

CAL POLY HUMBOLDT

University Senate Written Reports, October 13, 2026

Standing Committees, Statewide Senators and Ex-officio Members

Academic Policies Committee

Submitted by Monty Mola, APC Chair

Members: Julie Alderson, Frank Cappucio, Frank Fogarty, Cameron Allison Govier, Joel Hardin, Heather Madar, Monty Mola, Marissa O'Neil, Jenni Robinson Reisinger

Meeting Date(s): 10/07/26

Meeting Details: Committee made small revisions to the Policy on Grade Modes, reflected on the 2nd read. Spent the majority of the time working through feedback to the re-draft of the Graduate Degree Cuminating Experience Policy and outstanding questions. Hoping for one more round of feedback from grad-council in early November. While we wait we will begin working on the Program Discontinuance Policy.

Appointments and Elections Committee

Submitted by Jorge Monteiro, AEC Chair

Members:

Meeting Date(s):

Meeting Details: no report

Constitution and Bylaws Committee

Submitted by

Members:

Meeting Date(s):

Meeting Details: no report

Faculty Affairs Committee

Submitted by Lisa Tremain, FAC Chair

Members: Ryder Dschida (ex-officio); Melanie Michalak; Ara Pachmayer, Claire Till, Kim White (ex-officio);

Meeting Date(s): September 26 and October 6, 2026

Meeting Details: FAC continues its review of Appendix J as it relates to faculty evaluation of accessible curriculum. We reviewed the CSU Accessible Technology Initiative policy, which names accessibility as an institution-wide responsibility and emphasizes the importance of Universal Design.

On 10/22, FAC members will meet with the college Councils of Chairs to discuss accessible curriculum. We are preparing consultation questions for department chairs on whether Appendix J needs clearer guidance, revisions, or additions regarding accessible curriculum. We also want to learn how “equitable access” and “accessible course materials” are understood across campus, and whether faculty see enough training and instructional design support to meet these expectations.

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, Alison Hodges*, Sei Hee Hwang, Laura Levy, Heather Madar*, Bori Mazzag, John Meyer, Rosanna Overholser, Marissa Ramsier, Meenal Rana, Jenni Robinson Reisinger, Sara Sterner (Chair), Anna Thaler, Melissa Tafoya, Mark Wicklund

**Non-voting member;* GEAR Chair: Tyler Evans; CDC Chair: William Fisher; APC Chair: Monty Mola; Curriculum and Catalog Analyst: Cameron Allison Govier; Curriculum and Assessment Analyst: Khristan Lamb; Guests by Regular Invitation: Chris Harmon, Senate Chair; Kim White, Interim Associate Vice President of Faculty Affairs / APS

Meeting Date: October 6, 2026

Overview of Meeting Details: **Quick Recap:** The ICC approved the September 22 meeting minutes and reviewed and approved proposals from Environmental Science and Management, Applied Anthropology, and Leadership Studies. The committee also discussed GEAR certification and recertification workflows, the relationship between GEAR and CDC review, C-classification requirements, and the appropriate level of detail and flexibility in shared course outlines.

→See **DRAFT Meeting Minutes:** [10-06-26-ICC Meeting Minutes - DRAFT](#) (Humboldt Login Required)

Curriculum Development Decisions:

- **ICC-Approved Proposals Advancing to Senate on Consent:** [Integrated Curriculum Committee Consent Calendar Approved at ICC: 10/06/2026](#)
 - [ICC Straight-to-Consent Calendar Guidelines](#)
- **ICC-Approved Proposals Advancing to Senate by Resolution:**
 - [Resolution to Recommend Approval of the Environmental Science and Management, Geospatial Science Concentration, B.S. - 26-3252 - Suspend Program 04-26/27-ICC – October 13, 2026 – Curriculum Reading](#)
- **ICC-Reviewed Proposals Determined to Require Further Development Prior to Advancement to Senate:** None

Read More:

- **Meeting Agenda:** [10-06-26-ICC Meeting Agenda - Approved](#) (*Humboldt Login Required*)
 - **26-27 Curriculum Review Queue:** [ICC 2026-27 MCC Proposal Tracking](#)
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University Policies Committee

Submitted by

Members:

Meeting Date(s):

Meeting Details: 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

Meeting Date(s): October 9, 2026

Meeting Details: ASCSU held interim online committee meetings on Friday, along with a short committee of the whole for collective planning. The next hybrid committee meetings and plenary will be November 4-6, 2026.

