

**Cal Poly Humboldt
University Senate**

Resolution Updating the Membership and Duties of the University Policies Committee

01-23/24-CBC –September 12 , 2023 – First Reading

RESOLVED: That the University Senate of Cal Poly Humboldt recommends that the membership duties of the University Policies Committee (UPC), as defined in the University Senate Bylaws and Rules of Procedure, be revised to make membership more representative and to explicitly acknowledge and allow committee participation in the drafting of university policy.

RATIONALE: *The University Policies Committee's function is to oversee and bring policy recommendations to the Senate after policy has been drafted by experts and reviewed by stakeholder and the UPC. This revision updates membership to include the Vice President for Academic Affairs (or their designees), Vice President for Administration and Finance (or their designee), and the Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Success (or their designee) and an additional staff member (non-MPP). This will ensure a more inclusive committee that is well-represented by divisional leadership, faculty, staff, and students. This revision also makes explicit that the UPC may initiate the drafting process and actively involve committee members in policy development when the Senate Executive Committee and/or the UPC Committee chair deem this to be appropriate.*

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- Two (2) faculty members, appointed by the Appointments and Elections Committee
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- Vice-President for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs (nonvoting)
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