

# CAL POLY HUMBOLDT

University Senate Written Reports, April 9, 2024

Standing Committees, Statewide Senators and Ex-officio Members

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## 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, faculty position*

Meeting Date(s): March 27, 2024

Meeting Details: The group had a robust discussion with Cindy Bumgarner from CEEGE and Prof. Jim Graham related to our work on the Minors/Certificates policy which is almost ready for a review at ICC. We discussed terminology and how CEEGE interfaces with academic credit granting certificates. The term matriculating was further clarified. Cindy brought up how certificates can also be used as a gateway to getting more students enrolled in degree programs. Also, the idea of modality, specifically fully online certificate programs, can be useful for attracting a broader range of students. Julie brought up the idea of a minor being a “baby major” and certificates being able to pluck from a broader range of classes. The issue of the unit range and UD requirements for minors and certificates was discussed and Jenni pointed out that those requirements were removed from Title 5 and it can now be determined by campuses, so we need to do a careful review of that info to make sure we aren’t working with outdated guidelines. New to task list: <https://policy.humboldt.edu/course-numbering-policy> ICC has requested a revision to add the word “primarily” to 600 level classes to open the door for undergrads to take those classes.

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## Appointments and Elections Committee:

Submitted by Jorge Monteiro, AEC Chair

Members: Ara Pachmayer, Jorge Monteiro, Michihiro Sugata

Meeting Date(s):

Meeting Details: No Report

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## Faculty Affairs Committee:

Submitted by Tim Miller, FAC Chair

Members: Ramona Bell, Kim Perris, Lisa Tremain, Marisol Ruiz Gonzalez, Kim White

Meeting Date(s): Wednesdays 11-noon, NHE 106 and Zoom (please email Tim at [tim.miller@humboldt.edu](mailto:tim.miller@humboldt.edu) for more details if you'd like to attend)

Meeting details: No Report

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## Integrated Curriculum Committee:

Submitted by Jill Anderson, ICC Chair

Members: Jill Anderson (Chair), Paul Michael Atienza, Cindy Bumgarner, Carmen Bustos-Works\*, Christine Cass, Amanda Dinscore, Eden Donahue, William Fisher, Cameron Allison Govier, Sara Jaye Hart, Kristin Heese, Alison Hodges, Tasha Howe, Khristan Lamb, Heather Madar, Bori Mazzag, Cindy Moyer, Justus Ortega, Marissa Ramsier, Jenni Robinson Reisinger, Mark Rizzardi, Joshua Smith, Tasha Howe, Lisa Tremain, Melissa Tafoya, Mark Wicklund, Jim Woglom

**GEAR Chair:** Marissa Ramsier

**CDC Chair:** Lucy Kerhoulas

**APC Chair:** Nicole Jean Hill

**Student Representatives:** Vacant

**Administrative Support Coordinator:**

**Curriculum and Catalog Specialist:** Cameron Allison Govier

**Curriculum Analyst:** Khristan Lamb

\*Non-voting member

Meeting Date(s): 4/2/2024

Meeting Details:

**Reports:**

**OAA**

- The BOT voted to update title 5 in alignment with CAL-GETC
- WASC representative here last week and presented at the Senate. Feedback about lack of faculty representation on the WASC steering committee was heard and steps to add faculty are being taken.
- Scheduling- Mikey has moved to ITS and that position will not be backfilled so pieces of that position will be distributed to others. Concern was expressed about this position not being backfilled and the impact this will have on scheduling and students and faculty alike.

**APC-** CR/NC deadline going to senate and the Minors policy coming back to ICC for feedback soon.

### **GEAR Policy**

The committee moved through the policy in sections having discussion and hearing from the GEAR committee the campus feedback that informed the policy language. The policy deals with several questions/issues that have come up in GE for many years and with very differing viewpoints across campus. Ultimately, the language in the policy represents the middle ground which represents the majority viewpoint. The committee acknowledged GE is fluid and this policy will evolve as GE evolves which led to the inclusion of a resolution to review the entire policy in three years. The committee passed the policy with 100% of the vote.

A special thank you to Dr. Marissa Ramsier for her leadership and the GEAR committee for their thoughtful work on the GEAR program review and policy this year.

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### **Academic Senate CSU (ASCSU):**

Submitted by Stephanie Burkhalter and Mary Virnoche, ASCSU Senators

Meeting Date(s): Next Committee Meetings on April 19, 2024

Over the objections of the ASCSU and the CSSA, on Wednesday, March 27, the CSU Board of Trustees voted to amend Title V of the California Education code to make CSU GE Breadth pattern reflect the Cal-GETC pattern for transfer that was negotiated in response to AB928. GE Breadth will lose 3 units of lower-division area C, 3 units of area E, and a 1-unit lab will be added to area B. Catalog changes are supposed to be in place for Fall 2025. Campuses may propose new “all university” requirement to replace some of the content that is being lost in area C and area E, for example, a first-year college success course. What this means in practice is in the process of development by the Chancellor’s Office.

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### **Emeritus & Retired Faculty & Staff Association**

Submitted by Marshelle Thobaben, Senate Representative for ERFSA

Members:

Meeting Date(s):

Meeting Details:

## **The Humboldt-ERFSA Executive Committee is pleased to announce the 2024 ERFSA Grant Recipients**

Sponsored by the Humboldt-Emeritus and Retired Faculty and Staff Association, grant awards are intended to help tenured-track faculty, lecturers, and staff with less than five years employment at Cal Poly Humboldt seeking to expand professional qualifications.

