.](#) [CANN - 240 - 24-2804 - Course Change - Global Cannabis.](#) [CANN - 250 - 24-2419 - New Course - Medical Cannabis Studies.](#)
 - [CANN - 260 - 24-2682 - New Course - Cannabis and the Environment.](#) [CANN - 325 - 24-2718 - Course Change - Cannabis and Social Equity.](#) [CANN - 335 - 24-2506 - Course Change - Cannabis and Environmental Sustainability.](#)
 - [CANN - 345 - 24-2720 - Course Change - Cannabis Regulatory and Environmental Requirements.](#)
 - [CANN - 350 - 24-2436 - New Course - Cannabis as a Medicinal Plant.](#) [CANN - 355 - 24-2437 - New Course - Medical Cannabis and Society](#)
 - [CANN - 419 - 24-2438 - New Course - Medical Cannabis Law and Policy.](#)
 - [CANN - 420 - 24-2721 - Course Change - Cannabis Law and Public Policy](#)
- [Cannabis and Environmental Stewardship - New Certificate of Study - 24-2871](#)
 - The certificate proposal received a vote of 42.9% Yes, 38.1% No, and 19% Abstain (21 total responses). However, the vote explicitly noted that approval was contingent upon the approval of the related Cannabis Core course updates. As those associated proposals did not move forward, the certificate could not advance. This was communicated to the Proposer Team and ICC to clarify the questions that emerged from this voting process.

Read More:

- **Meeting Agenda:** [12.16.25-ICC Meeting Agenda - Approved](#) (*Humboldt Login Required*)
- **DRAFT Meeting Minutes:** [12.16.25-ICC Meeting Minutes - DRAFT](#) (*Humboldt Login Required*)
- **PolyTechnic Curriculum Priority: The Big 5 - Approved and Submitted to the CO!**
 - [Applied Humanities, B.A. New Degree Proposal - 24-2524](#) (CAHSS)
 - [Critical Agriculture Studies & Agroecology New Degree Proposal - 24-2837](#) (CAHSS)
 - [Community Health, B.A. New Degree Proposal - 24-2678](#) (CPS)
 - [Health and Medical Sciences BS - New Degree Proposal - 25-2933](#) (CPS/CNRS)

- [Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Education MA - 24-2875 - New Degree Program](#). (CPS)
 - **25-26 Curriculum Review Queue:** Curricular Review for 25-26: [ICC 2025-26 MCC Proposal Tracking](#)
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University Policies Committee

Submitted by Sulaina Banks, UPC Chair

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

The ASCSU standing committee meetings and plenary convened on January 14-16. 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 March 5-6, 2026* and the ASCSU interim committee meetings will convene online on February 13, 2026. The CSU Board of Trustees next meet on January 26-28, 2026. You can view the agenda [here](#).

The ASCSU approved at the January 2026 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-3763-25/JEDI Support for Minority Serving Institutions**

The resolution condemns the September 10, 2025 decision by President Trump and U.S. Department of Education to end funding for discretionary grant programs that support minority-serving institutions and affirms continued support for federal designations of AANAPISI, BSI, HSI, and MSI and those campuses recognized as such. It commends CSU faculty, staff, and administrators for their efforts to create programs and resources that help marginalized and all students succeed. The resolution urges federal and state advocacy to restore this funding, develop state-based support, and reaffirms CSU's commitment to equity, inclusion, social justice, and culturally relevant educational opportunities.

- **AS-3764-25/FGA Change in the Advocacy Positions Taken on ASCSU Monitored Legislative Bills**

In legislative advocacy, the ASCSU will, moving forward, *typically* use "Support", "Oppose", and "Pending" as the three position categories for legislation.

- **AS-3765-25/FGA 2025 Policy Agenda Priorities and Goals**

This resolution adopts seven areas as the ASCSU current priorities that will guide our current evaluation of potential legislation and will provide a framework for legislative advocacy efforts.

- **AS-3768-25/AA ASCSU Discipline-Based Councils**

This resolution asks that the CO provide administrative support in order to assist current Discipline-Based Councils and encourage the formation of more DBCs by providing administrative support. The ASCSU for its part will encourage the formation of more DBCs by developing guidelines for different ways in which DBCs might choose to organize and by exploring how the ASCSU might interact with those groups.

- **AS-3773-25/Exec Apportionment of Academic Senate CSU Seats (First reading Waiver)**

This resolution approves the results of the 2025 census and assigns a third senator to those seven campuses with the largest FTEF. These seven campuses remain unchanged from the previous year.

