

CAL POLY HUMBOLDT

University Senate Written Reports, February 06, 2024

Standing Committees, Statewide Senators and Ex-officio Members

Academic Policies Committee:

Submitted by Nicole Jean Hill, APC Chair

Members: Julie Alderson (Faculty-Art), Frank Cappuccio (Faculty-Chem), Harrelle Deshazier (Advisor-Umoja Center), Tyler Evans (Faculty-Math), Nicole Jean Hill (APC Chair Pro-Tem), Jenni Robinson Reisinger (Registrar), Mark Wicklund (Director-Assessment). *Vacant: AS Student 1st and 2nd Reps*

Meeting Date(s): January 17 and 31, 2024

Meeting Details: Li Qu (Faculty, Business) has resigned from the committee and APC needs to fill the vacancy- ideally with a faculty member from CPS. Priority Registration Policy is ready for the first reading at senate. The committee drafted a letter to Jill Anderson at ICC related to questions and concerns about the next policy on our agenda: the Minors, Certificates & Concentrations Policy. These questions will be added to the agenda for ICC on 2/6 and 2/13/2024. Also, related to the next policy on our agenda (Program suspension and discontinuation policy): Suspension policy has not been updated since 2002. Deletion policy was updated in 2012. Committee will review the most recent policies for obvious changes and then will be shared out to ADs. Google doc with existing policies: [Program suspension and discontinuation policy](#). The committee will also be discussing the 8 week deadline for students to change from letter grade to CR/NC (at the request of committee member Harrelle Deshazier, Advisor-Umoja Center), and looking into policies related to scheduling for Mark Wicklund's work on Strategic Enrollment Management.

Appointments and Elections Committee:

Submitted by Jorge Monteiro, AEC Chair

Members: Ara Pachmayer, Jorge Monteiro, Michihiro Sugata

Meeting Date(s): 01/19/2024

Meeting Details: The AEC and Senate chairs have met with the new ASC, Andrea Bright, several times to discuss all the committees and the process to announce vacancies and fill the positions. The AEC committee met on 01/19/2024 and discussed some positions that will need to be filled in the Spring and Fall of 2024. The AEC committee started to discuss that some

committee chairs have a heavy workload that needs to translate into more release time and suggested the Senate chair update that.

University Resources and Planning Committee:

Submitted by Monty Mola, Interim URPC Co-Chair

Members:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jenn Capps, Co-Chair (non-voting)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Samuel Parker, Student (voting)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Monty Mola, Interim Co-Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vincent Zavala, Student (voting)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Amy Spowles, Faculty (voting)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Amber Blakeslee, Advisor (non-voting)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dave Jannetta, Faculty (voting)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Melanie Bettenhausen, Advisor (non-voting)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ramesh Adhikari, Faculty (voting)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vacant, Advisor (non-voting)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sarah McCue-Green, Staff (voting)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kendra Higgins, Advisor (non-voting)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vacant, Staff (voting)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Michael Le, Advisor (non-voting)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jeffrey Crane, Dean (voting)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brigid Wall, Notes (non-voting)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Carla Ho'a, VP (voting)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Patrick Orona, Notes (non-voting)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chrissy Holliday, VP (voting)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nate Cacciari Roy, Support (non-voting)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Frank Whitlatch, VP (voting) Proxy: Kevin Furtado	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Meeting Date(s): 02/02/24

Meeting Details:

- To ensure that the URPC can deliver a recommendation to the University Senate and President Jackson on time, additional URPC meeting dates were set for March 8 and March 29 from 1:00 - 2:30 PM. These dates will primarily be dedicated to the reports from the Division Vice Presidents about their reduction planning for the 2024/2025 AY. Each division has been asked to develop scenarios for 3%, 5%, & 8% reductions, in light of our current understanding of an estimated \$8M shortfall next year.
- The URPC had a robust discussion on the creation of a taskforce to take on the President's charge of developing a sustainable budget model for the University. Topics included the shortfalls of our current - *Incremental Model*, how other Universities have transitioned to other budget models, including the hiring of consultants with expertise in this area, who might be asked to join this taskforce, and the scope of their work. Work on this is in the early stages and more information will follow as it is available.