**Justin Luong:** Assistant Professor, Forestry, Fire and Rangeland Management Department. *Project:* Assessing solar panel grid impacts on coastal prairies to guide regenerative agrivoltaics

**Christa L Meingast:** Assistant Professor, Engineering Department. *Project:* Biochar Soil Remediation Study in Distributed Environment

**Silvia E Pavan:** Assistant professor, Biological Sciences Department. *Project:* Presenting research with students at the 2024 Meeting of the American Society of Mammalogists

**Rachael M. Wade:** Assistant Professor, Biological Sciences Department. *Project:* Ecologically-driven morphological plasticity in coralline algae

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## **Labor Council:**

Submitted by Steve Tillinghast, Labor Council Delegate

### Emergency Hire Process

The CSUEU has been working with HR for the last several years to clean up the Emergency Hire process. This has been a difficult road and has led to some difficulties/grumbling at the Dept level for some folks. We understand the frustrations, but changes were needed to bring the hiring process in line with the CBA and to address the serious abuse of the process that had been going on for many years. Emergency hires have very limited rights and benefits.

The Emergency Hire process is meant for emergency vacancies caused by a sudden, unexpected vacancy in a staff position. It was not intended to be an extended probationary, or interview process, for prospective employees. Or to be used for hiring your friend you met at the gym or the spouse of a colleague. Or to be used for the convenience of the hiring Dept. The fact that Faculty or Administrators might be too busy to invest time in following proper hiring procedures is not considered an “emergency”.

Please make sure your Dept, Area, or Division takes a thoughtful and serious view of hiring. This requires deliberate planning, and consultation with HR, well in advance for known future vacancies. This will ensure that the University follows the proper process for approving, posting, interviewing, selection and onboarding of new employees.

## Student Assistant Bargaining

Student Assistants are marching forward - led by 10 amazing Student Assistant activists who now officially form the [Bargaining Team](#) for the newly formed BU 15.

Nominated from across Northern and Southern CSU campuses, the team is diverse, talented, and determined to win a great first contract with thousands of workers standing right behind them. Bargaining will begin before the fall and we hope to see a new contract early next year.

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### **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**

**Athletics** held their 38th Annual Athletics Auction and Dinner and raised just under \$90,000 to support student athlete scholarships.

#### **COMMUNITY**

**Giving Day** - The community supported Cal Poly Humboldt over double of last year's donations for scholarships and programs with \$325,000 from 1,405 different donors.

**Staff Recognition** - Congratulations to the 2023-24 recipients of the annual Staff Recognition Awards! Thanks to the Staff Council, fourteen individuals were recognized for their positive contributions to the campus community. We have incredible staff at Cal Poly Humboldt and these individuals exemplify the outstanding work that is done to support the campus through their service to others, dedication, experience, and applied expertise. More information about each recipient can be found on the Staff Council [website](#).

#### **ACADEMICS**

**The Center for Teaching and Learning** will host the **Annual Teaching Excellence Symposium** tomorrow Tuesday, April 9, 2024, from 9:00 am to 1 pm in the Library Authors Hall, 2nd floor. Refreshments are provided for registered guests! For registration information and a program guide click [here](#).

#### **INCLUSIVE EXPERIENCE**

**Spring Preview** - Our March 30 Spring Preview saw us welcome more than 1,100 prospective students and their families to the Cal Poly Humboldt campus. Special thanks to all who made the day a rousing success, with a packed Lumberjack Arena for the welcome ceremony setting an exciting tone for the entire day. Attendees engaged throughout the day with our faculty and staff, as they learned more about programs, support services, and student life, and had the opportunity to explore the local community. Throughout the weekend, 121 students committed or deposited to attend Humboldt this fall, and activity has continued in the current week. Preparations are underway for the April 13 Spring Preview - as of April 5, 867 students and family members have registered to attend. This Preview will also spotlight our community partnerships, as we encourage families arriving early, as well as our Preview Plus attendees, to take part in the Arts!Arcata event on the Plaza April 12, which we are helping to sponsor. We know campus visits and signature events like Preview serve as one of the most important parts of students' college decision process, and their positive interactions with our campus community contribute significantly to that decision.

**California Big Time & Social Gathering** - on Saturday, April 6th the campus provided a campus preview for Native families and the community at large. This event showcased current and alumni who participated in traditional California Native cultural dances, singing and storytelling. It provided an opportunity for current and future students to learn about "place" and values of the Indigenous communities of California. It was well attended with over 4,000 guests and participants.

## INFRASTRUCTURE

**Monthly Enrollment Target Progress report** - The Enrollment Target Progress team submitted two Enrollment Target Progress reports in recent weeks, one dated [April 4](#) and another [March 11](#), which provide additional information about the current status of Fall 24 applications and confirmations. Cal Poly Humboldt is showing strong continued application and deposit activity, and **we have surpassed last year's year-to-date total application volume and First-time Undergraduate (FTUG) application volume**. Current admit totals are also higher than last cycle, both in total and also for FTUG. Deposits are trending higher than 2019, the only other year in which we had an enrollment deposit. The reports include context about the current status, as well as information about ongoing strategies that will continue to drive application and yield activity. The next report is scheduled for late April, to provide additional insight into deposit and housing application activity.

**Reconnecting Communities: Highways to Boulevards** - The City of Arcata is one of three communities selected as part of pilot program launched by the state to transform and reconnect underserved communities historically divided by the construction of highways. With the support of Caltrans, the City of Arcata will work with community partners, including Cal Poly Humboldt, on a community-driven vision for reconnecting the city with the university and surrounding neighborhoods currently divided by state highways. More information about the selected projects can be found on the Caltrans [website](#).

## INNOVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY

**URPC Open Forum Tomorrow Tuesday, April 9, 2024, from 12 pm-1:30 pm**

It will be held in the Goodwin Forum. The purpose of the Open Forum is to seek your engagement and feedback in our initial drafting of the senate budget recommendation. Lunch will be provided.