Associated Students

Submitted by Ayan Cabot, A.S. President

Members: Ashley Hurtado Hernandez, Joel Hardin, Nate Heron, Paola Ferreyra, Riley Hemenover, Roselyn Montanez, Ruth Worthington

Meeting Date(s): October 20, 2026

Meeting Details:

Meeting Schedules and Student Engagement

The Board of Directors will convene again on **Tuesday, October 20**. Our regular meetings take place every **Tuesday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in SAC 131** (the Banquet Room).

We strongly encourage student participation through multiple channels:

- Attending meetings in-person or [via zoom](#).
- Providing formal public comment during sessions.
- Submitting [anonymous feedback](#) through our online form.

To propose an agenda item, please contact Roselyn Montanez, Executive Vice President and Chair of the Board. Our Board Coordinator, Tammy Petitjean, will assist in processing requests and coordinating follow-up actions.

Contact: as-evp@humboldt.edu | tlp81@humboldt.edu

Sexual Assault Prevention and Student Support

In response to the sexual assault at HHM, a **task force of 23 staff and faculty members** has been working on events and student supports. The Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) counselors held a student talking circle at HHM, **where students unanimously called for a venue for their voices to be heard by administrators**.

To fulfill this request, the task force has organized a student town hall on **Wednesday, October 14, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at Siemens Hall 108**. Panelists include Dr. Molly Springer, Bethany

Gilden, Donyet King, Dr. Maxwell Schnurer, and David Hickcox. Questions may be submitted anonymously via Google Form or asked in person. Information gathered will be compiled into a report presented to the Senate on October 27. The town hall is for students only, but **Chelsey M. Castiglione (she/her), Violence Prevention Program Coordinator for Student Health & Wellbeing Services**, is offering talking circles for staff and faculty by request. Email: cmc152@humboldt.edu if you would like one for your department.

The town hall is survivor-centered. Panelists cannot legally share details of specific cases beyond public police reporting. Students are encouraged to utilize the Campus Advocate Team (CAT) at [\(707\) 445-2881](tel:(707)445-2881) (24/7) for confidential support.

Call to Action: Send one representative from your department to the Sexual Assault Prevention Committee (SAPC), which meets the **second Monday of each month from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom and in person at the Library Fishbowl (L209)**. Contact Dr. Maxwell Schnurer at maxwell.schnurer@humboldt.edu

Attachments:

 10.14.26_StudentTownHall_Flyer_+Letter.pdf

 ViolencePrevention_Contactat&Workshop_Scheduling_ChelseyCastiglione.pdf

2026–2027 Associated Students (A.S.) Grants: Funding for Your Ideas and Goals!

The Board of Directors approved the grants on September 22, and applications are still open. Associated Students is offering **\$60,000 in student funding to support projects, travel, and professional development both on campus and around the world.**

Whether you're starting a new project, traveling with your Registered Student Organization (RSO), or looking for funding for professional development, there may be a grant available to help support your goals.

There are two grant options available:

- **Initiatives Grants** – Funding for new campus projects and student-led initiatives.
- **Professional Development Grants** – Funding for Registered Student Organizations (RSOs) and individual students to support professional development opportunities.

