

CAL POLY HUMBOLDT

University Senate Written Reports, April 28, 2026

Standing Committees, Statewide Senators and Ex-officio Members

Academic Policies Committee

Submitted by Tyler Evans, APC Chair

Members: Julie Alderson (Faculty-Art), Frank Cappuccio (Faculty-Chem), 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): 4/13/26 and 4/20/26

Meeting Details: No report.

Appointments and Elections Committee

Submitted by Jorge Monteiro, AEC Chair

Members: Ara Pachmayer, Jorge Monteiro, Michihiro Sugata

Meeting Date(s):

Meeting Details: The third Call for Nominations was sent and we hope to fill the interim Senate seats before the end of the Spring. If you know someone who is a good fit, please nominate them.

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):

Meeting Details: no report

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: April 21, 2026

Overview of Meeting Details: The ICC held its final meeting of the academic year to review proposals and share updates. The committee approved two new CRGS courses (CRGS 102 and 103), *Writing for Social Change*, providing an additional pathway to fulfill written communication requirements, as well as ENST 482, an Environmental Studies internship course. The committee also reviewed a GEAR recommendation on the American Institutions requirement, maintaining current policy while clarifying catalog language. Discussion addressed ongoing challenges with course equivalencies and general education alignment, particularly the relationship between American Institutions courses and GE areas. Updates were shared on curriculum processes, including the A&P review (120 proposals) and a proposed shift in program review timelines from a five-year to a two-year cycle, with the meeting concluding in subcommittee reports on syllabus repository policies and planning for next year's PBLC initiatives.

Highlights of Note:

- **GEAR Committee Recommendation Regarding the American Institutions (AI):** Details about requirement and associated catalog language. After extensive review of CSU policy, campus practices, and potential alternatives, the recommendation is to maintain the current policy without substantive change. The proposed revision is limited to clarifying catalog language to better reflect existing practice and reduce advising ambiguity.

- **Important information from GEAR:** The committee offers here [a primer of sorts](#), summarizing “some of the ambitions, requirements, history, and ambiguities surrounding the State of California’s United States History, Constitution, and American Ideals requirement – commonly referred to as ‘American Institutions’ – for graduates of the CSU.” We collected the information contained here and have used this document to organize further deliberation on Humboldt’s current practices re: American Institutions.
- The clarified language specifies that one AI course taken at Cal Poly Humboldt may fulfill a single lower-division GE requirement (typically Area 4, or Area 6 for NAS/ES courses), while reaffirming that AI remains an All-University requirement rather than part of General Education. It also maintains the current limitation of double-counting to one course and confirms that any such course applies only to lower-division GE.
 - **Catalog Language:** *One American Institutions course taken at Cal Poly Humboldt may be used to fulfill one lower division GE requirement. In most cases, the course will fulfill the Area 4 requirement; however, if the American Institutions course prefix is NAS or ES, it may be used to fulfill the Area 6 GE requirement instead. Regardless of whether it is a lower or upper division, the American Institutions course will count for lower division GE, not upper division. NOTE: American Institutions courses are not GE courses; they are, however, an All-University Requirement.*
- This approach preserves alignment with Title V and existing campus policy, avoids increasing units to degree, and provides clearer guidance for students and advisors without introducing new requirements or restrictions.

Curriculum Development Decisions:

- **ICC-Approved Proposals Advancing to Senate on Consent:** See [ICC Consent Calendar](#)
- **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:** [04.21.26-ICC Meeting Agenda - Approved](#) (Humboldt Login Required)
- **DRAFT Meeting Minutes:** [04.21.26-ICC Meeting Minutes - DRAFT](#) (Humboldt Login Required)
- **25-26 Curriculum Review Queue:** [ICC 2025-26 MCC Proposal Tracking](#)

University Policies Committee

Submitted by Sulaina Banks, UPC Chair

Members:

Meeting Date(s):

Meeting Details: no report

University Resources and Planning Committee

Submitted by:

Jaime Lancaster, URPC Faculty Co-Chair.

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 Date:

Thursday, 4/16/26

Notes and Comments:

- WSCUC Review team meeting.
 - We received a suggestion that we include a phrase in the budget recommendation in which we recommended that a system of intra-divisional shared governance be developed to ensure/incorporate shared governance within each division. This is a large topic that pushes the bounds of URPC's charge, and we'll put it on the agenda to discuss at our Fall retreat.
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Academic Senate of the CSU

Submitted by Stephanie Burkhalter and Mary Virnoche, ASCSU Senators

The final standing committee meetings and plenary for the academic year 25-26 will take place April 29-May 1. The Board of Trustees meeting will take place May 4-May 6 (see agenda [here](#)).

