LRCFT Report to the Board of Trustees   Feb. 8, 2023

The LRCFT is now engaged in the process of formal negotiations with the District for this semester. Both sides recently met for the first time at SCC for an IBA refresher. It was great to see everyone in person!

Our negotiations team recently held several negotiation forums with our faculty to hear their ideas. We held some meetings via zoom but also went to the four Los Rios campuses to personally engage with our membership.

The LRCFT held a two-day retreat in late January for our new board. The retreat was productive and based on the JEDI concept.

We attended a recent statewide CFT leadership conference in Los Angeles and received praise for our new PT faculty health care plan. We thank the district for prioritizing this improvement for part time faculty.

The LRCFT board will also attend our annual CFT conference to be held in SF this March.

We are also sponsoring a dozen faculty to attend the upcoming FACCC Advocacy and Policy Conference held in Sacramento.

The LRCFT is a major donor to the Cesar Chavez March, the largest annual labor event in our city. The event takes place on Saturday, March 25, at Southside Park starting at 10 am.

The LRCFT Social Justice Caucus is sponsoring a book reading and speaker event for faculty this semester focused on *The Cost of Completions: Student Success in Community College.*

Recently, our Chief Negotiator Belinda Lum was invited by the Assemblyman Evan Low, Chair of the API Legislative Caucus, to represent LRCFT at a roundtable discussion with caucus members. During the discussion with Senators and Assemblymembers, she shared key legislative priorities for higher education unions and areas for partnership.

In closing, I would like to personally welcome LRCFT's new Exec. Director, Michael Henderson. He was a history lecturer at CSU in San Diego while working for the California Faculty Association for several years, having also taught in the San Diego community college system.

Thank you!   Jason Newman, LRCFT President