First Reading Resolutions and Other Documents for Campus Feedback: These resolutions were presented for feedback from Senators and communication to campuses (click on title to see full resolution). The sponsoring committee(s) accept feedback and revise these resolutions, usually returning them as action items (second readings) at the next Plenary.

- AS-3772-25/Exec [Supporting the Establishment of a Systemwide Staff Representative Body](#)

- AS-3774-25/Exec [Academic Senate of the California State University 2025-2026 Meetings](#)
- AS-3775-25/Exec [Amending the Academic Senate of the CSU Bylaws to Address Campus Closure and Integration](#)
- AS-3776-25/AA [Consultation Regarding CSU Chancellor's Office Policies](#)
- AS-3777-25/APEP [Update to ASCSU Bylaws: Responsibilities of The Academic Preparation and Education Programs \(APEP\) Committee](#)
- AS-3778-25/APEP [Process for Appointment of Area 6 Ethnic Studies Disciplinary Faculty Reviewers](#)

The ASCSU also discussed and provided feedback on a recent briefing report shared by the Ad Hoc Task Force on Credit by External Examination, which is chaired by Senator Virnoche. This Task Force examined if the ASCSU should recommend developing a pathway for the systemwide approval of GE and American Institutions credit for exams administered by third party curriculum companies, such as Cambridge International. The CSU currently accepts AP, IB and CLEP exams for college credit, but other firms consistently petition the CSU for their exams to be certified for credit in the CSU. The Community Colleges are open to some of these exams while the UC Senate recently declined to accept additional credit by exam beyond AP and IB.

Notes on Guests:

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

As discussed earlier this academic year, the Chancellor has formed a new Division of Student Success and Strategic Enrollment Management, which will be led by a future vice chancellor (search details pending). This division is working on aligning the CSU Forward Strategic Plan, the Student Success Framework, and the draft Strategic Enrollment Management Plan (presented at the November Board of Trustees meeting) with a focus on delivering a single, coordinated implementation plan. This work includes improving access to real-time and disaggregated data, and setting clear institutional goals with built-in accountability measures. Campuses are being engaged in discussions to establish targets for student success, particularly for the fall 2027 cohort and beyond. In addition to recruiting students, the emphasis is on improving yield across the system and ensuring students are retained and graduate. A review of outdated policies and procedures is underway, with an openness to reconsidering long-standing practices that may now hinder student progress, such as not sharing the names of student applicants who are denied admission to one CSU campus with the admissions office of another CSU campus.

Broader strategic planning is being shaped by California's shifting demographics and declining numbers of traditional-age students. In response, the system is exploring how best to serve adult learners through flexible, accessible academic programs. They are looking to appeal to learners with some college, but no degree and to expand current PACE (Professional and Continuing Education) offerings to promote ease of access and opportunities for learning across the lifespan of students. They are reviewing current PACE programs and stateside fully online programs in the CSU system, to see what is done well and what could be improved.

Opportunities for cross-campus collaboration are being explored, particularly with an eye towards outdated policies, such as those governing consortium degrees (dates from 1982) or requirements for academic residency. They are exploring why California is the only state that does not participate in [NC-SARA](#) and whether it would be beneficial to participate. The system is also considering how best to respond to increased interest of various stakeholders in promoting credit for prior learning. Efforts are also underway to improve the Cal State Apply experience.

In response to state government expectations, planning has been focused on meeting California's workforce needs and making sure investment in a CSU degree provides economic mobility for students. They acknowledge concerns that plans to strengthen CSU's workforce alignment should not lose sight of the CSU's broader educational mission, including liberal arts and social justice-oriented programs.

A systemwide Adobe contract has been secured, giving all campuses access to the full Adobe suite. The contract includes \$30,000 in professional development funding per campus, with additional centralized funds available to support scalable, cross-campus projects. A call for proposals is expected to be released imminently.

Adrian Harrell, Alumni Council President & Jodi Braverman, Executive Director, CSU Alumni Council

The Alumni Council has been aligning its new strategic plan with systemwide goals, including those outlined in the CSU Forward Strategic Plan. The Council is interested in deepening engagement with faculty and academic programs and is seeking guidance on how best to integrate alumni into student success efforts. In particular, they are exploring how alumni might be invited into classrooms or other student spaces to share real-world experience and mentor current students. Ideas discussed included building stronger collaborations between alumni offices, faculty, and career centers to expand internship opportunities and professional networking. Faculty were encouraged to notify their campus alumni office when inviting alumni to campus, as those offices can support logistics such as parking (their view is that alumni centers on every campus should cover the costs of parking for any alumni coming to campus as a guest speaker or participant in an event). They supported the idea that department chairs and

program directors should be able to use alumni data to connect directly with alumni in addition to efforts of the campus alumni office.