The Board will consider voting on proposed changes to Title V announced at their March meeting that would allow CSU campuses to offer specific types of 90-unit degrees. You can find the language of the proposed changes [here](#). If you would like to offer written or oral comments

about these proposed changes you can find instructions [here](#). Note that written comments must be received by May 1. The ASCSU is developing a position on these proposed changes that will likely support the flexibility of these specific 90-unit degrees with strong opposition to naming them “Bachelors” degrees. After careful consideration, the ASCSU Academic Affairs Committee concluded that naming them “Bachelors” will inevitably sow confusion among students and employers regarding the differences between the reduced-unit degrees and the typical 120-unit Bachelors of Arts and Bachelors of Science degrees.

On April 23, the Chancellor’s office issued an update to its interim Systemwide Time, Place and Manner policy. You can view the edits to the policy [here](#).

Associated Students

Submitted by Eduardo Cruz, AS President

Hey everyone, it’s me! I wanted to bring it to your attention that I have been working on a resolution for Associated Students focused on accessibility and advocating for support from the Chancellor’s Office. As the most rural campus in the CSU system, we deserve equitable funding, especially given our role as an anchor of economic mobility in Humboldt County.

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to read and provide feedback on this resolution. I understand that I still have a lot to learn and engage with on this topic, and I truly appreciate your contributions and support.

Here is the link to the resolution: [Accessibility Resolution Shareable DRAFT](#)

The Board of Directors has approved the Associated Students budget for the 2026–27 academic year: we based our budget on a projected 4% enrollment increase; however, ongoing uncertainty has led us to take a more cautious approach, including the potential use of up to \$100,000 in reserves if necessary in the event enrollment falls below projections. Our reserves remain strong and stable, supporting this strategy. We received 13 new requests that directly align with our values and vision. The draft budget was crafted by the Subcommittee on Finance and reviewed by the Board of Directors. In total, we received \$1,587,116 in requests, which significantly exceeds the projected revenue of \$901,776. This gap underscores the growing demand for student services, programs, and support. In our conversations across campus regarding student wages, there is currently no equitable scale, as compensation varies widely across departments; further work and collaboration in this area will help determine funding for this criterion. Overall, our budget remains focused on student impact and student wages.

The Instructionally Related Activities (IRA) Committee has approved the IRA budget for the 2026–27 academic year. The committee recognizes the need to advocate for reviewing IRA percentage splits and realigning them to better reflect student needs and our academic programs, as the current IRA fee is not equitably distributed. The committee also acknowledges that a significant amount of work is required and that the process needs to be better streamlined and structured; compared to other CSU campuses, our committee undertakes a greater workload, and with potential collaboration with the Provost and department chairs, we aim to streamline processes and reduce this burden. We received \$895,813 in requests, which required the committee to make difficult and strategic decisions, resulting in \$414,043 in reductions. The total IRA budget is \$481,770, including \$52,000 for new programs and \$402,500 for existing programs as part of the total program allocation, plus a 6% administrative fee of \$27,270.

We recognize the growing need for program support, especially as HM500 cuts are made each year. This raises important questions about how student fees are being spent and highlights the need to assess them for equity and ensure they are used in ways that create the greatest impact for the student body. With many programs relying on these funds, Associated Students is actively exploring ways to expand support and move this work forward. Additionally, within both the A.S. and IRA budgets, we are utilizing reserves to support more programs; while we recognize that using reserves can be a strategic short-term approach, it is not sustainable long-term. Nonetheless, this reflects our continued dedication to the student body and our commitment to increasing impact and opportunities on campus.

**Please note that these budgets still need to be presented to the Student Fee Advisory Committee on April 27, 2026, and must be approved by the University President in order to become officially adopted.*

I am honored and excited to announce our Board of Directors for the 2026–27 Academic Year:

President: Ayan Cabot

Executive Vice President: Roselyn Montanez

VP of Administration and Finance: Nate Heron

Officer of Social Justice, Equity and Inclusion: Ruth Worthington

Officer of Academic Affairs: Gabriel Elbert-Rasmussen

Officer of Environmental Sustainability: Paola Ferreyra

Officer of Student Affairs: Riley Hemenover

I am incredibly excited for this board, and I know they will continue the great work that Associated Students has set forward and remain strong advocates for our student body.

