## Summary – November 1, 2018

* Nov 2: Spring 2019 Text and Supply Orders due using Follett Discover in Canvas and via myHumboldt.
* Nov 6: Associated Students Student Fee Forum to learn more about 18/19 Category II fees, 1-3 pm, KBR. All are invited to attend.
* Nov 7: Science on Tap, 6 pm, Blondies Arcata.
* Nov 8: 2017-18 Outstanding Professor Award lecture with recipient Robert Zoellner, 5-7 pm, KBR.
* Nov 9: Diwali Prakesh – “Festival of Lights” 2018 Celebration, 5-8 pm, KBR. Event is free and open to the campus community!
* Nov 12: Veteran’s Day – Campus Closed
* Nov 29: Fall 2018 online course evaluations begin and run through December 9.
* Nov 30: Save the Date! CNRS Strategic Plan Open Forum, FH 118, 8:30-10:00 am
* Call for [nominations](http://aavp.humboldt.edu/hsu-distinguished-faculty-awards) for 2018/19 Distinguished Faculty Awards.
* Excellence in Teaching Award– Lecturer
* Excellence in Teaching Award– Tenure-line faculty
* Scholar of the Year
* Outstanding Service Award
* Outstanding Professor Award

## The letter of nomination and supporting evidence are to be sent *electronically* via email to senate@humboldt.edu by January 16, 2019

## Arne Jacobson to discuss current and future collaborations with SERC

Arne Jacobson, Schatz Energy Research Center (SERC) director and Environmental Resources Engineering department faculty member, attended today’s meeting to share information regarding current renewable energy research projects and future opportunities. SERC’s project portfolio has broadened greatly over the years and now employees up to 45 staff (*10 faculty PIs, 1 research scientist, 23 professional staff and several additional faculty members with non-PI status*) and 30 student positions, each with their own area of expertise and background. With a budget of roughly $4M, SERC has 35 active large and small scale with the majority of research focused on renewable energy. In July 2017, SERC partnered with the Blue Lake Rancheria (BLR) in developing a microgrid that connects to the Pacific Gas and Electric grid, which is especially helpful to the BLR as they serve as a Red Cross emergency center in our community. In September 2017, SERC began a three-year solar project at the BLR gas station/convenience store while a third microgrid project is underway at the Humboldt County regional airport, currently the largest to date. SERC works closely with many local tribes, participates in planning and policy analysis and development, and is currently collaborating with HSU forestry faculty on converting biomass residuals into energy to reduce wildfire risk. Collaborative work with international partners to develop renewable energies in underrepresented areas of the world is ongoing.

Most recently, SERC is researching offshore wind capabilities with involvement from the Redwood Coast Energy Authority (RCEA) and commercially interested parties. RCEA has scheduled a few public meetings and some targeted outreach on this topic, but there is much to consider in a project of this size (*stakeholder concerns, environment impact issues, core infrastructure issues, policy concerns*). With the possibility of wind turbine installations at least 7-9 years out, this could be a multidisciplinary research opportunity involving faculty researchers from across campus. If faculty are interested in participating in the offshore wind project, please contact Arne Jacobson (arne@humboldt.edu) or call RCEA directly. If faculty search committees are interested in involving SERC personnel on faculty searches to ensure alignment with research opportunities on campus, feel free to contact Arne. For the latest updates on SERC new and projects, go to <http://www.schatzlab.org/>.

## HSU Presidential search

As a representative of the University Senate, faculty member Monty Mola provided informational items regarding the current presidential search. The presidential hiring committee is comprised of CSU Board of Trustee members; the campus-level search committee serves in an advisory capacity. University bylaws require that the advisory committee include three faculty members, one of which is the University Senate chair. Voting ballots to elect the remaining two faculty representatives from the three colleges is expected to go out soon. General faculty with a time-base of .40 or more may vote. Department chairs were asked to discuss this opportunity with department faculty and share the names of interested participants with Dale Oliver.

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## Space discussion

Dale Oliver announced that the University is actively working to improve centrally managed and general use instructional spaces (*schedule 25 spaces, not labs*). Dale asked department chairs to identify the top three department managed instructional spaces in their area that need repair/remodeling, including those that are not ADA compliant, before fall break. Rick Zechman further explained that the colleges is trying to solve problems locally and is meeting with the department chairs of FWR, ESM, OCN to discuss department office space needs and asked chairs to keep the college office informed as space needs arise.

## Assessment for 2018/19

Although University-level reporting is not required for 2018/19, Dale Oliver asked department chairs to provide a brief 1-2 page learning outcome assessment summary report to help us better understand and ensure we are meeting the needs of our students. Dale agreed to email out the template with instructions.

## Scheduling compliance

Rick Zechman stated that meetings to discuss the 2019/20 schedule are coming soon, but it is imperative that course information is entered into SIPS for accurate data reporting. Note that at this time, course times are not necessary, and specific lecturer names are not required. However, we do want tenure-track faculty names listed. In reference to draft academic scheduling documents provided by the Vice Provost, please ensure that advisors instruct all students to have at least three semesters of courses completed in their degree planners to accurately assess course demand and low-enrolled courses. An additional reminder to advisors to not release holds before they confirm a degree plan is in place. Rick asked that departments review the CSU course classification system to help determine normal class sizes.

## Next CoC meeting, November 29, 2018.