

February 8, 2022

President and President's Administrative Team Report to University Senate

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People

Peter Cress was been appointed to serve as the interim Chief of Police for the University Police Department. [See campus announcement on Interim Peter Cress's background.](#) We are initiating the search process for a replacement Chief of Police. Please join us in welcoming and thanking Peter for serving in this new capacity. In addition, we would like to welcome the new officers to our department, Marcus Walker and Chanler Bronson.

Inclusive Student Experience

Kudos to the collective work of the GI 2025/Polytechnic Inclusive Student Success working group (complete membership list can be found [here](#)) co-led by Associate Vice President Dr. Carmen Bustos-Works and Vice President Jason Meriwether who spent the Fall 2021 semester strategizing different priorities for spending of this years' GI 2025 funds. Attached [here](#) are the initial funding priorities. Additional information will be forthcoming from the committee and from the Provost's Office.

Pride

February is Black Liberation Month. We encourage you to attend the workshops, speakers, film screenings & more hosted by the Umoja Center. The robust calendar of events can be found in the below link. Please contact Mona Mazzotti at mona@humboldt.edu if you need additional information.

<https://umoja.humboldt.edu/events-calendar>

On January 31, the CSU Board of Trustees approved our name change and polytechnic designation. We continue to be grateful for the collective planning and contributions of so many. It was an historic moment, which garnered historic media coverage for our campus from local, regional and national media outlets. You can read some of the coverage here: [Inside Higher Ed](#), [Sacramento Bee](#), [Los Angeles Times](#), [Chronicle of Higher Education](#).

Campus Culture and Operations

Facilities remain focused on delivering non-poly related projects, which total nearly \$12 million over 70+ Projects. We appreciate the diligent work of our staff and the engagement from the campus community in getting these completed.

- The Library opened on January 18th after more than a year and a half of closure due to the pandemic and associated construction.
- Trinity Children's Center and Child Development Lab has concluded demolition. The Rehabilitation of the existing building is underway. Site work and construction development is next.

The campus is alive once more with students, faculty and staff as more face-to-face instruction and operations are underway. The facilities management team is committed and busy with completing the hundreds of work orders and key requests. The completion rate is happy been great thus far.

Innovation

[Humboldt is moving to contactless parking.](#) Partnering with transportation software and payments company Passport, Humboldt recently began utilizing a digital parking payment system for the first time. [The app, Passport Parking,](#) allows for a contactless experience where motorists pay for and manage their parking sessions with their smartphones. Those who prefer to pay via traditional meters or purchase passes from the parking kiosk can still do so.

Academic Program Excellence

Congratulations to **Dr. Jamie Jensen**, Social Work, and **Dr. Christina Martinek**, Sociology, on their recent publication of the 2021 *Humboldt Journal of Social Relations: [Aging in Community](#)*. This issue presents the California landscape of aging within the context of state policy history and challenges ([Fitzpatrick 2021](#)). Authors also explore the experiences of older adults in disasters ([Jensen 2021](#)), an African-American church-based fall prevention program ([Ramirez et al. 2021](#)), a low-income, Spanish-speaking, Latinx elders program *Cultivando Sabiduría* ([Clark-Ibáñez et al.](#)), family farming ([Chambers](#)), and in Australia's pandemic ([Buhler et. al.](#)).

The 2021 issue and almost 50 years of past publications are archived and available through our Humboldt library [JSTOR portal](#). More information about the journal and upcoming issues can be found on the [HJSR website](#). A special shout out to the entire editorial board who includes: **Dr. Mary Virnoche**, Sociology & Board President, **Dr. Ramona Bell**, Critical Race, Gender & Sexuality Studies, **Dr. Matthew Derrick**, Geography, Environment & Spatial Analysis, **Dr. Jennifer Eichstedt**, Sociology, **Dr. Erin Kelly**, Forestry and Wildland Resources, **Dr. Kayla Begay**, Native American Studies and **Kyle Morgan**, Library.

Sustainability

Alongside our campus' hard polytech work, we've made great strides in sustainability efforts. Sustainability at *Cal Poly Humboldt* is not just an initiative, but a culture. The [definition](#) of sustainability touches on a wide variety of programs and populations, with the intent of achieving the university's sustainability goals and educating our students to be ambassadors of sustainability.

- **Climate Action Plan:** We are updating the Climate Action Plan (CAP 2.0) and we want your input! The CAP 2.0 is a roadmap to guide the university towards achieving carbon neutrality by 2045, and to build resilience to climate change impacts. The campus community is invited to download and review the

[draft CAP 2.0](#) and submit feedback to the [online comment form](#). Comments will be accepted until February 10.

- **STARS:** The campus has completed a plan to pursue a platinum rating in a large and well-adopted sustainability assessment called STARS. This ambitious goal will position the campus to become the best performing CSU in the system by 2026, and one of very few campuses worldwide to secure the elusive Platinum rating. Read the [Path to Platinum Plan for HSU here](#). A few examples of current programming underway that supports this effort includes professional development for faculty on sustainability topics, refining our process for designating courses as sustainability focused or related, better documenting landscape management and integrated pest management protocols, and incorporating sustainability criteria more formally into contracts and procurement policy. Read more about STARS as a general assessment tool [here](#).
- **Microgrid:** The University has partnered with the Schatz Energy Research Center to develop a campus microgrid. A microgrid is a system of energy generation, storage, and controls that will provide electricity to campus in the event the grid goes down and to lower the university's electricity demand. Components will include solar PV, large battery, backup generator, and associated controls. Local microgrids developed by the Schatz Center are at the [Blue Lake Rancheria](#) and the [Redwood Coast airport](#)
- **Social Justice in Sustainability:** The Sustainability Office continues to work toward implementing a sustainability movement that elevates justice, liberation, and decolonization along with the environmental and economic dimensions of sustainability. A few programs underway for Spring 2022 include various book circles and speaker series, supporting Umoja's Black to the Land farming initiative at the Bayside Park Farm, and supporting a campus-wide food summit led by El Centro (and supported by HEIF) in April 2022.