I am also excited to share that the California State Student Association elections took place on April 26, 2026. The results are as follows:

President: Artur Gafurov

Chair: Tia Saunders

VP of Finance: Brandon Trigo Foley
VP of Legislative Affairs: Rodrigo Rojas Garfias
VP of Systemwide Affairs: Ashley Smith

I will also be giving a quick recap of the CSSA Plenary from April 11, 2026:

Legislative Affairs Committee:

We voted yes for a support position on AB 2392 (Fong), Public Postsecondary Education Artificial Intelligence Products: Training.

We voted yes for a support position on AB 2422 (Caloza), Student Financial Aid: Delayed Financial Aid Awards: Extensions.

We voted yes for a support position on AB 2766 (Ahrens), Public Postsecondary Education Student Housing: Foster Youth and Homeless Youth.

Systemwide Affairs Committee:

We discussed two resolutions: a resolution opposing the recent increase in compensation for CSU Presidents, and a resolution on reforms to the CSU alternative consultation process.

Linked here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1YxGCh7xeSp7-4w_PWITA5ZsjtJjoC-wM/view and <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1DrzRRPYC4wmLOrvJmswwBoHsLafTX3TK/view>

California State Student Association (CSSA) Board Meeting Report

Date: April 11, 2026, Online

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order in accordance with established procedures.

II. Roll Call

Roll call was conducted to confirm quorum.

III. Consent Agenda

The Board approved the Consent Agenda, which included:

- **Agenda Approval:** April 11, 2026
- **Minutes Approval:** March 21, 2026

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- **Revised Agenda Item Submission Policy** (approved by Internal Affairs Committee)
- **Revised Elected Officer Review Policy** (approved by Internal Affairs Committee)
- **Establishment of a CSSA Endowment** (recommended by the Finance Committee to support long-term financial sustainability and program funding)

Legislative Positions Adopted

The Board voted to **support** the following California State Assembly bills:

- **AB 2392 (Fong): Artificial Intelligence Training Requirements**
 - Requires CSU and other systems to provide training on institutional AI tools, including usage, policy, and data privacy considerations.
 - **AB 2422 (Caloza): Financial Aid Delay Protections**
 - Protects students from penalties (e.g., dropped classes, late fees) when financial aid is delayed due to administrative issues.
 - **AB 2766 (Ahrens): Housing Support for Foster and Homeless Youth**
 - Expands priority housing access, defers housing fees, and improves enrollment protections for vulnerable student populations.
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IV. Liaison Reports

Academic Senate CSU (ASCSU)

Updates were provided on faculty governance and systemwide academic priorities.

CSU Office of the Chancellor

Highlighted ongoing coordination with CSSA on advocacy, policy development, and system initiatives.

CSU Board of Trustees Reports

Student Trustee: Jazmin Guajardo

- Emphasized federal advocacy, particularly protecting the **Pell Grant**, which currently supports billions in student aid nationally.
- Highlighted CSU fiscal health monitoring, including responses to the **2025 Budget Act** and campus financial plans.
- Noted systemwide developments such as:
 - Expansion of the Office of Systemwide Philanthropy
 - Release of CSU AI survey findings
- Encouraged engagement through **CSU Voices** and public comment at upcoming Board of Trustees meetings.

Student Trustee: Carson Fajardo

- Reported on Board of Trustees committee participation and CSU system finances.
 - Key highlights:
 - CSU holds approximately **\$8.0 billion in cash and investments**, with limited discretionary reserves (~\$760 million).
 - Discussions on presidential compensation structures and funding sources not derived from tuition or student fees.
 - Major philanthropic investments:
 - \$29M (CSU Dominguez Hills) for mental health workforce development
 - \$48M (Cal State LA) for youth mental health programs and student support
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V. Public Comment

Members of the public were given the opportunity to address the Board on statewide and campus-level higher education issues. Written comments were also accepted via CSSA's online platform.

VI. Reports of Staff and Officers

President: Tara Al-Rehani

- Leading **federal advocacy efforts**, including preparation for Hill Week with CSU leadership.
- Advancing visibility of student-led initiatives in areas such as affordability, AI, and workforce development.
- Supporting updates to the **Basic Needs Study**, building on prior efforts that secured ~\$23 million in funding.

