

# CAL POLY HUMBOLDT

University Senate Written Reports, February 17, 2026

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), 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), Marissa O'Neill (Faculty-Social Work), Jenni Robinson Reisinger (Registrar), Mark Wicklund (Director-Assessment, AVP Academic Programs designee).

Meeting Date(s): 2/2/26 and 2/9/26

Meeting Details: 2/2/26: The committee revised the discontinuance procedure to incorporate campus feedback (see Feb. 3, 2026 APC report to the Senate), including language placing department-level actions within established departmental decision-making processes. An updated draft will be circulated in advance of a second listening session on February 23 (11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m., Zoom and Goodwin Forum).

The committee discussed details for the proposal to adopt the ABC/NC grade mode as well as a timeline to bring a resolution to the Senate in March 2026.

2/9/26: William Cook (Sponsored Programs Foundation) presented required compliance updates to the research misconduct policy. After discussion of the appropriate governance path, the matter was raised at the Feb. 10 Senex meeting, where it was determined that the Senate Chair will work with APC and UPC to advance it to the Senate.

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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:

Meeting Date(s):

Meeting Details: No report

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## 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): February 4 and 11

Meeting Details: The committee focused on the topics during the last two weeks.

1. Summer Course Evaluations inclusion in the RTP process: We researched the current wording in the CBA and in Appendix J to determine the best path forward. We drafted language for a memo of clarification, which was shared at the Senate Executive Committee. A fellow senator suggested that a language adjustment be made to Appendix J. The committee reviewed that idea and decided that amending Appendix J would be the best path forward.
  2. Following up on a question from a faculty member, we explored whether notification of the chairperson upon absence was a policy or practice. We found that elements are policy (sick leave and professional travel), but the concept as a whole is not addressed in policy. The FAC will take this up further in our next meeting.
  3. We began a cursory review of the 38 responses generated from the Faculty Policy Ideas survey.
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## Integrated Curriculum Committee

Submitted by Sara Sterner, ICC Chair

**Members:** Paul Michael Atienza, Morgan Barker, Christine Cass, Joice Chang, Tom Cook, William Fisher, Paul Geck, Chris Guillen, Sara Hart, Alison Hodges, Sei Hee Hwang, JuEun Lee, Heather Madar\*, Bori Mazzag, John Meyer, Libbi Miller, 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; ASC, Office of Academic Programs: Geneva Samuelson

**Meeting Date:** February 10, 2026

**Overview of Meeting Details:** The meeting focused on updates to curriculum processes, including the transition to requiring course outlines instead of syllabi for proposal submissions and the upcoming listening sessions to gather faculty feedback. Members discussed challenges with the Modern Campus system, including form clarity and documentation practices, and considered potential adjustments to deadlines and review workflows. The committee is also finalizing the ICC Decision Review and Appeal Process, which is in final review prior to the next meeting. Updates were shared on APC's work regarding academic discontinuance procedures, the annual program review process, and the upcoming catalog draft review, targeted for completion by April 1.

### Highlights of Note:

- **Want to share your experiences with curriculum development? ICC would love to hear from you!**
  - **Online Listening Session:** Monday, February 23, 2026 from 12:00-1:00 in the ICC Zoom Room→[Zoom Link](#) (**Meeting ID:** 864 5601 7312 + **Passcode:** ICCMeet)
  - **In Person Listening Session:** Tuesday, March 3, 2026 from 1:30-2:30 in NHE 106
- Planning to submit curriculum updates for the 2026-2027 review cycle (Due April 15 for most proposals)? We need to hear from you: [2026 Curriculum Development Survey](#)

### Curriculum Development Decisions:

- **ICC-Approved Proposals Advancing to Senate on Consent:** None
- **ICC-Approved Proposals Advancing to Senate by Resolution:** None
- **ICC-Reviewed Proposals Determined to Require Further Development Prior to Advancement to Senate:** None