For more information or to apply, visit:

<https://www.humboldt.edu/associated-students/funding-opportunities>

Have questions? You can visit **Associated Students in Nelson Hall West, 2nd Floor**, or contact us by email: hsuas@humboldt.edu

Voter Engagement and Civic Participation

The California General Election is coming up on **Tuesday, November 3, 2026**, and now is the perfect time to stay informed about upcoming propositions, candidates, and measures that directly affect you. Regardless of your political affiliation or viewpoint, voting is a fundamental right and a direct way to make your voice heard.

Earlier this month, Cal Poly Humboldt hosted a series of events in collaboration with the Office of Student Life, the Gutsurak Student Activities Center, and the Department of Politics. These events helped students stay informed and engaged with the political cycle through nonpartisan civic and voter engagement. Students who registered to vote at these events received a unique Cal Poly Humboldt **"I Registered to Vote"** sticker and were entered into a raffle to win a gift basket that included an item from the bookstore.

Currently, Cal Poly Humboldt is **ranked #5** in the 2026 California University and College Ballot Bowl with:

- 37 vote registrations (0.59%)
- 187 voting plan submissions (2.98%)
- 315 total points

We are currently #2 in the CSU. Please encourage students to participate in this opportunity to put these values into action through this friendly statewide competition hosted by the California Secretary of State's Students Vote Project.

Let's ensure that [Cal Poly Humboldt ranked #1 in the CSU](#).

You can help Cal Poly Humboldt earn points by:

- Registering to vote or updating your voter registration;
- Creating and submitting a plan to vote;
- Encouraging friends and classmates to participate.

Let's show California that Lumberjacks are ready to make their voices heard!

Cal Poly Humboldt is committed to nonpartisan civic and voter engagement. Participation in the Ballot Bowl does not require or encourage support for any political party, candidate, or position.

California Faculty Association

Submitted by Ryder Dschida, CFA Humboldt Chapter President

Meeting Details: no report

Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Submitted by Rosamel Benavides-Garb, Campus Diversity Officer

Meeting Details: No report

Emeritus & Retired Faculty & Staff Association

Submitted by Marshelle Thobaben, Senate Representative for ERFSA

Meeting Details: No report

Labor Council

Submitted by Phillip Bradley, Labor Council Delegate

Members: Ann Johnson-Cruz, Edwin Espinoza , Ryder Dschida , Phil Bradley

Meeting Date(s): 10/13

Meeting Details: no report yet

Staff Council

Submitted by Senator Sulaina Banks

- Our next business meeting is Monday, October 12, 2026.
- Their first Staff Connect Event was the Welcome Back Ice Cream on 9/30/26, which was a huge success and doubled our numbers from last year.
- Currently promoting the Autumn Door Decorating Contest; submissions are due to staffcouncil@humboldt.edu by the end of the day on Wednesday, October 21, 2026.
 - A follow-up email will be sent to all staff with the photo entries so everyone can cast their votes.
 - Winners will be announced on Wednesday, October 28, 2026
- Their next Connect Event is on Wednesday, October 28, 2026, from 12-2 p.m. in Goodwin Forum: Halloween Potluck & Costume Contest
- They are currently looking for a staff representative for the AVP search for Facilities Management.

President's Executive Cabinet

Richard Carvajal, President

Bethany Gilden, Acting Chief of Staff

Shawna Young, Interim Provost and VP for Academic Affairs

Michael Fisher, VP for Administration & Finance and CFO

Peggy Metzger, Interim VP for Enrollment Management & Student Success

Steve Karp, Acting VP for University Advancement

Nick Pettit, Executive Director of Intercollegiate Athletics & Recreational Sports

Brian Walther, University Counsel

[Cal Poly Humboldt celebrates Indigenous Peoples Week, October 8-16](#) with events honoring Indigenous cultures, knowledge, creativity, food, sovereignty, and community.

Enrollment Management & Student Success

Final head count after census is 6224 students for Fall 2026. This is 52 students fewer than Fall 2025 head count or .8% (just under 1%) down. A detailed campus message will be coming soon.