- We set the date and time for our next URPC Open Forum: Monday, March 25, 2024 at 1 PM. This will be a World Cafe style forum. Additional details, including location will be announced as we draw closer to that date.
 - A brief discussion was had on how the URPC can provide input on the Low Degree Conferring programs discussion. Though there are clearly budget implications embedded within this topic, it is not clear, given the scope of the URPC's purview, how we might provide this input. It was suggested that we may be able to ensure that the criteria that are developed and the action plans that result from those criteria align with the University's strategic plan and the Polytechnic Prospectus/Action plan.
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Academic Senate CSU (ASCSU):

Submitted by Stephanie Burkhalter and Mary Virnoche, ASCSU Senators

Members: Stephanie Burkhalter and Mary Virnoche, ASCSU Senators

Meeting Date(s): ASCSU Committees next meet on February 23, 2024

The [CSU Board of Trustees](#) met January 29-January 31. You can find the agenda packet [here](#) and a recording of the meeting [here](#).

Some highlights of the meeting pertaining to our ongoing campus conversations:

During the segment of the Committee on Educational Policy focused on research and creative activities across the 23 campuses, President Jackson provided a brief overview of the return to the Wiyot people of the 46-acre [Mouralherwaqh site](#) and the research collaboration with Humboldt's Sea Rise Institute co-led by Dr. Laurie Richmond. Also featured in the Trustee's packet were descriptions of current Cal Poly Humboldt projects on Climate Plan for Eureka-Arcata corridor (co led by Eileen Cashman and Margaret Lang), Caminar Juntos (Walking Together) aimed to increase retention and graduation of underserved students at Hispanic Serving Institutions (Mary Gonzalez, lead investigator) and Chair Jim Woglom's work with the Prison Arts Collective Exhibition showcasing the work of incarcerated artists at Pelican Bay Prison.

In the Committee on Educational Policy discussion on Proposed Amendments to Title 5: Implementation of the Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act of 2021 (AB928), which was on the agenda to prepare for an action item that will be voted on at the March 24-27, 2024 meeting, a majority of the Trustees who sit on the Committee on Educational Policy indicated that they favor amending the current CSU GE Breadth requirements to be the same as the agreed upon Cal-GETC pathway for transfer. While they appreciated the faculty's position that

all GE classes provide value and that there is no evidence that first year first time students would be better off losing GE units in area C and area E, the Trustees in favor of a single GE pathway maintained that students need to have simplicity as they navigate their degree path, often across multiple institutions, and it wouldn't be equitable that students who begin in the CSU would need to complete more GE courses than those who transfer to the CSU. This reflects Chancellor Garcia's view as expressed during the ASCSU January plenary. Any Title V changes adopted by the Board of Trustees in March would likely need to be implemented on the Cal-GETC timeline, which begins with students entering in the 2025 catalog year.