### Read More:

- **Meeting Agenda:** [02.10.26-ICC Meeting Agenda - Approved](#) (*Humboldt Login Required*)
  - **DRAFT Meeting Minutes:** [02.10.26-ICC Meeting Minutes - DRAFT](#) (*Humboldt Login Required*)
  - **Keeping Tabs on the PolyTechnic Big 5**
    - Officially Approved at CO.
      - [Applied Humanities, B.A. New Degree Proposal](#)
      - [Health and Medical Sciences BS - New Degree Proposal](#)
    - Received and under CO Review:
      - [Critical Agriculture Studies & Agroecology New Degree Proposal](#)
      - [Community Health, B.A. New Degree Proposal](#)
      - [STEM Education MA New Degree Proposal](#)
  - **25-26 Curriculum Review Queue:** [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

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## University Resources and Planning Committee

### Submitted by:

Jaime Lancaster, URPC Faculty Co-Chair.

### Meeting Date:

February 6, 2026

### Members:

Jaime Lancaster, Shawna Young, 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. Introduction & preview of what's to come in the coming weeks
2. Follow up conversation on scenarios.
3. Structure of Divisional Presentations
4. Plan for budget forum

### Important Links

[URPC Charge for AY 25/26](#)

### Notes & Key Points:

- Humboldt has made excellent progress over the last few years with the Polytech transformation and enrollment growth.
- We currently have a balanced budget.
- The governor's proposed budget shows commitment to investment in higher education and has proposed new funding for the CSU system.

- Despite this, we face enrollment reallocation and need to plan for the possibility of budget reductions for next year.

## URPC Meeting Schedule (Spring 2026)

Spring 2025	URPC CCR & Zoom	Activities/Notes
	January 23 (week 1)	UBO update on Divisional planning scenarios UBO update on Governors budget Meet Carvajal
	February 6 (Week 3)	Continue discussion on planning scenarios
	February 20 (week 5)	Quarterly reports Policy Reviews Structure of Divisional Presentations Plan for Open Forum
	February 25 (Wednesday)	Budget Open Forum
	March 6 (week 7)	Divisional presentations (Admin Affairs, University Wide, EMSS, Athletics)
	March 13 (week 8) - Extra meeting	Divisional presentations (Academic Affairs, President, Advancement)
	Thursday, March 20	Spring break, no meeting
	March 27 (week 10)	USFAC Recap divisional presentations Discuss budget recommendation
	April 3 (week 11) - Extra meeting	Finalize budget recommendation
	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 Tentative visit from WASC	
Tuesday April 28 (Senate meeting)	Senate Second Read	

## Academic Senate of the CSU

Submitted by Stephanie Burkhalter and Mary Virnoche, ASCSU Senator

Meeting Date(s): ASCSU standing committees met virtually on February 13, 2026. The next full standing committee and plenary meeting takes place March 3-6, 2026

No further report.

## **Associated Students**

Submitted by Eduardo Cruz, AS President

Members:

Meeting Date(s):

Meeting Details: No report

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## **California Faculty Association**

Submitted by Ryder Dschida, CFA Humboldt Chapter President

Members:

Meeting Date(s):

Meeting Details: No report

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

Submitted by Rosamel Benavides-Garb, Campus Diversity Officer

Members:

Meeting Date(s):

Meeting Details: No report

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

Submitted by Marshelle Thobaben, Senate Representative for ERFSA

Members:

Meeting Date(s):

Meeting Details: No Report

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## Labor Council

Submitted by Bella Gray, Labor Council Delegate

Members:

- APC (Unit 4): Tania Marin-Zeldin, Marissa Holguin, 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): Monday, February 2nd

Meeting Details:

- Labor Council agreed to assist the university in the current cycle of [The Trustee Wenda Fong and Mr. Daniel Fetterly Staff Award](#) review and recommended that the university designate a campus committee for future nomination reviews.
  - Labor Council met with President Carvajal (Feb 9, 2026) for the inaugural meeting in the series of standing future meetings.
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## Staff Council

Submitted by Senator Sulaina Banks

Members:

Meeting Date(s):

Meeting Details: No report

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## 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

## COMMUNITY

### Resilient Communities Task Force

The Steering Group, consisting of nine representatives, met this week to establish a clear goal and agenda for the semester. As part of this effort, the group will meet with 13 leadership and community groups to begin this work.

