CAL POLY HUMBOLDT

University Senate Written Reports, October 27, 2026
Standing Committees, Statewide Senators and Ex-officio Members

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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): 10/14/26 & 10/21/26

Meeting Details: APC has a final draft of the Graduate Culminating Experience Policy out for review by the Graduate Council at their November 2nd meeting. We expect to bring it to the Senate for a first reading November 10, 2026.

We have begun reviewing last year's committee work on The Procedure for Academic Discontinuance. This initial review piqued a discussion on the necessity of updating the policies on Program Suspension and Program Reinstatement from Suspension, which have been added to our list of items to address this year. Current work is focused on ensuring clarity in what is being asked for from all parties.

Appointments and Elections Committee

Submitted by Jorge Monteiro, AEC Chair
Members: Ara Pachmayer, Jorge Monteiro, Michihiro Sugata
Meeting Date(s):
Meeting Details: no report

Constitution and Bylaws Committee

Submitted by
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): 10/13 and 10/20/2026
Meeting Details: FAC continues to hold regular weekly meetings; this report reflects meetings held on October 13 and 20. We continue to prioritize accessible curriculum as part of faculty evaluation language in response to Senate Resolution 23 - 23/24 (Resolution to recognize the importance of Accessibility in Teaching) as identified in Appendix J and departmental standards. Appendix J. language includes:

- **a.** Page 24, no. 1: "It is expected that faculty will continually strive to create welcoming and inclusive learning environments, where students from diverse backgrounds and cultures are treated equitably, and all students have equal opportunity to succeed. Examples of such activities may include:
  - **i.** (l) Providing equitable access and opportunity to all program activities fostering student success"
- **b.** Page 24, no. 2: " It is expected that faculty will continually improve their understanding of student learning, increase their knowledge of pedagogy, increase their understanding of accessibility and of universal design, and strengthen teaching skills throughout the probationary period, and will demonstrate clear, precise communication as well as effective application of that knowledge in teaching."
- **c.** Page 25, no. 3. "Teaching effectiveness is demonstrated through understanding and current knowledge, including the use of measures of student learning, in such activities as:
  - i. (e): Accessible course materials, including alternative assignments that are consistent with the fundamentals of the stated curriculum"
- b. Page 25, no. 4: "Faculty are expected to participate in professional development activities that enhance teaching effectiveness for the purpose of:

i. (e): Understanding and working toward equity-minded and accessibility-minded universal design for learning (UDL) teaching practices"

On October 20, FAC met with Elizabeth Keener, Director of CDRC, to learn about support available to faculty related to accessible technology, curriculum, inclusive excellence, and universal design. The committee reviewed Appendix J language, discussed available faculty resources and support, and considered questions to bring to faculty and departments.

On October 27, FAC will meet with UFPC representatives Walden Freedman and Amanda Dinscore to review Appendix J and discuss how departmental RTP criteria align with its expectations for accessibility, inclusive excellence, and universal design in teaching effectiveness. FAC will also prepare for consultations with Councils of Chairs and the Faculty RTP Criteria and Standards committee to take place in November.

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 20, 2026

Overview of Meeting Details: Quick Recap: The ICC approved the consent calendar and several course and program changes, including proposals from ESM, Music, Physics, and Leadership Studies. Members also discussed improving course outlines and GEAR alignment, strengthening early curriculum consultation, and tracking proposal deadlines and policy work for the remainder of the semester.

→See **DRAFT Meeting Minutes:** 10-20-26-ICC Meeting Minutes - DRAFT (*Humboldt Login Required*)

Curriculum Development Decisions:

- **ICC-Approved Proposals Advancing to Senate on Consent:** University Senate Integrated Curriculum Committee Consent Calendar Approved at ICC: 10/20/2026
  - ICC Straight-to-Consent Calendar Guidelines
- **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:** 10-20-26-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: Jaime Lancaster, Shawna Young, Dave Jannetta, Ramesh Adhikari, Rosanna Overholser, Steven Margell, Aleyna Moran, Bori Mazzag, Peggy Metzger, Mike Fisher, Steve Karb, Carla Lohr, Melanie Bettenhausen, Sarah Long, Kevin Furtado, Kendra Higgins, Patrick Orona.
Meeting Date(s): 10/23/2026

Meeting Details: We are currently preparing for the open forum and have begun to think about our upcoming divisional presentations. Anyone interested in engaging with the budget or budgeting process is invited to attend our upcoming forum, or one of our upcoming meetings. Links to budget updates can be found at humboldt.edu/budget, and a breakdown of divisional and departmental budgets can be found in Open Book.

The University Resources and Planning Committee (URPC) and the University Budget Office (UBO), invite the Cal Poly Humboldt community to an open forum on Tuesday, October 27, 2026, from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m., presentation begins at 12:30.

The forum is intended to foster transparency and deepen the campus community's understanding of our financial landscape. We'll discuss state, CSU, and university budget processes and timelines; Cal Poly Humboldt's future planning; and a brief analysis of risks and opportunities.