In the Committee on Finance discussion of the CSU budget situation, Trustees noted that the state legislature is looking to all three systems of higher education in California (CCC, CSU, and UC) to increase their collaboration and efficiencies to reduce costs to lower state budgetary allocations in the long-term. Governor Newsom proposed in his January 10 budget a deferral of a 5% increase in CSU state budget allocation that was supposed to come to the CSU in fiscal year 2024-2025 if CSU met benchmarks in the 5-year "compact". The budget proposal stipulates that the CSU's 2024-2025 fiscal year 5% funding increase, as well as its 2025-2026 fiscal year 5% increase, will be included in fiscal year 2025-2026 budget proposal and appropriations, so long as the CSU keeps meeting the Compact's goals. In contrast, the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) released the 2024-2025 [Higher Education overview report](#) on January 30, 2024, which recommends not funding at all the 5% increase associated with the Governor's CSU Compact for fiscal 2024-2025, and likely not funding it for 2025-2026 given the three-year budgetary outlook, which predicts a structural deficit of \$10 to \$30 billion each year. The LAO notes, "The compacts [with the CSU and UC] are not codified. The Legislature decides through the annual budget process which, if any, of the compact components it will enact." The Governor's liaison to the CSU Board of Trustees suggested that the CSU engage in robust advocacy with legislators to ensure that some amount of Compact funding is included in the state budget allocation for the CSU, even if it is deferred. He mentioned that while the line item deferral can seem like the Governor is not prioritizing funding higher ed, there were other worthy programs in the General Fund that were cut or went unfunded in the Governor's budget proposal. He stressed that the CSU must make the case for its funding when it is competing for General Fund appropriations funding with healthcare and services for those who are experiencing homelessness.

Presidents Lynn Mahoney of San Francisco State and Richard Yao of CSU Channel Islands shared some of the cost savings measures that they have instituted at their campuses to adjust to new lower enrollment realities. These included reducing the number of classes offered per semester and focusing on those classes that are most in demand by students or necessary for graduation; reducing or combining low-enrolled programs; increasing class sizes; instituting hiring freezes

and early retirement programs; and reducing campus support services. The Trustees seemed enthusiastic about such strategies for reducing operating costs and even suggested that students should be allowed to take classes over zoom at multiple campuses so that students maintain access to classes they need when they are not being offered on their local classes due to cuts in the class schedule.

Emeritus & Retired Faculty & Staff Association

Submitted by Marshelle Thobaben, Senate Representative for ERFSA

Members:

Meeting Date(s):

Meeting Details: No report

President and President's Administrative Team Report to University Senate

Tom Jackson, Jr., President

Mark Johnson, Chief of Staff

Carlo Ho'ā, Interim VP Administration and Finance/CFO

Jenn Capps, Provost and VP Academic Affairs

Chrissy Holliday, VP Enrollment Management and Student Success

Frank Whitlatch, VP Advancement

Nick Pettit, Executive Director of Intercollegiate Athletics and Recreational Sports

Adrienne Colegrove-Raymond, Special Assistant to the President for Tribal & Community Engagement

MOMENTS OF PRIDE

- Cal Poly Humboldt is the FIRST university in the United States to be approved for Pell eligibility for people who are incarcerated seeking this education.
- A NAGPRA/CAL NAGPRA Repatriation Program Coordinator, Megan Watson has been hired to oversee the collection of items held by the Anthropology Department. She will work closely with Tribes to make sure that these items are returned or dealt with in a manner approved by the appropriate Tribe.

INCLUSIVE EXPERIENCE

- Black Liberation and History Month: Journalism Professor Kirby Moss will host a discussion on the topic of "Unpacking Black Joy" on Tuesday, Feb. 13, from 5 to 6:30

p.m. in the Banquet Room of Gutsurrak Student Activities Center. The conversation will explore various aspects of Black joy, including what contributes to it, what obstacles interrupt it, and how it is portrayed in the media.

INFRASTRUCTURE

- CSU Board of Trustees approved construction of the Engineering and Technology Building. Construction will begin in May 2024.

INNOVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY

- **Decolonizing Sustainability Speaker Series**

The goal is to highlight and unpack intersections of settler colonialism, white supremacy, and systems of power/privilege/oppression within the discourse and rhetoric of contemporary sustainability, environmental, and climate change movements. This semester, please join us in the Native American Forum on the *last Thursday of every month this semester from 5:00 to 6:30 pm*. Be sure to arrive early and enjoy snacks and beverages in the lobby.

Dr. Aaron Gregory, Cal Poly Humboldt, Assistant Professor, Native American Studies
Future-Primitive: The High Stakes of Lithium Power

Thursday, February 29, 2024

5:00 - 6:30 p.m

Native American Forum (BSS 162)