As the fall semester unfolds, the LRCFT is launching a faculty union membership drive focused on each of the campuses starting next week. We expand this drive into 2026 with CFT support.

We are also partnering on August 19 with FACCC, SEIU 1021, LRCEA, CalSTRS, and LRCCD in presenting a health, benefits, and retirement conference for faculty and classified employees. I want to thank LRCCD Associate VC of Finance Jaime Ruggles for assisting us with the event. I also want to thank SCC philosophy professor Jacob Traugott and FACCC President and ARC ESL faculty Oranit Limmaneeprasert for organizing the event.

LRCFT leadership during flex week will also participate in two faculty welcome events held by the District.

On August 23, the LRCFT Exec. Board will take part in a one-day organizing workshop in San Diego with the Community College Council division of the California Federation of Teachers.

On Labor Day, the LRCFT will attend and is a major sponsor of the Sacramento Central Labor Council's annual labor day celebration at Fairytale Town in Sacramento.

We are also in the process of preparing for negotiations with LRCCD in early 2026. And the LRCFT PAFC is laying plans for the June 2026 primary political endorsements.

In closing, faculty feedback on the draft COLA and Retro negotiations agreement with the District has been very positive, and I continue to receive many messages of gratitude from faculty for our collective efforts. Thank you.