The LRCFT thanks the trustees for approving our recently negotiated agreement with LRCCD for a one-time 10 percent retroactive payment and a 4 percent COLA applied to the salary schedule. We also want to thank VC Mario Rodriguez and AVC Carrie Bray for their diligence in finalizing the process.

The LRCFT is working with the Academic Senate and LRCCD to finalize our new mandatory equity training component of our contract to be in place during fall semester.

LRCFT continues to meet with state leadership and local legislators to improve PT faculty access to health care, job security, and pay parity. The CFT is holding a regional meeting of local CFT unions to discuss organizing strategies.

The LRCFT is gearing back up to assist our local candidates endorsed by the LRCFT for the November election. One of our first events is a fundraiser on August 15 for Dave Jones who is running for a state senate seat in district 8.

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

Eight LRCFT exec. board members attended our national American Federation of Teachers conference in Boston last month.

The LRCFT will send a delegation of board members to Oaxaca, Mexico, on October 7 for a three-day Trinational Labor Coalition conference.

The LRCFT is proud to have supported the Naturalization and DACA workshop conducted by the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA) this past August 6. CHIRLA provided free legal consultations, workshops on Naturalization for those students and faculty and classified staff who are permanent residents and wish to become US Citizens, as well as those who wish to renew their DACA forms. CHIRLA will help with the costs for both applications for qualifying individuals.

The LRCFT is a major sponsor of the Sacramento Central Labor Council's Labor Day Picnic that will take place on September 5.

The LRCFT is also one of the sponsors of the Poor People's Campaign march from Delano to the Capitol by farmworkers seeking voting rights in union elections under bill AB 2183. The 300-mile march coincides with California Farmworker Day on August 26.

Thanks,

Jason Newman

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