Chair: Aaron Villarreal

- Continued revision of constitutional documents and policies.
- Preparing for **CSSA elections (April 26, 2026)** and development of a biennial policy agenda.

Vice President of Finance: Artur Gafurov

- Advancing **endowment development** to ensure long-term financial sustainability.
- Addressing **Student Involvement and Representation Fee (SIRF) opt-outs** and improving engagement.
- Leading **budget development efforts**, emphasizing transparency, student input, and strategic allocation.

Vice President of Legislative Affairs: Nikki Majidi

- Focused on **federal and state advocacy**, including bill analysis and legislative toolkits.
- Developing **one-pagers and civic engagement resources** to strengthen campus advocacy efforts.

Vice President of Systemwide Affairs: Katie Karroum

- Highlighted success of **CHES Advocacy Day** and continued legislative engagement.
- Participated in **AI policy discussions**, Title 5 amendments, and systemwide initiatives.
- Promoted continued dissemination of the **CSSA AI White Paper**.

Executive Director: Joe Nino

- Continued operational leadership and coordination across CSSA initiatives.

VII. New Business

A. CSSA Elections Process (Information Item)

An overview of the upcoming elections process was presented in preparation for the April 26, 2026 Board meeting.

B. Student Involvement and Representation Fee (Discussion Item)

The Board engaged in a discussion on SIRF, focusing on:

- Administrative opt-outs
- Student awareness and engagement
- Long-term sustainability and transparency of the fee

Key Takeaways & Student Impact

- **Strong advocacy momentum** at both state and federal levels, particularly around financial aid, AI policy, and housing access.
 - **Major focus on financial transparency and sustainability**, including endowments and SIRF reform—issues directly aligned with your priorities at Humboldt.
 - **Systemwide investments and policy shifts** (AI, housing, mental health) continue to shape the CSU student experience.
 - **Opportunities for student voice expansion**, especially through Hill Week, legislative advocacy, and research contributions.
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Next Steps

- ~~CSSA Elections (April 26, 2026)~~
 - May Plenary Meeting
 - CSU Board of Trustees Meeting (May 4–6, 2026)
 - Continued development of CSSA budget and endowment strategy
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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

April 28, 2026 (Include materials between February 4, 2026, and April 28, 2026)

Personnel Updates:

- ODEI ASC II Search has been postponed due to budget reductions. ODEI has begun discussions with OAA about a potential ASC II that would serve both units.
- ODEI Admin Analyst I, Special Projects Coordinator: Frank Herrera has been temporarily assigned to this position, but he will return to the position of Social Justice, Equity, and Inclusion Center coordinator starting May 1, 2026.
- ODEI will be searching for a temporary Administrative Analyst I assignment.

Initiatives Updates:

- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility Grant (DEIA): Preliminary Results and Process:
 - We received 18 applications with a total requested amount of \$79,000. The ODEI grant base for distribution is \$35,000.
 - The DEIA grant review committee was convened on Friday, April 17, and will reconvene on Thursday, April 30, to discuss recommendations to submit to the Provost for a final decision.

- Third Biennial CSU Juneteenth Symposium: ODEI, in partnership with Umoja and the Equity Fellow dedicated to Black Student Success (Dr. Kirby Moss), is convening and leading a steering committee to participate virtually in the CSU celebration. ODEI is also planning to collaborate with Equity Arcata, College of the Redwoods, and Humboldt County Office of Education to integrate local programming. Programming will be disseminated as soon as finalized.
- Spring Commencement and Cultural Performance Celebrations: ODEI, in partnership with OAA, is organizing the second cultural performance spring celebration. Participating groups include:
 - INRSEP Student Drum (COMPASS)
 - Ballet Folklórico de Humboldt (Student Club in partnership with the Dance Program)
 - Mariachi de Humboldt (Class in the Music Program)
 - Yolteotl Danza Azteca (Student Club supported by the Dance program)
 - Humboldt Taiko (Humboldt Community Members)
- Humboldt Equity Consortium (HEC): HEC is a cross-sector collaborative space that brings together campus, city, and community partners across Humboldt County to share knowledge, align efforts, and strengthen coordinated responses to community equity needs. It focuses on strengthening a sense of belonging, safety, and overall community well-being through partnership and alignment.
 - The group last met on Wednesday, April 1, 2026, at Cal Poly Humboldt Library 209 & Zoom.
 - This month's gathering focused on community safety and preparedness in response to ICE-related challenges. The event saw strong engagement from HCOE, Equity Arcata, campus leadership and faculty, and other community partners, including the NAACP, Centro del Pueblo, Queer Humboldt, Eureka City Schools, the Department of Health & Human Services, College of the Redwoods, the Human Rights Commission, and Cumbre Humboldt.
 - Participants shared resources, strategies, and updates, emphasizing communication, collaboration, and inclusive outreach (including Spanish-language access). The gathering strengthened partnerships and identified opportunities for shared outreach and coordinated support.
 - Overall, the session reinforced HEC as a key space for connection, collaboration, and collective action.
 - The next session will be at 2:30 PM on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at Cal Poly Humboldt Library 209 & Zoom. Community members are invited to participate.

