

During the recent flex week in August, the LRCFT partnered with FACCC, SEIU 1021, LRCEA, CalSTRS, CalPERS, and our District in presenting a retirement and health benefits conference for faculty and classified employees. Over 600 attended the virtual event. We thank the District for helping us make the informational event a great success. We will repeat the event next year.

I want to thank VC Carrie Bray and Senate President Paula Cardwell for organizing the new full time faculty welcome events during flex week. It was inspirational to meet the 80 new full-time faculty.

The LRCFT also held a union membership drive during flex week. We staffed tables at each of the campuses and signed up many new members, both full and part time. The membership drive is ongoing.

On August 23, the LRCFT Exec. Board joined the Community College Council division of the California Federation of Teachers for a one-day organizing workshop in San Diego. The focus was electing trustees to the governing boards of California community colleges.

On Labor Day, the LRCFT participated in the Sacramento Central Labor Council's annual labor day celebration at Fairytale Town. I want to thank trustee Deborah Ortiz for attending.

The LRCFT PAFC meets later this month to discuss endorsements for the office of State Superintendent for Public Instruction.

Other LRCFT events this semester include a membership social for Part Time faculty in our district. The LRCFT will also field a race team in November for the *Run to Feed Hungry Race* in Sacramento.

In closing, as you heard earlier this evening in board public comment, the LRCFT continues to express major concerns with the District's lack of meaningful support of faculty within the *Prison and Reentry Education Program*, also known as *PREP*. We recently experienced an incident where we thought our faculty member could have been more closely supported in their attempt to clear their name regarding an unfounded accusation by CDCR. We hope in the future that our faculty will be better supported in this program because PREP is vital to our students, faculty, and District.

Thank you,

Jason Newman, LRCFT President