The URPC wants to hear from you and answer your questions. Please submit your questions by Monday, October 26, 2026 at noon using this link: URPC Budget Forum Form. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions after the presentation both in person and via Zoom.
Join us in person in the Kate Buchanan Room, on the second floor of the Gutswurrak Student Activities Center. Lunch will be provided beginning at noon. A Zoom link will be available for remote viewing: (Zoom link).

Academic Senate of the CSU

Submitted by Stephanie Burkhalter and Mary Virnoche, ASCSU Senators
Meeting Date(s):
The next ASCSU standing committee meetings and plenary will take place November 3 - November 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): 10/20/2026
Meeting Details:

Meeting Schedules and Student Engagement

The Board of Directors will convene again on **Tuesday, November 3, 2026**. 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 though 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

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

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California Faculty Association

Submitted by Ryder Dschida, CFA Humboldt Chapter President
Members: Loren Cannon, Yvonne Doble, Garrett Purchio, Dylcan McClure, Lisa Tremain, Roberto Mónico, Daniel Barton
Meeting Date(s): 10/27
Meeting Details:
CFA President Margarita Berta-Ávila will be speaking on campus on Thursday, October 29th from 5-6:30 p.m.

CFA has set its factfinding dates. They are: November 2, 5, 6, 12, and 13.

CFA will hold a strike authorization vote beginning on the 26th of October. The poll will remain open for four weeks.

CFA Humboldt's Lecturer Reclassification Committee continues to meet and discuss possible avenues for Lecturer Reclassification at CPH based on the CSU Long Beach pilot program.

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: If you do not plan to submit a written report, please write "no report" in the meeting details space of this document, just so I know not to wait on your committee/division
You are invited to attend the *free* Humboldt-ERFSA In-Person Presentation on Thurs, Nov 12, 2026, Dr. Justus Ortega, PhD. (Interim Dean of the College of Professional Studies), **Dr. Sarah Landis,** PT, MS, DPT (Director of the Health and Medical Science Degree Program and Biomechanics Lab Mgr.) ***“Physical Balance and Fall Risk”.*** The Cal Poly Humboldt Fall Risk Program is a collaborative community initiative that partners with local healthcare providers, senior centers, community organizations, and wellness programs to promote healthy aging and reduce fall risk among older adults. This presentation will highlight the impact of these partnerships, showcase ongoing research findings, and demonstrate how community engagement, experiential learning, and applied research come together to improve the lives of older adults while preparing for the next generation of healthcare professionals.

Labor Council

Submitted by Phillip Bradley, Labor Council Delegate
Members:
Meeting Date(s):
Meeting Details:

APC

Under the tentative agreement, which is the first reached with a CSU labor union in the current bargaining cycle, eligible APC-represented employees would receive:

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- A one-time payment of $3,325, paid in December
- A 4% salary increase retroactive to July 1, 2026
- An additional 4% salary increase effective July 1, 2027

UAW (Academic Student Employees)

The California State University (CSU) has reached a tentative agreement with United Auto Workers (UAW) Local 4123 that would provide compensation increases for Unit 11 employees. UAW 4123 represents over 10,000 academic student workers across the CSU system.

Under the tentative agreement, eligible UAW represented employees would receive:

- A $3.2 million compensation pool for one-time payments
- A 4% salary increase retroactive to July 1, 2026
- An additional 4% salary increase effective July 1, 2027

SUPA

A 4% salary increase retroactive to July 1, 2026

- An additional 4% salary increase effective July 1, 2027
- Additional one-time compensation negotiated (value unknown)

Teamsters

Still negotiating with CSU. Continue to make progress on non-economic articles, still some distance to cover on economic articles. Ramping up strike preparation.

CSUEU

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Staff Council

Submitted by Senator Sulaina Banks
Meeting Details:

- Staff Council's next business meeting is on Monday, Nov. 9th
- The window to enter the Door Decoration Contest has closed; there are 28 submissions, which is a new submission record!
- Staff Council's Halloween Potluck and Costume Contest is on Wed., October 28th, from 12-2 in Goodwin Forum.
- Staff Council just finished the MPP search committee search for the FM AVP position, and worked with AEC to finalize filling the two staff vacancies for the URPC before their Friday meeting.
- VP Mike Fisher approved stipends per semester for Staff Council Leadership positions.
- Staff Council will continue to receive support by working with Jess Etter for events, organization, and recognition efforts.

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, Interim VP for University Advancement
Nick Pettit, Executive Director of Intercollegiate Athletics & Recreational Sports
Brian Walther, University Counsel

Follow-up to October 14, 2026 Student Town Hall: Addressing Response to Sexualized Violence, Creating a Culture of Consent, Supporting Each Other

We are grateful to the students who shared their experiences and concerns at the recent town hall. We heard clearly the need for greater safety, support, communication, and trust. We also thank the Sexual Assault Prevention Committee for its thoughtful letter and its ongoing advocacy, education, and support of our campus community. The Executive Cabinet will soon share a campus message affirming our commitments and outlining the work ahead.