

CAL POLY HUMBOLDT

University Senate Written Reports, January 28, 2025

Standing Committees, Statewide Senators and Ex-officio Members

Academic Policies Committee

Submitted by Tyler Evans, APC Chair

Members: Julie Alderson (Faculty-Art + Film), Harrelle Deshazier (Coordinator-Umoja Center), Tyler Evans (APC Chair), Jacob Garcia (AS-External Affairs Rep.), Dave Jannetta (Faculty Art + Film), Marissa O'Neill (Faculty-Social Work), Jenni Robinson Reisinger (Registrar), Mark Wicklund (Director-Assessment, AVP Academic Programs designee). *Vacant: AS Student 2nd Rep*

Meeting Date(s): 1/22/25

Meeting Details: The committee is working on a revision to the Course Numbering Policy.

The committee will meet again on February 6, 2025.

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, Kimberly Perris, Lisa Tremain, Anthony Silvaggio, Kimberly White. Tim Miller continues to attend meetings to support the transition and the ongoing work.

Meeting Date(s): 1/22

Meeting Details: The committee worked on finalizing the language to accompany the Post Tenure review policy, to send out to faculty for feedback.

Integrated Curriculum Committee

Submitted by Sara Sterner, ICC Chair

Members:

Meeting Date(s):

Meeting Details: no report

University Policies Committee

Submitted by Chris Harmon, UPC Chair

Members: Heather Honig, Tawny Fleming, Michelle Williams, Kijung Ryu, Sulaina Banks, William Cook

Meeting Date(s): Every other Tuesday at 10AM aligned with SenEx

Meeting Details: UPC is short an AS representative. We continue to grapple with the Policy on Policies, Procedures, and Guidelines. The goal is to improve the clarity and understanding of the policy creation/approval process by enhancing transparency without being administratively burdensome.

University Resources and Planning Committee

Meeting Date:

1/17/2025

Submitted by

Jaime Lancaster, URPC Faculty Co-Chair.

Members

Jenn Capps, Jaime Lancaster, Rosanna Overholser, Dave Janetta, Ramesh Adhikari, Steven Margell, Nate Cacciari-Roy, Jeffrey Cane, Mike Fisher, Chrissy Holliday, Eduardo Cruz, Sarah Long, Patrick Orona, Melanie Bettenhausen, Kevin Furtado, Kendra Higgins, Michael Le, Brigid Wall.

Meeting Agenda:

1. Welcome and purpose of today's planning meeting (Jenn)
2. Introduce Carla Wharton- new Director of Budget & Financial Planning
3. Review of scope and purview of URPC (Jaime)
4. Update on Budget (Governor's revised budget, etc.) (Sarah L.)
 - o <https://ebudget.ca.gov/>
5. Budget Recommendation planning
 - o Timeline
 - o [Link](#) to last year's recommendation to use as a template

Upcoming Business

We have a busy semester planned. In addition to hosting the regular Budget 101 + Budget Update Open Forum, we'll be hearing from division leaders about their reduction plans and the anticipated consequences. We will then undertake the challenging and important work of crafting the budget recommendation for the 2025-2026 Academic Year.

The schedule of our meetings and events is attached below:

URPC (SBS 405 & Zoom)	Topic & Timeline
Thursday, Feb 6, 11:30-1:00, SAC 131	Budget 101+ Budget Update Open Forum
Friday, February 21, 2 hour	Divisional Reduction Plan Presentations Admin Affairs, President, Advancement, Athletics
Friday, February 28, 2 hour	Divisional Reduction Plan Presentations Academic Affairs, EMSS, Univ Wide
Friday, March 7, 1.5 hour	Working Session on Budget Recommendation, Update on roadshow progress.
Friday, March 14, 1.5 hour	Working Session On Final Draft, issue to Sen Ex
Tuesday, March 25	Sen Ex Review
Friday, March 28, 1 hour	Review Sen Ex Comments
Tuesday, April 1	Senate First Reading
Friday, April 4, 0-1.5 hour (depending on Senate comments)	Working Session on Senate Comments
Tuesday, April 15	Senate Second Reading
Friday, April 18	Reserve for any work on Senate comments
Friday, May 2	Reserve just in case

Academic Senate of the CSU

Submitted by Stephanie Burkhalter and Mary Virnoche, ASCSU Senators

The ASCSU met for its January standing committee meetings and plenary session, January 15, 16, and 17. These meetings took place online given the ongoing challenges with fires in the Los Angeles area. *The next ASCSU plenary will take place March 12-14, 2025.*

