

LRCFT Report to the Board of Trustees

March 8, 2023

The LRCFT is now halfway through the process of formal negotiations with the District this semester. Our small and large teams continue to meet productively, and we are on schedule to complete the process by late April.

The new PT faculty health care agreement with Los Rios continues to generate statewide praise. We have been asked by numerous other higher education unions to explain our successful agreement to their exec. boards.

The LRCFT exec. board will attend our annual CFT conference next week in SF. The CFT has created a new statewide award in the name of Dean Murakami, our former esteemed LRCFT President.

The LRCFT is sponsoring faculty to attend the upcoming FACCC Advocacy and Policy Conference held in Sacramento.

The LRCFT will fund some of the cost for the five Los Rios student graduations to be held in May.

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

In closing, the LRCFT would like to acknowledge the loss of two faculty members who recently passed away:

On February 1st, we lost Cicely Young to cancer. Cicely was an adjunct professor of English at Cosumnes River College. During her 48 years, she was the epitome of strength, perseverance, and determination. Her brother said, "Cicely never complained about her limits. Instead, she challenged them...On her journey in life, Cicely was blessed to, not only succeed, but exceed... She lived life as it should be – fully and without fear. She was the reason my family and I never had a reason to give up, continuing to strive forward. I hope the faculty and staff who knew Cicely experienced this as well." Cicely is survived by her son Amari Young.

On January 6th, we lost Dr. Travis Silcox -- a retired professor of English at Sacramento City College. Travis retired in 2019 after working in our District for 28 years. Travis was a social justice warrior who worked tirelessly to

help build stronger communities. She was a beloved professor who empowered her students to take ownership of their education and to find joy, motivation, or sometimes questions and anger in the materials they read and talked about. She worked on behalf of our undocumented students before colleges and universities even thought about providing services. Her husband notes that during her brief hospital stay, one of her nurses, a former student, said, "Dr. Silcox, you have no idea how many lives you touched and what a difference you made to your students." Travis is survived by her husband, Preston Rudy.

Thank you! Jason Newman, LRCFT President