

HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY

Senate Chair's Report

December 1, 2015

Strategic plan implementation continues to move forward. The Strategic Planning Oversight Committee (SPOC) is meeting on November 30. The agenda for that meeting includes review of institutional priorities for the year and outlining the work of the SPOC group.

This year we are conducting our self-study for the WASC reaccreditation process. This process will require extensive participation by faculty, staff, students, and administrators across campus. Please consider participating.

I'll be attending the meeting of the Campus Senate Chairs in Long Beach on December 3. The current agenda includes updates on current presidential searches at Chico State, Channel Islands, San Jose State, and Sonoma State, the evaluation of course transfer agreements, and departmental prerogative vs. faculty freedom in the selection of textbooks. We are also expecting briefings from EVC for Academic and Student Affairs Loren Blanchard and a report from ASCSU Senate Chair Steven Filling. If there are any items you would like me to raise, please let me know.

The call for nominations for elected positions on the University Senate and other key faculty leadership positions should be coming out soon, with elections scheduled for the start of the spring semester. Please encourage your colleagues to consider running for open positions.

Finally, as this is our last meeting before the winter break, thank you all for your service this semester. I hope you all enjoy some time away, and look forward to starting refreshed in the spring semester.