First Reading Resolutions and Other Documents For Campus Feedback

[these resolutions](#) were presented for feedback from Senators and communication to campuses. The sponsoring committee(s) will revise these resolutions and likely return them to as action items (second readings) at the March 2025 Plenary. Of note are:

- [AS 3731-25/APEP/JEDI Support For The University Of California Proposal To Create Area H - Ethnic Studies Within High School Admissions Criteria](#)

This resolution expresses the ASCSU's support for the proposal and accompanying course criteria for a non-additive ethnic studies admissions requirement currently under consideration at the UC Academic Assembly. In conjunction with the UC, we also urge that relevant CSU stakeholders consider adopting a similar admissions requirement.

- AS 3728-25/APEP [Resource Needs to Effectively Support the Articulation System Stimulating Inter-institutional Student Transfer \(ASSIST\) in Supporting Student Success](#)

January 2025 Resolutions Passed

The permanent archive of all ASCSU resolutions, their status, and the Chancellor's Office responses can be found at this [link](#).

1. AS-3725-24/APEP CSU GE vs. Cal-GETC In CSU Policy

Calls for the Chancellor's Office to establish a workgroup to resolve inconsistencies in current CSU General Education policy language related to Cal-GETC and CSU GE Breadth

2. AS-3723-24/AA/JEDI First-Year Experiences

The ASCSU requests that the Chancellor's Office promote the creation of three-unit, first-year, seminar-style experiences (FYE) at each CSU. Research evidence documents that FYE significantly improves retention, belonging, and graduation—especially for students of color, first-generation students, students with conditional admission, and students with undeclared majors—and often introduces students to life-long learning. FYE should be academically rigorous, offered as small classes, and taught by well-trained faculty. FYE might be housed in departments but should also be available to first-time first-year students who have not declared their majors.

3. AS-3721-24/FA On CSU-Wide Budget Transparency

Advocates for campus audits to be conducted by credible, external, auditing firms such as KPMG and for the auditors to provide opportunities for dialogue with stakeholders as part of shared governance. Furthermore, the resolution asks that a publicly available CSU transparency portal be developed displaying expenditures and cash transfers. The Chancellor's Office is encouraged to establish quarterly conference calls to review expenditures and the budgets after the close of each fiscal quarter. Finally, the ASCSU urges the CSU to restore any discontinued annual reports.

4. AS-3718-24/APEP Financial Aid Processes are Under-Resourced: Need for Support

Urges the Chancellor's Office to provide sufficient resources to campus financial aid offices to address equity issues and ensure the timely processing of financial aid packages for students, which are essential for student recruitment, retention, and success, especially for underrepresented student groups.

5. AS-3730-25/APEP Addressing Exclusion of the Mathematics for Elementary School Teachers Course(s) from Cal-GETC Standards

Advocates for the re-assessment of Mathematics for Elementary School Teachers course content and its inclusion in Cal-GETC. It also requests the exclusion of verbiage that implies Mathematics for Teachers course content is limited to elementary school level mathematics

Notes on guests who met with the ASCSU During the Plenary

Al Liddicoat, Interim Vice Chancellor, Human Resources, and **Hayley Schwartzkopf**, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Civil Rights Programming and Services, **Sarah Fried-Gintis**, Director

- Civil Rights Program Reviews happening on several campuses.
- Civil Rights Data Dashboard - that can be disaggregated by campus will go live soon and each campus will be asked to link to the dashboard. Senator question/requests: further disaggregation needed to explore if particular groups are disproportionately impacted; guardrails for restorative justice interventions; and trend data - this year will be the baseline as it's the first year with cross-system common operationalization of measures.
- Expecting LGBTQ targeting by the federal government - especially athletes - and anticipating work to protect students.

Dilcie Perez, Deputy Vice Chancellor of Academic and Student Affairs & Chief Student Affairs Officer, and **Nathan Evans**, Deputy Vice Chancellor of Academic and Student Affairs & Chief Academic Officer

- 52 community members known across campuses have lost homes in the LA fires. Many more have been displaced.
- Meeting with Senior Diversity Officers across the system about [changing political environment](#): implications for CAPS, undocumented students, gender affirming care -

and training and education across the system. How to mitigate without breaking laws. Student concerns with information provided on FAFSA: CO has been meeting with state officials and made available to students from mixed-status families the state CADAA aid form; they might not have access to aid like Pell. There is some lack of awareness of the range of statuses of undocumented people - many have legal permits to work . The Chancellor's Office has communicated with Presidents regarding “legally” what CSU must do to comply with federal laws and executive orders. Focus on creating holistic support teams anticipating future: training to get that information to students, faculty, and staff who may be called to advocate for themselves or others. A question was raised about guidance for when students and staff are too afraid to come to campus.