Collaborations:

- **IdeaFest and ODEI Collaboration:**

- DEIA Grant awardees will be participating in the IdeaFest for the first time. This is a new partnership with the Library that enables DEIA awardees to present their project results to the community. The following participants are volunteering their presentation this time. Moving forward, all DEIA grant recipients will be required to present at IdeaFest.

- Title: “2025 World AIDS Remembrance”

- Award Year 2025/2026: \$4,800 award
- Lead: Dr. Paul Michael L. Atienza (Faculty)
- A two-week DEIA-funded program raising awareness of the global HIV/AIDS crisis through speakers, films, and community events. Over 100 participants attended.

- Title: “Un-Dam the Klamath: The River Flows Freely”

- Award Year 2025/2026: \$3,500 award
- Lead: Sasheen Raymond (Staff)
- Indigenous Peoples Week panel on the Klamath River dam removal, highlighting Tribal advocacy, environmental justice, and ecological restoration.

- Title: “Ensuring Safe Soil for Indigenous Food Sovereignty”

- Award Year 2025/2026: \$5,000 award
- Leads: Derek Tremaine & Nicholas Verhey (Undergraduate Students)
- Soil testing at the Food Sovereignty Lab confirmed safe conditions for cultivating culturally significant foods, supporting Indigenous land stewardship.

- Two Undergraduate Mexican STEM students visit Cal Poly Humboldt: ODEI and the Library collaborate with the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM) and Tecnológico de Monterrey:

- This collaboration expands IdeaFest to a global context by hosting two undergraduate STEM students from UNAM and the Tecnológico de Monterrey (Mexico), Jorge Luis Zavala and Jorge Luis Gomez. They will present “Freenergy: Smart Piezoelectric Speed Bumps for Clean Energy and Operational Intelligence.” This project converts vehicle motion into renewable energy and generates real-time traffic data. This visit strengthens international partnerships and highlights innovative, sustainable urban solutions.

- IdeaFest Reception and Poster Symposium

- Time: Friday, May 1, 2026 | 3:00–5:00 PM

- Location: Cal Poly Humboldt Library, 2nd & 3rd Floors
- ODEI is preparing a comprehensive campus and community activity schedule for these two outstanding undergraduate visitors.
- If you would like to meet these students, please contact ODEI.
- ODEI and the Department of Forestry have partnered to host a campus visit by Professor Michelle Farfan Gutierrez, a fire expert from the University of Guanajuato in Guanajuato, Mexico. She will be on campus from April 26 to May 2.
- KickBack Spring 2026 Event: This is our third annual end-of-semester, campus-wide gathering, in partnership with Human Resources (HR), Academic Personnel Programs (APS), and Equity Arcata. This event is designed to foster connection, belonging, and relationship-building among staff, faculty, and community partners in a welcoming, informal setting. All professional staff, faculty, and administrators are invited. If you would like to be a sponsoring organization, please contact ODEI.
 - Date: May 11, 2026, time: 12:00–1:00 PM, catered lunch.
 - Location: Kate Buchanan Room (KBR)
 - This event will also highlight 2026/27 DEIA Grant Recipients.
- Community Resilience Steering Group: ODEI and Administrative Affairs co-lead this steering group. During the Spring 2026 semester, the CRSG met with 19 groups across campus to discuss institutional preparedness to respond to a possible ICE presence on campus. In addition, these meetings served as an outlet for discussing critical concerns and sentiments within our community. The work of the CRSG will continue in the summer and fall, focusing on deeper preparations, including workshops and training available to all members of our community on safety and civic engagement. A number of action items emerged from the meetings with the community, and the committee is currently working on implementation.
- “Oaxaca Cultural Immersion Program for Educators”: ODEI, in collaboration with the Eureka City Schools District and the Cal Poly Humboldt School of Education, is moving forward with the pilot of the first cultural immersion program for high school educators. This pilot builds on more than 30 years of culture and language development programs offered by the former Cal Poly Humboldt Department of World Languages and Cultures in Oaxaca. This program, in partnership with Universidad Autónoma Benito Juárez de Oaxaca, will be offered from June 20-27, 2026.
- Equity Arcata: This is an ongoing partnership between the City of Arcata and Cal Poly Humboldt. If you would like to volunteer in this partnership, please contact ODEI. The following is a brief list of past, present, and future events and activities:
 - Hosted the 2nd Community Safety Planning Meeting on April 2
 - Gathered with APD Chief Ortega, Humboldt Sheriff Honsal, representatives from Humboldt County Office of Education, and

