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POLITICS – OUR WAY OF LIFE

THE PRIMARIES

Vote March 5, 2002

All of us have an obligation to vote in this upcoming primary. Along with the primary election of the Governor and Superintendent of Public Instruction, there are many important Congressional, State Senate and Assembly District seat primaries.

Because the Faculty Association is part of the AFT, we are able to use the vast resources of a nationwide Union. Through its political organization, the CFT endorse various candidates and takes positions on propositions that are before the electorate.

Below you will find a list of endorsements that affect our every day life as Community College Instructors. Please take this list with you to the polls. It is our chance to hold onto the gains of the last few years.

STATEWIDE

Governor.....Gray Davis (D)
Lieutenant Governor.....Cruz Bustamante (D)
Secretary of State.....Kevin Shelley (D)
Controller.....Johan Klehs (D)
Treasurer.....Philip Angelides (D)
Attorney General.....Bill Lockyer (D)
Insurance Commissioner.....John Garamendi (D)
Superintendent of Public Instruction...Jack O'Connell
Board of Equalization, District 1.....Carole Migden (D)
Board of Equalization, District 2.....John Chiang (D)

CONGRESSIONAL

08 Nancy Pelosi (D)	14 Anna Eschoo (D)
09 Barbara Lee (D)	15 Mike Honda (D)
10 Ellen Tauscher (D)	16 Zoe Lofgren (D)
12 Tom Lantos (D)	17 Sam Farr (D)
13 Pete Stark (D)	

SENATE DISTRICTS

08 Jackie Speier (D)	12 Rusty Areias (D)
10 Liz Figueroa (D)	16 Dean Florez (D)

ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS

18 Ellen Corbett (D)	Rod Diridon Jr (D)
19 Gene Mullin (D)	23 Manny Diaz (D)
Gina Papan (D)	24 Rebecca Cohn (D)
20 John Dutra (D)	27 John Laird (D)
21 Joseph Simitian (D)	28 Simon Salinas (D)
22 Sally Lieber (D)	30 Nicole Parra (D)

PROPOSITIONS

- 40 Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood, Parks and Coastal Protection Act of 2002..... YES
- 41 Voting Modernization Act of 2002..... YES
- 42 Increases Transportation Funding at the Expense of Schools..... NO
- 43 Right to Have Vote Counted..... YES
- 44 Insurance Fraud Prevention..... YES
- 45 Legislative Term Limits, Local Voter Petitions... YES

ENROLLMENT WAY UP!

By Mark Newton

Our compressed calendar and all your hard work, reorganizing your classes and teaching more each week, appears to be paying off. According to Associate Vice Chancellor Gil Sanchez our college enrollments are way up! Sixteen days into the semester there were a total of 19,501 students registered for classes, which is a terrific number.

Comparisons made with previous Spring terms are also encouraging. We are up 14.6 to 16.1 percent over Spring 2001; 7.0 to 11.6 percent over Spring 2000; and we are up 3.8 to 8.8 percent over Spring 1999. You may remember that 1999 was a very good year for SJECCD. The economy has been cited as a major cause for the boom in students as enrollments are up all over the state.

What also needs to be said is that our district appears to be doing even better than most, by about 2.5 to 4.0 percent, and that effect is likely related to the new compressed calendar. Congratulations!

PROPOSAL TO THE DISTRICT:

PART-TIME EQUITY MONEY GO ONTO THE SALARY SCHEDULE FOR 2001-2002

The FA has made a proposal to place the \$747,000 part-time equity money onto the Adjunct salary schedule to begin the process of bringing part time instructors salary closer to equity with the Tenured Faculty. We are awaiting a response on our proposal from the administration.

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PART-TIME FACULTY ISSUES

HEALTH BENEFITS

President of the FA Mark Newton and Executive Director, Barbara Hanfling have been meeting with Pauline Clarke, Human Resources and a consultant to try to come up with a medical plan that would be available to Part-Time Faculty who work at least a 40% load. The District has agreed to provide the minimum amount required by the state: \$50,000 per year to pay half of the cost of health benefits.

We are now researching both Kaiser and Blue Cross for a plan that would have adequate coverage, but also would be affordable for our part-time faculty who have stated they would need benefits if offered by the District. This plan would go into effect for the fall semester beginning in August.

Check future issues of the *Faculty Association Newsletter* for further updates and feel free to call the FA with any suggestions or comments.

CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF TEACHERS – LOBBY DAYS

SAVE THESE DATES
April 28-29, 2002

Along with showing up at the polls for the primaries in March, our future and bargaining ability are certainly tied up with making sure that those who we supported for elections in March continue to represent our needs in Sacramento. Lobby Days allows us to promote the concerns that affect all of us in community colleges. More information to follow as Lobby Days gets closer.

GOVERNOR’S BUDGET PROPOSES \$57 MILLION FOR PART-TIME EQUITY

The Governor’s preliminary budget for the coming fiscal year 2002-2003 gave community colleges even more than was anticipated based on the \$12 billion shortfall brought on by the recession. But Governor Davis included ongoing money for part-time equity, which had just been one-time money in this past year. But this is not guaranteed. **ANOTHER GREAT REASON TO GO TO SACRAMENTO FOR LOBBY DAYS** – let

our legislators know how important equity money and COLA is to our faculty.

The rest of the Governor’s budget for community colleges proposes: 2.15% COLA and 3% in growth funding. But the final budget is not decided until June 15th, through negotiations worked out between the legislature and the governor, so nothing is absolute until then.

FACULTY ASSOCIATION ELECTION SCHEDULED MARCH 3–11, 2002

On March 3rd, all faculty members will receive a ballot in their mailboxes. If you do not receive a ballot please call the Faculty Association at 288-3779.

The election is for District-Wide Fiscal Officer and EVC Academic Hourly (Part-Time) Representative. See the ballot for instructions and deadline.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS OPEN TO THE MEMBERSHIP

We have set up regularly scheduled Executive Board Meetings twice a month on Fridays. We will be discussing some important issues over the next few months including: ideas on restructuring the FA in order to create channels for more involvement of the membership; building a COPE Committee (Committee on Political Education); and doing various trainings to make us a better informed faculty.

WE WELCOME YOUR PARTICIPATION AT ANY OF THESE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS:

Date: Friday, March 1, 2002; 11:30-1:00 pm
 Location: U226 (2nd Floor Student Union) SJCC

Date: Friday, March 15, 2002; 3:30-5:00
 Location: L207 (Library) EVC

Date: Friday, April 5, 2002; 11:30-1:00 pm
 Location: U226 (2nd Floor Student Union) SJCC

Date: Friday, April 19, 2002; 11:30-1:00
 Location: L207 (Library) EVC

Date: Friday, May 3, 2002; 11:30-1:00 pm
 Location: U226 (2nd Floor Student Union) SJCC

Date: Friday, May 16, 2002; 11:30-1:00
 Location: L207 (Library) EVC