Nimisha Barton, PhD., Lecturer, History, CSULB, “The DEI Debacle: Past, Present, Futures”

- Lecture and facilitated small group and large group conversations.

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

Vice President Karroum shared updates on CSSA activities and priorities. CSSA facilitates the selection of the [Student Board of Trustees Representative](#) on the CSU Board of Trustees and the application deadline is January 26, 2026. CSSA’s next plenary will be held on Jan. 24-Jan 25 at Sonoma State, where a resolution on non-resident tuition is under discussion. In its state legislative advocacy, CSSA is currently co-sponsoring SB 323, which would improve the California Dream Act Application and clarify its distinctions from the FAFSA, aiming to reduce confusion and improve access to state aid. In response to the governor’s proposed budget, CSSA will focus its advocacy on affordability, transparency around deferred funding for the CSU, and increased investment in student aid and basic needs. The CSSA’s White Paper on AI policies and practices will be finalized soon and shared with ASCSU. She noted that it is not clear at this point if the Chancellor’s Office will renew the contract with ChatGPT for all students, staff and faculty.

Associated Students

Submitted by Eduardo Cruz, AS President

Members:

Meeting Date(s):

Meeting Details: no report

California Faculty Association

Submitted by Ryder Dschida, CFA Humboldt Chapter President

Members:

Meeting Date(s):

Meeting Details: no report

Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Submitted by Rosamel Benavides-Garb, Campus Diversity Officer

Members:

Meeting Date(s):

Meeting Details: No report

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, Steve Tillinghast,
- Teamsters (Unit 6): Phil Bradley, Ryan Moore, Jason Wiegandt.

Meeting Date(s): Tuesday, January 13, 2026

Meeting Details:

- The Labor Council members shared their continuous disappointment with the CSU's proposed one-time bonus of 3%, which does not address the failure to uphold the Unit 6 and Units 2, 5, 7, and 9 Bargaining Agreements, nor does it provide a pathway for sustained advancement of all employees' salaries. These sentiments are magnified by the consecutively approved by the CSU BOT managerial raises. The Council also discussed the unfortunate undertone of the Chancellor's January 5th message announcing the upcoming 3% one-time payments to non-represented employees while

hinting at the unions being responsible for the delay in the pay out of represented employees' compensation.

- Additionally, the Labor Council discussed the need for a transparent MPP Search Committee staff representative recruitment process. Subsequently, the Labor Council Senate Representative connected with the Staff Council to request that a campus-wide open call for staff positions on such hiring committees is issued by the Staff Council and that, in multi-candidate situation, a campus-wide staff election is held.
- Most excitingly, the Labor Council discussed its plans for the upcoming meeting with the incoming president, Dr. Carvajal.

Staff Council

Submitted by Senator Sulaina Banks

Members:

Meeting Date(s):

Meeting Details: no report

President and President's Executive Cabinet Report to University Senate

Richard Carvajal, President

Bethany Gilden, Acting Chief of Staff

Shawna Young, Interim Provost and VP for Academic Affairs

Michael Fisher, Interim VP for Administration & Finance and CFO

Chrissy Holliday, VP for Enrollment Management & Student Success

Steve Karp, Interim 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

The Executive Cabinet is delighted to start a new semester and hopes the winter break was restorative for you all! We welcome President Carvajal, and we know he looks forward to meeting all of you

Academic Affairs

WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) Site Visit Planning Update

Excitement and momentum are building as we head toward our site visit scheduled for April 15-17. Fun, informative, and important engagement opportunities in preparation for the visit are being planned for this spring. Here is a quick view of what is taking place right now, and what to anticipate in the next few months.

January

- Logistical planning for the site visit initiated, and ongoing throughout this process
- Assembling additional evidence (documents/information) that the review team has requested
- Planning for the outreach and communication campaign in preparation for engaged university community participation in this monumental phase of the process; launched and ongoing accordingly

February

- Submission of additional evidence
- Build the schedule of the site visit, which will include the final list of individuals and groups to be meeting with the review team (the schedule will be shared once complete)

March

- The university community will be invited to engage in preparation meetings to consider the relationship between their respective areas and the review team's [lines of inquiry \(LOI\)](#), which focus on four areas:
 - Our vision for the future as a polytechnic university
 - Recruitment, enrollment, and retention
 - Financial sustainability
 - General education

April

- Final preparations for the visit – logistics, and any remaining LOI prep meetings
- Site visit April 15-17
- Celebrate a successful visit!