Humboldt Area Foundation to discuss community response in case of immigration enforcement action. Interest was expressed in meeting monthly to continue the conversation.

- Supported the California Indian Big Time & Social Gathering with outreach and the NAS 30th Anniversary Celebration, bridging the campus and the community.
- Fernando Paz, ODEI Campus and Community Development Coordinator, is participating in the “Reconnect Arcata Initiative” through Equity Arcata. This initiative focuses on reconnecting the geographically divided areas. Our participation is to ensure equitable outcomes for all community members in this process.
- We will be hosting the next Home-Away-From-Home on Sunday, April 26.
- Organizing has begun for this summer’s Equity Arcata Open House/Equity Day at the Crabs Baseball Game.
- Equity Arcata formally enters into collaboration with the International Latino Film Festival for Spring 2027.
- Equity Arcata will participate in this year's Juneteenth community events alongside the NAACP, Black Humboldt, and Cal Poly Humboldt.
- The STARS Report: GOLD rating. The Sustainability Office received the GOLD rating notification on Friday, April 24. ODEI and the Provost's Office contributed a critical, human-focused, ethics-of-care lens, strengthening the framing of sustainability through equity, belonging, and lived experiences. We celebrate this national rating with the Sustainability Office and all teams that participated in this significant endeavor.
- CSU STEAM Workforce Innovation and Preparation Grant: On March 27, CNRS, in partnership with ODEI, received a \$140,000 grant award to be completed in AY 2026/27. This grant was designed for hands-on professional internships to support retention and graduation success of all students and to close a multi-layered representation gap in STEM careers.
 - The grant will be led by Dr. Bori Mazzag, Associate Dean of CNRS.
 - The grant will fund 14 student fellowships.
 - The name of this grant is “Raices y Rutas: Roots and Routes to Careers (R2).
 - This grant is also part of a national HSI effort.
- CSU Chico inquiry about Cal Poly Humboldt Seal of Excelencia experience: Recently, the ODEI team met with a group of CSU Chico leaders to share our experience with the Seal of Excelencia application. We shared our application with them and established a support network.
- The UC Office of the President met with the Cal Poly ODEI team: The ODEI team met with the Director of Culture and Inclusive Excellence from the UC Office of the President. They wanted to learn how we operate our office of diversity, equity, and inclusion. They were genuinely surprised to learn about the office culture and the impact of our 64+

initiatives across the university, on- and off-campus, and in international communities. They were particularly impressed by our university's culture, which embraces equity and inclusion at all levels.

- College of the Redwoods (CR), Humboldt County Office of Education (HCOE), and the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion partnership: This spring 2026 semester, ODEI has convened monthly collaboration meetings with these organizations to develop coordinated efforts in the areas of diversity, equity, and inclusion impacting our region and educational systems. We are planning to share resources and build capacity for deeper efficiency and higher collective impact. A number of specific professional development collaborations are in a planning phase.
- ODEI is coordinating several summer retreats to plan AY 2026-27, including our annual productions calendar.

