

LRCFT report to the LRCCD Board of Trustees

March 17, 2021

Good afternoon President Ortiz, Trustees, and Chancellor King:

The LRCFT is honoring **Dean Murakami** with a memorial for his work in Los Rios this Friday, March 19, from 3-4:30. <https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/97936250160>

We thank **LRCCD trustees Tami Nelson and Kelly Wilkerson** for recently visiting the LRCFT exec. board. We appreciate that board members are taking the time to speak with us, and we plan on inviting each board member to our meetings during this calendar year.

We are helping to sponsor this year's **Cesar Chavez car caravan**. The Chavez march is historically the largest annual labor event in Sacramento.

We are also working with the **Sacramento Central Labor Council's vaccine clinic** to help members of other unions with less access to vaccines receive the shots.

The LRCFT **Faculty Excellence Speaker Series** focusing on African American faculty will take place March 19, from 12-1:30. <https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/9269173243>

We are meeting with legislators this week as part of LRCFT's week of **legislative advocacy** in partnership with FACCC and its annual legislative advocacy conference that we attended last weekend.

We are also supporting **AB 417**: the establishment of the **Rising Scholars Network** statewide in our community colleges to increase the success of justice-involved students.

We remain proud of the fact that our **Equity Reflection Statement** recently negotiated in our faculty contract, as well as **DACA immigration protections**, are the first negotiated measures of their kind to appear in California, and as some indicate, the nation.

Finally, I want to highlight the work that **faculty** have done over the past year in supporting our students, colleagues, and colleges. As the faculty union president, I hear these amazing stories constantly and am truly inspired by the uplifting interactions taking place between students and instructors. One year ago, when we faced the dreadful outbreak of COVID-19, faculty rapidly and successfully transitioned to remote instruction while maintaining important connections with students who were also making the difficult transition to remote learning. Like our students, faculty are facing the challenges of taking care of family, jobs, and each other in these trying times. The creativity, dedication, flexibility, and humanity of our faculty in reaching out to struggling students and doing the work it takes to serve and educate all students makes me proud to be part of Los Rios. We remain aware during negotiations with the district regarding Fall semester that our faculty working conditions are always our student's learning conditions.

In the spirit of our historical partnership in working closely with the district, I want to thank **Deputy Chancellor Jamey Nye** for his recent work with us in negotiating to make the complex changes necessary to instruct and serve more students on ground in the fall semester.

Thank you,

Jason Newman

LRCFT President