3 Enrollment Partner Visit 10/27-10/28

3 Enrollment is the consulting team we work with to recruit prospective students, with their primary focus on First Time Undergraduates. They will be visiting campus on Tuesday, October 27, and Wednesday, October 28, to learn more about what it's like to be here, as well as the processes involved in applying to and becoming enrolled at Cal Poly Humboldt.

3 Enrollment will be meeting with folks from various departments in our division and across campus. You or your staff, including some student assistants, may be asked to participate in focus groups. No special preparation needed!

Legislative Briefing:

- **AB 1235, Asm. Rogers (D-Santa Rosa): PASSED. Signed by Governor 9/20**
 - **Labor:** Requires contractors on CSU design-build projects to commit to using a skilled and trained workforce for applicable building-trades work.

- Exemptions include projects covered by qualifying project labor agreements and student housing, including dormitories.
 - Goes into effect Jan. 1, 2027
- **SB 1374, Senator Niello (R-Fair Oaks): PASSED. Signed by Governor 9/27**
 - **Campus Safety:** This was CSU-sponsored legislation
 - **Campus Safety:** Authorizes campus officials to seek restraining orders on behalf of an institution in response to unlawful violence or a credible threat of violence. Existing law allows colleges to seek orders on behalf of a threatened student.
 - Qualifying conduct can include threats or a course of conduct involving calls, emails, correspondence, or stalking.
 - Constitutionally protected speech remains protected.
 - Goes into effect July 1, 2029
- **AB 2551, Asm. Elhawary (D-Los Angeles): VETOED by Governor 9/27**
 - Bill would have required the CSU to hold an open forum on a selected campus by the end of 2027 to elicit student feedback regarding content-neutral Time, Place & Manner policies, and require additional reporting by universities on student code of conduct violations that occurred during, or as a result of, a protest on campus.
 - Vetoed for redundancy, citing duplication of existing opportunities for systemwide input
 - Opposed by CSU
- **AB 2694, Asm. Alvarez (D-San Diego): PASSED. Signed by Governor 9/18**
 - Changes how community colleges can propose bachelor's programs to meet regional workforce needs, with input from employers, state workforce officials, CSU, and UC.
 - Goes into effect January 1, 2028

Advancement Division

Update on Advancement Foundation Investments:

For more than a decade, the Cal Poly Humboldt Foundation has been committed to responsible investing of the University's endowment. In keeping with that commitment, **100% of the Foundation's investments**—excluding the approximately 16 percent invested in real estate

mutual funds—are now in **Environmentally and Socially Responsible (ESR) mutual funds** as of this summer. ESR funds are pools of investments selected for their strong environmental, social, and governance practices, balanced with a reasonable rate of return.

Earlier this year, the Foundation’s Finance & Investment Committee approved replacing its last traditional investment with the Nuveen Core Impact Bond Fund, and the transfer was completed this summer. Real estate investments are not included in this figure because they do not receive an ESR rating.

With student involvement and assistance, the Foundation adopted a new policy focused on ESR investing in 2014, putting Humboldt at the leading edge of responsible investing within higher education. That policy takes a “positive investment” approach to select funds with strong environmental, social, and governance practices. The policy was updated and expanded in 2023.

About the Cal Poly Humboldt Foundation and Investments

The Cal Poly Humboldt Foundation manages the University’s endowment and is a nonprofit entity governed by a board composed of a majority of volunteers. The University’s endowment, currently valued at approximately \$56.7 million, invests a donor’s contribution long-term, using the income generated to provide scholarships and funds to support students, research and university programs in perpetuity. The endowment does not include any state funding, including tuition dollars.

The Foundation ***does not directly invest in any stocks***. Most of the University’s endowment portfolio is invested in pooled, diversified mutual funds, which have stock in companies that can change frequently.

The Foundation Board makes decisions on which mutual funds to invest in based on our environmentally and socially responsible (ESR) policy, balanced with the return on investment. Maximizing the return on investment ultimately increases the amount of money available to support student scholarships and other programming.