

Hi Cal Poly Humboldt University Senate!

Happy New Year and welcome to the beginning of our Cal Poly Humboldt Senate Semester! I know the last couple weeks have been complicated, and, for me at least, it has felt like a sort of disjointed start. I appreciate y'all's patience with the shift in the Senate schedule from last week to this week in response to the planned strike last week (and congratulations to the CFA, Teamsters, and all of our staff and faculty for their successfully completed negotiations). We will hold SenEx on Thursday of this week so there will not be any further disruption in the schedule, and we'll get to engage in shared governance two Tuesdays in a row.

We have a lot on our plate during the next few meetings, with legislative actions and presentations coming out of most if not all of our committees. For this Tuesday, we will be focusing on the budget picture on campus in light of emerging financial understandings, and will talk about the plan to address the Chancellor's Office's request to report on Low Degree Conferring Programs.

Thank you in advance for your caring and careful service in relation to the issues we'll address together this semester. Much of it will be complex, frustrating, and, at least for me, confusing, but I am grateful for the community we have developed together and the wisdom that each of us brings to the iterative development of our shared University. Let's make just and generative education happen. Let's take care of ourselves, be good to ourselves and each other.

Yay, Humboldt!
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