

Hey Cal Poly Humboldt!

I hope y'all had a wonderful break. I know I truly appreciated the time to read books, paint, listen to music, and sleep, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to recharge for our last couple of weeks of the semester. We've got a lot to do, and I am excited to confront it with y'all together.

I'd like to start my report this week with a two-part notification regarding Senate staffing. First, I'd like to bid farewell to Patrick Malloy, who is stepping down from his interim role as Senate ASC. Patrick was my rock during the brunt of this semester as I floundered through figuring out how to do this stuff, and I couldn't have gotten this far without him. Thank you, Patrick, we appreciate you and the work you've done for us.

Next, I'd like to officially welcome Andrea Bright as the new Senate ASC. Andrea has already done so much since hitting the ground running three weeks ago, and I appreciate all of your support for her as we get our footing and move forward as a Senate Unit. One thing that Andrea is beginning work on in the coming weeks is checking the website for broken links, missing policies, and personnel representation on respective committee sites; if you have any insight into missing or broken links, or any other issues with policies as they are represented, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

I'd like to further thank you all for your engagement with our discussion and Sense of the Senate drafted in response to the parking enforcement issue raised at our last Senate Meeting. During our discussion, I had made an intentional effort to forefront the voices of concerned students during both the open forum and the following discussion. In the course of those discussions, I was unable to include two documents that were provided by a Senator and campus committee in relation to the issue. The first of these was a [video prepared by Senator Aghaselah](#), and the second was a statement prepared by the [Sexual Assault Prevention Committee](#). I apologize to both parties for failing to accommodate their contributions during that time frame, and thank them for their engagement with the Senate as a venue for shared governance. I'd also like to note that the issue was addressed, along with a note regarding the Sense of the Senate, in the L.A. Times (I was gonna link it, but there was a paywall). If nothing else, this is further evidence that there is considerable attention, statewide and beyond, on the decisions made by and in response to our Campus Community, and that we should be mindful of all of the ways that our actions resonate beyond Humboldt County.

I know that shared governance as a practice is not always satisfying, and, in fact, can often be universally unsatisfactory. It is difficult to enter into a space of dissensus, or even complicated, contextually-loaded consensus, and exit that space having met the needs of all constituents. With that said, I am so appreciative of those who choose to enter into the Senate space with their perspectives, needs, fears, joys, and concerns, and be both brave and vulnerable enough to share those aspects of themselves.

This week we will be addressing a number of similarly complicated ideas, and I so look forward to addressing them together for the greater good and emergence of a more just and educative University.

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