

LRCFT report to LRCCD Board of Trustees

February 16, 2022

The LRCFT recently in partnership with Los Rios signed two vital MOUs for faculty: the extension of remote teaching options for fall semester, and the extension of supplemental sick leave.

On January 17, the LRCFT participated in two Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., marches in Sacramento.

We are currently helping to plan the Cesar Chavez March in March, the largest annual labor event in California.

The LRCFT PAFC recently interviewed candidates Alana Mathews and Thien Ho for the Sacramento County district attorney race. We will also interview candidates for the Yolo Co. DA race, Assembly District 10, Sacramento City Council, and Sacramento County Board of Supervisors. We also will take part in the Sacramento Central Labor Council's interviews of candidates for Assembly District 6 & 7, and Congressional districts 5 and 6.

LRCFT has joined a statewide campaign with our affiliate CFT to improve part time faculty access to health care. We have formed an Adj. Issues Advisory committee to facilitate this movement within our organization.

The LRCFT exec. board continues to conduct an Equity Audit of existing LRCFT board and union practices.

The LRCFT will continue to invite LRCCD trustees to our meetings over the next four months.

In March, our board members will attend a statewide CFT leadership, division council, and state council conference.

We continue to join in solidarity with our fellow FT and PT faculty in the San Francisco CC district who are facing layoffs.

In conjunction with the Sacramento Central Labor Council, the LRCFT is contributing to the Honduran COVID vaccine campaign to reopen schools in Honduras. The LRCFT has a long history of building hospitals in Honduras as part of its international social justice outreach efforts. We also contributed to a Cuban vaccination campaign last year.

As our chief negotiator Belinda Lum noted in her presentation, LRCFT has made a commitment to support undocumented communities. We started by supporting our DACA faculty, but it's part of our larger commitment to the communities we serve. We invite you to join us in showing visual support for our students and will happily send you copies of our posters, shirts, or buttons. I will reach out to you in the days ahead.

A few of our esteemed colleagues who passed away this year are being honored locally: The Sacramento Labor Council will honor former LRCFT president Dean Murakami through a legacy award at the Salute to Labor dinner in Sacramento on May 17.

The Faculty Association of California Community Colleges at its upcoming advocacy and policy conference will honor our late friend and colleague Paul Baltimore. He will receive the Jonathan Lightman FACCCtivist award for his statewide efforts to improve working conditions for part time faculty.