- AI Task Force (Past ASCSU Chair Steffel served): We can not develop just one AI system policy, but we can develop guidelines for the system. AI workforce board is in development which aims to create a space for dialogue between tech industry partners and higher education. There is an ongoing AI digital divide within system in AI; for example, some campuses are rolling out [AI-related tools](#); others do not have capacities to develop and act.

Update on Year of Engagement: Dilcie Perez, Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academic & Student Affairs, Chief Student Affairs Officer, **Bob Caron, Deloitte and Anna Jablonski, Deloitte**,

- After Deloitte deployed survey 1, they received 1 million survey responses + responses at many other engagement points
- What they learned:
 - [Redefine “student success”](#)
 - Leverage the CSU size (“systemness”)
 - Focus on teaching and learning (academic side) as part of the solution
 - Use data
 - Remove barriers to student resources

CSU support and resources for students, staff and faculty who are undocumented or have mixed status families. Ray Murillo, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs Equity & Belonging.

- **Students:** 80% of those seeking services and support are students
- **Definitions:** The umbrella term is “undocumented.” AB540 is not exclusive to undocumented students; DACA - is a deferment from deportation (protective) and a work authorization for undocumented - applications are no longer being approved;
- **Mixed Status:** Estimated 20,000 students in the system who have a partner or parent who is undocumented.

- [CSU Resources Page](#) for undocumented folks has been updated including **updated systemwide FAQ** . Responses are different based on who brings the subpoena or warrant and to whom you refer that official. Each campus must designate one person for all outreach should there be these enforcement actions. Faculty and staff should say “I am not authorized to respond and will connect you with - designated campus contact.” If immigration agent forces their way in, step aside and call UPD. Employees should not disclose student information as that would be FERPA violation.
- **CO to Campuses Coordination:** CO leadership meeting with all campus senior diversity officers to coordinate action and communication
- **CSU Learn Undocu training** - currently being updated.
- Other resources: [Fear and Learning at Hoover Elementary](#) (Laura Simon). [1982 Plyler v Doe](#).

CO [External Relations and Communications](#): **Greg Saks**, Vice Chancellor, External Relations & Communications, **Jeff Cullen**, Assistant Vice Chancellor Federal Relations, **Nathan Dietrich**, Assistant Vice Chancellor Advocacy & State Relations, Federal and State Legislative, & **Eric Bakke**, Director, State Relations

- Each campus has a [legislative contact](#) (AVC Jeff Cullen)
- Advocacy and state relations update [email](#) (AVC Nathan Dietrich)
- Delays in tax filing in disaster areas will create greater budget uncertainty
- Federal legislation is going to use funding to force compliance on bills coming through (e.g. [H.R. 28 passed in House](#) requiring birth gender requirement for women athletes)
- November bond that passed excluded UC and CSU from resources to address deferred maintenance. Behind the scenes the Senate was pushing to include the UC and CSU, but the Assembly was opposed and prevailed.
- They are sharing with legislators the distinctions/needs between UC and CSU students. Also highlighting really different revenue streams and proportions. When the state has more money, it may be easier to leverage those distinctions.
- Guidance for collaboration with CO legislative advocates: how can they have a more regular communication with ASCSU? Suggests all politics are local - so encouraging senators share our expertise locally and that will funnel up.

Mandara Savage, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Professional and Continuing Education (PACE)

- [EO 1099](#), Article 7 Enrollment Limitations Update - Open University - Self Supporting Courses

Mildred García, Chancellor of the CSU -

- [Remarks & Q&A](#) (AI Generated from Transcript)

Tara Al-Rehani, CSSA Vice President of Systemwide Affairs, CSSA Liaison Report on 1st Plenary of 2025 scheduled for January 25-26, 2025 with the following focus:

- Vote on affordable housing white paper and related proposal for increased housing for those from foster, and/or history of homelessness
- Affordable materials and texts
- Discussion on Year of Engagement
- Title IX continues to be a priority
- TPM - continue work with CO and focus on safety
- Student trustee application still open

