

The LRCFT continues to prepare for negotiations with the district in early 2026. We recently sent a survey to all faculty to help build our sunshine list of negotiation topics. We are also holding all-faculty negotiation forums in person over the next month at the four colleges.

At one of our recent LRCFT board meetings, the faculty voted to contribute funds to the student food pantries at the four Los Rios Colleges.

The LRCFT recently held a One Faculty Party to bring full and part time faculty together to discuss shared interest as employees of Los Rios. Over 80 faculty attended.

As part of the LRCFT's ongoing membership drive, we visited FLC a couple weeks ago and met with faculty and students.

The LRCFT is holding internal elections this semester for college union president at American River College where two candidates are vying for the position.

The LRCFT is fielding a team for the Run to Feed the Hungry which takes place on Thanksgiving Day near SCC.

The LRCFT and CFT are ecstatic that California voters passed Prop. 50 which has energized the labor movement statewide and nationally as we gear up for the congressional midterm elections in 2026.

Recently, the LRCFT took part in a public loan forgiveness webinar hosted by the American Federation of Teachers. I want to commend Jacob Traugott, LRCFT PAFC chair and SCC philosophy professor, for coordinating the event for our faculty.

In closing, the CFT continues to plan for the student March in March for affordable and accessible higher education. This year's march takes place March 12 at the capitol and promises to be the largest student protest in early 2026 north of Los Angeles.

Thank you,

Jason Newman, LRCFT President