

HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY

University Senate Written Reports - November 10, 2015

Standing Committees, Statewide Senators and Ex-officio Members

Academic Policies Committee:

APC meetings are held on Tuesdays at 1:00-1:50 in SBS 405.

Andrew Stubblefield, Chair

Members: Jena Burgess, Ethan Gahtan, Su Karl, Paul Cummings, Michael Goodman, Clint Rebik

The Academic Policy Committee has made final edits to the syllabus policy which will be presented to the Senate for a first reading on 11/10/15. The Committee is also discussing the issue of Impaction. Input was solicited from the Senate in discussion on 10/27/15. We have also solicited input from the Integrated Curriculum Committee. A meeting is currently being scheduled with chairs of impacted programs, Dean Smith, and Steve Ladwig from Enrollment Management. Andrew is serving on task force that is making recommendations for the implementation of UDirect graduation plan software. The task force will make recommendations to the Academic Policy Committee for formulation of specific campus policies related to the implementation of UDirect.

Appointments and Elections Committee:

A call for nominations to fill the newly established University Policies Committee went out October 28th. The Appointments and Elections Committee received one nomination for the vacant positions and made the following appointments:

- University Policies Committee

John Meyer, Politics, *Faculty Representative*

There is still one vacant faculty seat open. The University Policies Committee is charged with reviewing the existing policy processes on campus and recommending to the Senate for its approval a policy process that address the campus need for a transparent, efficient, and clear policy process rooted in principles of shared governance. Appointments from Associated Students and Staff Council are still forthcoming.

Spring elections will take place the last week of January (25-29th) 2016. The call for nominations is slated to come out late this semester, with a reminder shortly after faculty return in January.

California Faculty Association:

CFA and the Chancellor's office have been certified to Fact Finding in our continuing salary negotiations. Fact Finding is the final stage in the statutory process for labor negotiations that have not reached a settlement. The Chancellor's offer remains a 2% compensation increase for the second year of the current three year contract. The CFA is fighting for a 5% GSI and a 2.65% SSI for eligible faculty. Fact Finding dates have been scheduled in late November and early December. We anticipate a Fact Finder's report shortly afterward.

On 19-28 October CFA members conducted a Strike Authorization Vote online and in person on all 23 CSU campuses. The outcome of that vote was announced on Wednesday, 4 November. Ninety-four percent voted in favor of authorizing the CFA Board of Directors to initiate job actions, up to and including a strike, if a settlement with the Chancellor's office cannot be achieved. Turnout for the strike vote was 80% of membership.

On 20 October Mike Camann and Guy Aronoff met with Assembly member Jim Wood at his Eureka office. Assembly member Wood subsequently wrote to Chancellor White and urged him to reach a fair settlement with the CFA.

On 17 November 2015 CFA members from all 23 campuses will rally at the Chancellor's office in Long Beach during the November CSU Board of Trustee's meeting.

CFA is holding weekly meetings to discuss campus strategies in the Fight-for-Five campaign. Meetings are on Mondays from 12:00-12:30 PM. Locations vary depending upon room availability—please contact CFA if you want to attend these planning sessions, or look for weekly email announcements that list that week's meeting room. All faculty are invited, and lunch is provided for attendees.

Departments that would like a CFA representative to visit faculty meetings to discuss bargaining and upcoming events should contact the CFA office at union@humboldt.edu. An executive board officer will arrange to visit your meeting and will answer questions.

Constitutions and Bylaws Committee:

Membership: Jeffrey Abell (Chair), Kathryn Guzman, Brian Kyte, Mary Locher, Jeremy Shellhase

Meeting Time and Location: Wednesday from 09:00-10:00 in NHE 113.

- Meetings since last Senate Report
 - 10/14/15 with Abell (Chair), Guzman, Kyte, Locher (who took over for Corgiat as non-MPP staff member), Shellhase
 - 10/21/15 with Abell (Chair), Guzman, Kyte, Shellhase
 - 10/28/15 with Abell (Chair), Guzman, Kyte, Locher, Shellhase
 - 11/04/15 with Abell (Chair), Guzman, Kyte, Locher, Shellhase

- Update on past agenda items
 - Our revisions to University Senate Bylaws to allow “designees” for ex-officio members comes to Senate today as second reading.
 - Our revisions to membership and “in-residence” language of General Faculty Constitution comes to Senate today as first reading.
 - We have identified “bylaws-appropriate” sections from the Integrated Curriculum Committee (ICC) Constitution and will forward these recommendations to the ICC for its members to consider. Formal steps to create ICC Bylaws will only be undertaken if ICC wants to proceed.
 - We have started to review Senate Standing Committee listings in Section 800 of the Faculty Handbook. Inconsistencies between Section 800 and current governing documents will be reported to Senate as information items. Suggested revisions will be forwarded to Senate as general consent items. Approved revisions will be forwarded to Office of Academic Affairs which maintains Section 800.
 - We have made minor edits to the structure of the General Faculty Constitution. We will not bring these to Senate until action has been taken on the revisions to the membership and “in-residence” language of the General Faculty Constitution.
 - We have made no progress on aligning Staff Council bylaws with University Senate Bylaws.

- New agenda items
 - Clarify what constitutes quorum for Senate standing committees and other senate related committees.
 - Determine whether our committee is the appropriate body to interpret and rule on Senate actions whose constitutionality has been called into question.

Next CBC Meeting: November 18, 2015

Faculty Affairs Committee:

The Faculty Affairs Committee met on Friday, 6 November, at 8:00 in NHE 119.

We discussed and drafted the Resolution Establishing a Task Force on Student Evaluations, which will come to the Senate on 11/10/15.

We discussed language that will be provided along with student course evaluations this semester, instructing students as to the tone and content of their responses.

Integrated Curriculum Committee

The ICC continues working on:

- Curriculum Proposals.
- Revisions to the PREP process and WASC Core Competency Assessment.