Each of the 13 meetings will follow a two-part agenda:

- Part 1: A review of the university’s current requirements and protocols for responding to potential immigration enforcement activity on campus. This will include information drawn from [existing published resources](#).
- Part 2: A facilitated listening session designed to understand the expectations of the university, as well as desired actions, from the perspective of each group.

Through this process, the Steering Group aims to develop actionable measures to support the campus community both before and after an event. In addition, representatives from each group will be identified to form a communication network responsible for sharing information within their respective areas and ensuring access to timely updates and resources.

## ACADEMICS

### WSCUC Site Visit Preparation Launch Event

Come join this campus-wide launch event designed to prepare us for and inspire engagement in the WSCUC Reaffirmation of Accreditation campus site visit, a required step in the university’s continued accreditation process.

Food, fun, and prizes!

Wednesday, March 4, 2026, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Kate Buchanan Room, Gutsurrak Student Activities Center (SAC 225)

### Summer 2026 Tuition Increase

To align with system-wide tuition increases, Cal Poly Humboldt will implement a **6% per-unit tuition increase** for Summer 2026. This follows a 10-year period (prior to 2025) without tuition increases. This adjustment is necessary to address rising operational costs and ensure viability of our summer programming.

The following table details the per-unit rates changes from Summer 2025 to Summer 2026:

Summer Session Rates Per Unit
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Student Type	Summer 2025	Summer 2026
Undergraduate	\$306	\$324
Graduate and Other Post-Baccalaureate	\$382	\$405
Credential	\$367	\$389
WUE	\$460	\$487

**Summer 2026 Cost Assistance Program**

To support our students through this transition, we are pleased to continue the **Cost Assistance Program**.

- **Eligibility:** Continuing Cal Poly Humboldt students enrolled in an undergraduate degree-seeking program.
- **Benefit:** 3 out of 6 enrolled units of summer session tuition covered
- **Requirement:** This program is available to all eligible students; financial aid recipient status is not required.

**INCLUSIVE EXPERIENCE**  
**Students**

**Shifting federal regulations:** New regulations included in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OB3) regarding institutional accountability tied to graduate earnings are being carefully reviewed and monitored by campus leadership. The initial rankings based on the Financial Value Transparency reporting required for the last two years have resulted in institutional-level flags on the FAFSA when first-time undergraduates apply. **Cal Poly Humboldt is NOT currently being flagged as a low-earnings institution.** Program level rankings will not be published by the Department of Education until July 1, 2027. Additional information will be shared with the campus community as it becomes available.

**INNOVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY**

**Enrollment Patterns**

The campus Enrollment Target Progress Team released the latest [Enrollment Target Progress report](#) on Feb. 9. The report includes information on both Spring 2026 and Fall 2026 enrollment patterns as of that date, as well as significant context related to the current enrollment trends and a description of activities underway to drive application and deposit activity.

Spring census is this week, and we anticipate sharing final enrollment information in early March, after all data has been verified. It is important to note that we still have about 3 months to gain first-time undergraduate apps and a bit longer for additional transfer, and yield efforts are now getting underway. With that in mind, a few items of importance from the report (recalling the data is a snapshot as of the report date):

- Total Spring 2026 headcount enrollment is currently up 4% YTD
  - While spring new student enrollment is up by 12 students over the prior year (4%), it did not see the significant increase we had hoped, given the volume of new applications and admits, which included deferments from fall.
  - Continuing student enrollment also increased by 4%, or 222 students in this case.
- Fall 2026 application and admit volume is down year to date (-1,829), but with significant interventions underway to increase those numbers, including strong application completion pushes to over 13,722 in progress applicants.
- We provide extensive detail in the report of interventions underway to drive those numbers.
- Fall 2026 deposits are up more than 4% over this time last year, before significant pushes to deposit have gotten underway.

Current data indicates we are positioned strongly for another fall of growth, but the growth is not currently trending as high as we want it to be to meet the aggressive targets for this fall. We have plenty of time to increase the rate of growth, but it will require the entire campus focusing on new student enrollment and retention. **Academic departments are encouraged to engage with the yield activities in partnership with Enrollment Management** - please [complete the form](#) to register for post card and call campaigns.