Committee Reports

- **Academic Affairs Committee** - A Few Documents of Interest
 - [CA Master Plan for \(Career\) Education](#)
 - CA Higher Education [Paradigm Shift](#) (if pursued would dramatically change CA higher education)
 - [Applied and Professional Doctoral](#) Program Guidelines
- **Academic Preparation & Education Programs (APEP) Committee**
 - Work on AB 101 and changes to A-G (H) admissions requirements - integration of Ethnic Studies admission requirement in high schools. Also related work considering AP African American Studies credit for CSU Ethnic Studies .
- **Faculty Affairs Committee**
 - Costs of consultants, branding and marketing, system enrollment management, assigned time for service.
- **Fiscal & Governmental Affairs (FGA) Committee**
 - Resolution on budget transparency.
- **Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) Committee**
 - Update on CO work on undocumented students, faculty, and staff – systemwide resources and training. Upcoming resolutions on naming of campus spaces, scholasticide in Gaza and how CSU may help, vulnerabilities with new federal administration.

State Budget Information: In Governor’s January budget proposal, CSU is facing 7.95% (\$375.2 million) cut and further postponement of Governor’s compact 5% budget increase to 27-28.

These links include the Higher Education section of the budget and Summary Charts.

- Budget Link:

<https://ebudget.ca.gov/2025-26/pdf/BudgetSummary/HigherEducation.pdf>

- Summary Charts:

<https://ebudget.ca.gov/2025-26/pdf/BudgetSummary/SummaryCharts.pdf>

Charles Toombs, CFA President, Liaison Report

- Governor is the one that could change the budget. Lobbying is key right now and leveraging “equity” paper.

Associated Students

Submitted by Eduardo Cruz, AS President

Members:

Meeting Date(s):

Meeting Details: no report

California Faculty Association

Submitted by Anthony Silvaggio, CFA/Humboldt Chapter President

Members:

Meeting Date(s):

Meeting Details: no report

Office of Equity, Diversity, 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:

In-person Spring 2025 Humboldt-ERFSA Meetings at Baywood Golf and Country Club, 3600 Buttermilk Ln, Arcata , CA 11:30 lunch; Noon: presentations

February 13, 2025: ERFSA Luncheon: **Connie Stewart**, Cal Poly Humboldt Executive Director of Initiatives, University Advancement

March 13, 2025: ERFSA Luncheon: **Lisa E. Feldman**, Assistant United States Attorney, Cyber and Intellectual Property Crimes Section, U.S. Department of Justice, United States Attorney's Office.

April 10, 2025: ERFSA Luncheon: **Sarah Lasley**, Cal Poly Humboldt Art & Film Assistant Professor.

May 8, 2025: ERFSA Luncheon: **Maxwell Schnurer**, Communication Department Chair and Transformative Restorative Education Center (TREC); **Mark Taylor**, MSW, Project Rebound; **Steve Ladwig**, TREC; **Sidney Asfrzadeh**, TREC.

March 27th Humboldt-ERFSA Grant applications deadline

<https://www.humboldt.edu/emeritus-and-retired-faculty/grant-program-tenure-track-faculty-lecturers-and-staff>

Small Grant Program for Tenure-track Faculty, Lecturers, and Staff

Applications are due by Thursday March 27, 2025, at 3 p.m. PST. Late applications *will not* be reviewed.

Sponsored by the Humboldt-Emeritus and Retired Faculty and Staff Association, grant awards are intended to help tenured-track faculty, lecturers, and staff with *less than 5 years* employment at Cal Poly Humboldt seeking to expand professional qualifications.

Proposals must relate to teaching effectiveness, scholarly or creative activity, and/or service to the University, profession, or the community.

Labor Council

Submitted by Steve Tillinghast, Labor Council Delegate

Members:
Meeting Date(s):
Meeting Details: no report

Staff Council

Submitted by Senator Sulaina Banks
Members:
Meeting Date(s):
Meeting Details: no report

Executive Cabinet Written Report for January 28, 2025 University Senate Meeting

Michael Spagna., President
Bethany Gilden, Chief of Staff
Jenn Capps, Provost and VP for Academic Affairs
Michael Fisher, VP for Administration & Finance and CFO
Chrissy Holliday, VP for Enrollment Management & Student Success
Mark Johnson, 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 - Women's and Men's Basketball - Faculty/Staff Appreciation Night February 6th at 5:30 & 7:30 respectively



ACADEMICS

Shout Out: Awesome Professional Development Day on Friday, January 17! Thanks to Enoch Hale, Chrissy Holliday, Stephanie Souter, and all of the incredible faculty and staff who participated in Professional

Development Day last Friday. The focus on recruitment was very well received and the engagement and wisdom shared was awesome.

