

HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY

Senate Chair's Report

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Julie Alderson and I visited with the Senate leadership and key committee chairs at San Diego State University last week. It was informative to hear about their processes and structures, and some of our findings from that visit will inform an upcoming review of the effectiveness of our University Senate at Humboldt State. We are looking forward to hosting a series of conversations with Senators and other key stakeholders across the University to explore what is working well and what we could improve with respect to our Senate and policy process at HSU.

Discussions around strategic plan implementation continue. Primary consideration is focused on how to integrate strategic plan implementation with the WASC process, which will also be gearing up this year.

I've asked the ad hoc Committee on University Policies to (a) develop a proposal for the policy process on campus; and (b) begin a review of existing committees on campus to inform a discussion of potential restructuring that might reduce the number of committees on campus.

Finally, a task force on student evaluations has been struck. Originally, the charge of that group was to analyze the potential shift to a new platform for administering evaluations. A number of concerns have been raised extending the scope of that task force's work. These include a number of offensive and harassing comments left by students in their comments. The charge of that group has broadened and it is coming on the Senate agenda soon.