

Hello Cal Poly Humboldt!

Congratulations on completing the first third of the Fall Semester of 2023! This semester feels incredibly fast paced to me, so the opportunity to check in with y'all through our biweekly meeting is kind of a gift, allowing a space and time to see what we are working on and aspiring towards. As such, I so look forward to this week's Senate Meeting, as the work of our Standing Committees is getting underway in a meaningful and impactful way, and getting to hear about the deliberation and collaborative change in our policies and practice is exciting.

I wanted to thank Senator Thobaben for her suggestion during the last Senate meeting (and through a follow up email) for SenEx to discuss Senator Graham's statement and corresponding document from that meeting's Open Forum. We discussed those texts at the last Senate Executive Committee meeting, and through our conversations determined that Dr. Chrissy Holiday's role as Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Success most directly correlated to the ideas and concerns conveyed therein. Dr. Holiday has volunteered to follow up with Dr. Graham, and to present on Enrollment-related questions at an upcoming Senate meeting. Please, all y'all, continue to bring us your ideas and worries and whatever else so that we can address them together through shared governance.

In keeping with that request, I also wanted to express appreciation to SenEx in general. We covered a broad swath of concepts and concerns during our meeting on September 19th, and worked through so much together that this week's Senate meeting subsequently has a much more manageable agenda than I had anticipated. Beyond those Committee reports I alluded to above, we will have two guest speakers, Heidi Riggio and Desdemona Cardoza from the Chancellor's Office, who will be introducing the Course Equity Portal (CEP) and seeking faculty feedback in anticipation of Humboldt joining the pilot adoption of this tool. We will also, finally, be voting on [Resolution Updating the Membership and Duties of the University Policies Committee](#) (01-22/23-CBC – September 26, 2023 – Second Reading). Thanks to Senators Harmon and Aghasaleh for moving this legislation forward.

For our pre-Senate-Art-Thing this week, I am going to be running a 30 minute Task Party based on the work of Oliver Herring , with the help of some amazing art ed students. Check out this [video](#) to see what's in store. Looking forward to making a mess with y'all.

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