

**HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**Senate Chair's Report**  
**Senate Meeting, October 4, 2016**

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We have spent a significant amount of time in our last two Senate meetings discussing Intellectual Property. We will do so again on October 4<sup>th</sup>, via conversation regarding the proposed Sense of the Senate Resolution on Intellectual Property (04-16/17-EX). While this issue is rightly of great concern to the campus community, it is also very important that we consider the other pressing issues that must be addressed on campus this year. The WASC / Strategic Plan update originally scheduled for a full hour at our first Senate meeting was intended to focus on the critically important WASC reaffirmation of our reaccreditation, as well as our need to move forward in implementing the ambitious goals of our Strategic Plan. This work has become even more pressing in light of the newly launched Graduation Initiative 2025, through which our campus will be expected to significantly improve graduation rates over the next nine years, as well as the recent reports regarding our enrollment and budget issues. Add to this the difficult conversation we will be engaging in with this week's Sense of the Senate Resolution on Racialized Violence (03-16-17-EX). I am hopeful that we can work together to collectively address the numerous important issues that face the campus this year. I look forward to the Senate continuing to play an active role in addressing student success and being a positive force for change on campus.