Emeritus & Retired Faculty & Staff Association

Submitted by Marshelle Thobaben, Senate Representative for ERFSA



2026 Grant Recipients: from left: James Woodhead, Gabi Kirk, Regina Jorgenson, Alana Chin, Justin Carlson, Leila Azimian, Jasper Leavitt, and Ricky Robles (not photographed Larisa Callaway-Cole)

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: Tue, Apr 14, 2026

Meeting Details:

CSUEU has new contract bargaining dates set as follows:

- Unit 15 Student Assistants: Wed, Apr 29, 2026
 - Units 2, 5, 7, and 9 Staff: Thr, May 7, 2026
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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 Gildea, 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

Community Resilience Steering Group: We continue our work with various groups across campus, learning much about our community and ways to strengthen our approach to this work. We have also had positive feedback around shared expectations of the University's prepared actions. As we move closer to summer, we will be reaching out and building a larger Community resilience team with stronger connections to those already doing this work in our community like the Rapid Response Network. We will work with the expanded team to understand interests and level of involvement. We will also create training and scenario building opportunities for this team as a means of preparedness. Lastly, we will create opportunities to operationalize this work with existing university groups that will hopefully lead to this knowledge being practiced in perpetuity. We want to thank all of our partners that have been involved with this work and the University Senate.

ACADEMICS

Transfer Student Registration: New transfer student registration is right around the corner. The first group of new Fall 2026 transfer students began the online registration tutorial on Monday April 27, with advising and registration kickstarting the following week, on May 4. Registration sessions will continue throughout the summer. We have over 490 students in the first session, and the Transfer & Graduation Counselor and Transfer Credit/Articulation teams have been busy processing transfer credit, evaluations, transcripts, updating degree audits (DARS), etc. in preparation of supporting students and the advising community during the upcoming session.

WSCUC Site Visit Debrief:

- THANK YOU for the incredible campus engagement in preparation for this culminating campus effort toward our reaffirmation of accreditation: reaching back to the writing of

the report facilitated by the WSCUC steering committee; prep sessions over the last 3 months; and all-campus commitment to showing up prepared, having thought about lines of inquiry with respective areas/teams/committees.

- The Review Team was impressed by campus engagement, preparation, and the progress on recommendations since the last reaffirmation of accreditation
- Some unprecedented aspects of the visit: all-time high staff participation in the staff open forum (as cited by the WSCUC liaison); some interesting schedule changes; Review Team request to join our Exit Meeting celebration to watch [Peggy's performance](#)
- This process allowed for incredible reflection as a campus, and sets us up well to engage in our university strategic planning process in a refreshed informed way

INCLUSIVE EXPERIENCE

Students

Late Night Breakfast: We are excited to announce that our Spring 2026 Late Night Breakfast is just around the corner, and we are in need of volunteers to help make this event a success. The Late Night Breakfast has become a beloved tradition on our campus, and our volunteers always make it that much more special. The form is linked [HERE](#). The event will be held on May 11, and **forms need to be submitted by Thursday, April 30!** Two shifts are available that evening. Thank you in advance, and we look forward to making this Late Night Breakfast a special one. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Noel DiBenedetto at ext. 5698.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Enrollment update: The April 21 [Enrollment Target Progress Report](#) is now available. While application volume is still lower than targeted, there has been some improvement in application volume since last report. We are pushing towards the May 1 application deadline and national college decision day, so significant application and deposit activity is underway. The report includes details about the enrollment funnel, as well as interventions underway to push towards the enrollment targets. The campus community is encouraged to engage in these efforts to support continued enrollment growth.

Fall Space Reservation Requests Now Open: It's time to start planning for Fall 2026! Space reservation requests (submitted through 25Live) are now open. We encourage you to submit early to secure your preferred dates and locations. Need help getting started? Join CES weekly drop-in Zoom sessions every Monday from 2–4 PM through May 19, or reach out to Conference & Event Services at ces@humboldt.edu.

INNOVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY

Our STARS rating has been returned and we have earned a renewed Gold status with a score of 73.87: Cal Poly Humboldt should be extremely proud of our campus-wide commitment to sustainability and the many ways it is put into practice. As you may recall, this report cycle represents a modest decrease from our 2023 score of 76.57 but several meaningful factors help explain this shift, most notably the transition to STARS version 3.0, which introduced new assessment questions and a large reorganization of the assessment framework. We continue to outperform our peers in many ways and maintain our leadership in sustainability throughout higher education. Overall, receiving confirmation of our renewed STARS Gold rating and affirmation of our strong sustainability performance is especially rewarding and timely as we wrap up Earth Week. This achievement is a direct result of the hard work of our numerous reporters across campus, led by Katie Koscielak from the Office of Sustainability. Thank you all for your contributions!