Well Done: Research Project with Rangeland Science: The ITS Research Support Team partnered with Rangeland Science and Management professor Justin Luong and his research group on a project to automate the measurement of leaf perimeters and areas from digital scans. Automation was achieved using OpenCV with Python. The custom program, featuring a user-friendly graphical user interface, processes each leaf individually, providing accurate perimeter and area measurements. This solution significantly reduced the time required for measurements, and closely matched previous results obtained manually.

INCLUSIVE EXPERIENCE

Students

Green & Gold Guarantee: We recently announced the Green & Gold Guarantee, our university's new program geared towards ensuring access and affordability for students. Learn more about the program [here](#). In a nutshell, it provides a guarantee that tuition and mandatory fees will be covered for students who meet specific financial criteria, beginning with those who enter in Fall 2025. This program is all about reducing uncertainty about whether college is affordable for a prospective student – and, as long as they maintain full-time enrollment and earn at least a 2.0 GPA, they know they will have the funds available to them for four years as a first-time student, or two years as a transfer. Read more in our [recent press release](#), and be sure to share information about this with prospective students – knowing their tuition and mandatory fees will be covered here at Humboldt may be exactly what a student needs to help them decide college is possible, and we are the right fit.

Direct Admissions: Cal Poly Humboldt and Eureka City Unified School District (ECS) have created a partnership to simplify the college admissions process for local high school students. The partnership, centered around a new direct admissions program, will provide students with streamlined access to Cal Poly Humboldt and support their journey to higher education. The Memorandum of Understanding allows the University to provide better support to students in regards to their ultimate qualification for enrollment at a CSU, ensuring ongoing communication and guidance throughout their high school attendance, with the ultimate goal of making sure Humboldt County students are prepared to enter a four-year institution if they desire, ensuring their college decision is based on what is best for them, and not accidental based on a lack of knowledge. Read more in our [recent press release](#).

Student for the Day Immersion Program: EMSS is excited to introduce Student for the Day, an immersive program designed by Admissions for Fall 2025 applicants to experience life at Cal Poly Humboldt over President's Week, which we know is a holiday week for many of our state schools. Taking place on February 17 and 18 in partnership with our academic colleagues, this initiative provides prospective students with a firsthand look at academics, campus culture and the Humboldt experience. Applicants will attend real classes aligned with their declared majors or areas of interest, gaining valuable insight into our academic environment. They will also

participate in personalized admissions sessions, guided tours, and independent exploration time between activities. While students engage in the classroom, parents/guardians will be guided separately, ensuring an authentic student experience.

Immediate Access Course Materials Program: Congratulations to our first three courses that launched Cal Poly Humboldt's Immediate Access course materials program this Spring. Faculty members Nate Swenson (SOIL 260), Li Qu (BA 250) and Maysan Mousaviraad (Engr 417) are our first adopters to help students have course material access by day one of class. Check out the FAQs on Immediate Access [here](#).

Student Fee Advisory Committee: The [Student Fee Advisory Committee \(SFAC\) web page](#) has been updated to provide streamlined access to the fee request process, as well as explanation of various fee categories and [historical information](#) about current fees, including fee change approvals. In the current 2024-25 cycle, changes have been approved for the Campus Union fee, Health Facility Fee, Health Services fee, GEOL 474 Field Trip fee, International Service Learning Programs, MSW self-support fee, and Housing rent rates- all details are available on the [site](#), detailed by fee category and type. The committee is co-chaired by the Associated Students president and the University's Vice President for Enrollment Management & Student Success. Current [membership](#), meeting agendas, and minutes are also available on the site.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Collaboration with the City of Arcata

Cal Poly Humboldt and the City of Arcata recently collaborated on a *Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant*, administered by CalTrans. The University received word last week that this award, in the amount of \$14,934,000, was funded. The project will reconstruct the existing US 101 and Sunset Avenue interchange with two roundabouts. This project will also provide pedestrian and bicycle access, new bus stops, signage, lighting, ADA improvements, as well as connections to the adjacent Class I trail system. Construction will begin in 2026. This is a critical connection point for the University and our new Hinarr Hu Moulik Student Housing.