

HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY

Senate Chair's Report

Senate Meeting, January 29, 2019

Welcome to Spring semester 2019!

The HSU presidential search is now underway. For reference, I have attached the search schedule and policy that was sent to me by the Chancellor's Office in October 2018. There is a Website (<https://presidentsearch.humboldt.edu/>) with information about the search, including upcoming forums and a list of the members of the Trustees Committee for Selection of the President (TCSP) and the Advisory Committee for the Selection of the President (ACTCSP). A feedback form is linked on the Website that can be used to submit comments to the ACTCSP, although it does not allow for anonymity. Contact a representative on the ACTCSP if you would like to provide direct, and potentially anonymous, feedback.

The presidential search open forum organized by the Chancellor's Office will occur in the Kate Buchanan Room 1-3pm on Monday, February 4. If you are interested what these forums look like, visit the YouTube link of the recording of the CSU-San Marcos open forum, which took place on November 30, 2018. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BfwUN77R5sc&feature=youtu.be>). As a reminder, the Senate, the Library and Associated Students are sponsoring a pre-forum, facilitated by Library Dean Cyril Oberlander, which will take place **Thursday, January 31, 3-5pm in Library 301H**. One goal of this event is to bring the campus community together to discuss the qualities, skills, and experience we would like to see in the next HSU president. The central component is participation by attendees in a series of 20-minute small group discussions organized by theme, the results of which will be reported back to the larger group to help to build a feedback document. The folks at the Library have offered to digest the feedback and compile a document that synthesizes the results of the pre-forum. The themes were developed in consultation with Senate Chairs at other CSU campuses who have recently participated in presidential searches. They are: Vision & Leadership Style; Campus & Community Engagement; Budget & Fundraising; Student Recruitment & Retention; Diversity, Inclusion & Equity; and Other. Participants in the pre-forum will also be provided with an opportunity to share what they think makes HSU special and the challenges and opportunities that leading HSU will present for the next president. The results of this discussion will inform the ACTCSP and should help the community to prepare for the 'town hall'-style February 4 open forum.

Building on the one-hour forum held at the November 13, 2018, Senate meeting, the Senate Executive Committee at its November 27, 2018, meeting, decided that the Senate agenda will include a standing discussion item on diversity, equity and inclusion for the Spring 2019 Senate meetings. ODEI Executive Director and senator, Cheryl Johnson, approached the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Council (DEIC) members about playing a part in these discussions and several have offered to provide programming and facilitation. The slate of discussion topics and the structure of these conversations are under development. If you have an idea for these discussions, please share that idea with me or another member of Senate Executive Committee. One question that will guide the Senate moving forward is: What can the Senate do to promote racial equity in the work of the Senate and more broadly on campus?

At the request of Provost Enyedi, consistent with section 714 of the Faculty Handbook, the Senate Executive Committee approved the addition of Professor of History, Anne Paulet, to the Search Committee for the Associate Vice President of Faculty Affairs.