

As summer semester begins, faculty are once again back working with students primarily online across the Los Rios campuses. We look forward to working with students more in person as enrollments expand in the fall semester.

The LRCFT exec. board at our last meeting discussed the BFSAs list of faculty contract improvements. We have subsequently met with district negotiators regarding an MOU for mandatory equity training. We look forward to finalizing it soon, and we thank the Senate and President Alisa Shubb for their work on the training proposal.

I also want to thank VC Mario Rodriguez and AVC Carrie Bray for helping us work out the details of insurance changes this past semester.

In May, LRCFT officers participated in the tenure and first year faculty reception held at the district office.

Several members of our exec. board also directly assisted the 5 Los Rios student graduations held this past month.

LRCFT continues to meet with state leadership and local legislators to improve PT faculty access to health care, job security, and pay parity.

Several of us attended the annual California Labor Federation election primary and lobbying event on May 15 and 16 in Sacramento.

As we all know, it has been a very busy primary election. We worked on the ground over the past month to assist local candidates endorsed by the LRCFT.

The LRCFT recently hosted the Deputy Ambassador to Cuba. We will be sending a delegation to Cuba next summer to meet with Cuban labor leaders.

The LRCFT is also sponsoring three of our board members to attend the Los Rios trip to Ghana.

Ten LRCFT exec. board members will also attend our national American Federation of Teachers conference in Boston in late July.

In closing, I want to thank board President Tami Nelson, Chancellor King, and Deputy Chancellor Jamey Nye for attending the recent Salute to labor dinner sponsored by the Sacramento Labor Council. It was an inspirational event that honored Legends of Labor, including Dolores Huerta, and our former LRCFT President, Dean Murakami.