

HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY
Senate Chair's Report
Senate Meeting, October 17, 2017

I attended GI 2025 events in Long Beach last week. Lots of inspiring speakers! Several were livestreamed. We've posted links on the CTL website:

<http://ctl.humboldt.edu/content/graduation-initiative-2025>

Last week was also the first meeting of the CSU Senate Chairs. Much of our discussion centered around responses to the EOs. We are drafting an Open Letter regarding general dissatisfaction with the lack of meaningful consultation with the Orders, as well as the extreme shortness of the timelines for their implementation.

We had an extended discussion at SenEx last week re: library resources and the most recent notification of journals that are slated for subscription cancellation. SenEx discussed bringing forward a Sense of the Senate resolution indicating the critical need for robust Library resources to support coursework and research across campus. In the end, SenEx determined that the appropriate location for detailed budget conversations is in the individual units – how the Library expends its budget is determined by leadership in the Library. Fortunately, the Library has recently announced upcoming open forums to discuss this issue. Please consider attending these events in order to have your voice heard. The open forums are slated to be held this Thursday, October 19th from 12:30-2:00 and Friday, October 20th 8-9:30 in the Library Fishbowl.

Our ASCSU representatives were encouraged to reinvigorate our campus discussion of IP, now that the most recent contract has been successfully negotiated. ASCSU Chair Miller believes that this opens up an opportunity for presidents to reconsider their stance against signing recently approved campus IP policies across the system (including our Spring 2016 policy). I have communicated with President Rossbacher regarding this issue. Here is her response, which is the formal CSU message on the issue:

"Based upon requests and feedback from the campuses, the CSU has been working to establish a systemwide IP policy that would provide guidance and clarity, while still providing flexibility at the campus level regarding specific IP issues. Because such a policy is within the scope of bargaining under the Higher Education Employer-Employee Relations Act or HEERA, the CSU is required to bargain any IP policy – systemwide or campus-based -- with the California Faculty Association (CFA). The CSU and CFA have specifically acknowledged this mutual bargaining obligation in writing and, as part of the recently negotiated agreement between the CSU and CFA extending the existing collective bargaining agreement, the CSU and CFA expressly agreed to continue to negotiate regarding the proposed systemwide IP policy. Entering into a campus IP policy at HSU would violate the law, thwart the current agreement between the CSU and CFA and complicate both sides' ability to reach a negotiated IP policy."