

Hey Cal Poly Humboldt!

I hope y'all doing well this week and generating meaning, knowledge, and creative expressions across our campus. I am looking forward to our Senate Meeting this Tuesday. It will be a packed one, as will the final two for the semester that follow it.

First, we will have a report regarding the Capital Outlay Plan from AVP Mike Fisher. This will help us to get a sense of the facilities work that will be enacted across campus in the immediate future, and, paired with the Physical Plan presentation from the last Senate meeting, provides us with some of the data needed to imagine what our shared physical space will look like in the coming years. Please come prepared with questions, as this will be a complex and detailed presentation.

Following the presentation from Facilities Management, we will engage with a second informational presentation, this one from members of the Dean of Students' Office regarding their recent report of the campus' work to address students' Basic Needs to the Chancellor's Office. This report, and the work that it reflects is incredibly important, not only in the support to our students that it illustrates and daylights, but also because of the incredible existing needs across our community that it points to. Thanks to this team for the incredible work they do to make education an accessible and viable option for as many students as possible.

Following these two presentations, the GEAR committee, led by Dr. Marissa Ramsier, will present a resolution for first reading regarding the campus' GEAR policy. As might be expected with such a curricularly impactful policy, there is likely to be some dissensus regarding aspects of this policy, but Marissa has done a brilliant job of navigating us towards an operational middle ground, and hopefully the feedback derived from this first reading will help move us towards a policy that will help us to create General Education curriculum that best serves our students.

Once we have completed this first reading, we will then take a look at the Credit/No-Credit Policy developed by the Academic Policies Committee.

Finally, the URPC, coming close on the heels of their open forum earlier that afternoon, will be presenting on their progress towards a budget recommendation for this coming year. This is always a difficult document to write, and I both want to offer my gratitude to the committee and commiserate with them for all of their hard work and the difficult but necessary conversations they are engaging in. The more feedback we provide on this document now, the better the writing process will be for the committee, so please come prepared to have thoughtful and collegially critical discussions about how we hope the budget will reflect our values.

Shared Governance!

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