

HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY
Senate Chair's Report
Senate Meeting, January 23, 2018

I was reminded by our recent call for nominations for General Faculty elections and appointments that now is the time to start planning for next year's Senate Officers and Chairs. Departments will begin thinking about fall schedules shortly, and for those who are interested in Senate positions that include assigned time, it would be helpful to have that in mind for planning. We will need a Chair for Faculty Affairs (Vice Chair of the Senate), Chair for Academic Affairs (Third Officer), Chair for University Policies, and a Co-Chair for the University Resources and Planning Committee. (We also need a Chair for Constitutions and Bylaws, and also Senate members to serve on Appointments and Elections, though those roles will not come with assigned time.)

Please let me know if you have any questions, or are interested in putting your name forward for any of these positions!

I've also been thinking quite a bit lately about budget issues. We'll be talking more about the looming financial emergency at our Senate meeting this week, so as to keep everyone updated on how activity at the state level will likely impact our already difficult budget situation. I've personally been pondering how best to approach all of this, and so I wanted to pass along an article that Cheryl Johnson sent me a few weeks ago - John Kania & Mark Kramer's *Collective Impact*. The idea that as an institution we should all be working together and in the same direction seems especially timely in light of the rough waters ahead....