

**Los Rios College Federation of Teachers
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November 28, 2007

Present: Dean Murakami, Robert Perrone, Dennis Smith, Gabriel Torres, Diana Hicks, Chuck Van Patten, Annette Barfield, Dolores Delgado Campbell, Tonie Hilligoss, Nyenbeku George, Wayne Olts, Alex May, Lynn Ott, Andrea Balsamo, KC Boylan, Reona James, Fred Dawkins

Excused:

Absent: Donna Nacey, Zack Dowell, Jason Newman, Kris Fertel, Hali Boeh

- I. Convene the LRCFT Executive Board 3:00 PM
- II. Approval of the agenda by consensus changes, approval of the November 14, 2007 minutes by consensus.
- III. Public Comment:
- IV. **Liaison Reports:**
 1. **AS** – No report.
 2. **FACCC** – Van Patten reports FACCC is considering donating an additional \$50,000 to Prop 92. FACCC has already contributed \$100,000 to the campaign. The executive committee will decide at their next meeting. Van Patten discusses the lawsuit regarding campus mailboxes and a union's right to distribute political information. Discussion regarding the lawsuit is held.
 3. **CFT** – Smith reports that the CFT's Executive Council met this past weekend. The council endorsed Warren Furutani for assembly in the 55th AD. CFT has signed a loan for \$1,000,000, Smith will deliver a check for \$300,000 to the Prop 92 campaign on November 30th. Smith reports that the student foundation at Rio Hondo is contributing \$20,000 to the campaign and CSEA is contributing an additional \$60,000. Discussion regarding campaign strategy is held.
Van Patten discusses local media events for the campaign. Monday, December 3rd at 12:00 PM CRC will hold an event on Prop 92. Van Patten encourages board members to attend. Murakami informs board members that the speaker's training workshop on December 6th has been moved from 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM. The training will be held at the LRCFT office. Smith encourages board members to attend and to bring students to the training. Status of the 60% law is discussed.
 4. **SCLC** – Murakami discusses situation regarding Holiday Inn and their contracts. A fundraiser will be held for Clinton, tickets are \$5000 per person on December 11, 2007. There will also be a fundraiser for Charlie Brown which Murakami will be attending on December 18, 2007. There will be a meeting with Bishop Soto at 1911 F Street on December 11, 2007. Bishop Soto is the new Bishop at the Sacramento Cathedral. Murakami announces the reopening of Griselda's restaurant. The grand opening will be on Monday, December 3rd from 11:30 to 1:30 PM. Griselda's is the only union Mexican restaurant in the Sacramento area. Murakami discusses next year's Executive Board elections for the SCLC. Delegates to the SCLC will need to be present to vote or a letter needs to be presented giving delegates who are present the right to use block voting.

DISCUSSION

- V. **FACCC DUES FUNDING:**

Van Patten discusses the possibility of LRCFT paying for LRCCD faculty's FACCC dues for a certain period of time. This will encourage faculty members to become FACCC members. Full time FACCC members pay \$180.00 yearly for their membership, adjunct members pay around \$100 yearly. Discussion is held. Bolyan suggests the LRCFT do some research on this issue. The number of faculty who are already members, who recently became members and the LRCFT budget should be researched. Boylan informs board members that Jonathan Lightman was well received at the new faculty orientation and that faculty did sign up on their own for FACCC membership at the orientation. James speaks in support of FACCC but states that faculty should be responsible for their own membership. James discusses the possibility of paying for one year's dues for new faculty.

VI. Other Propositions:

Murakami discusses the Indian gaming compacts. Unions are opposed to the compacts. The CFT opposes the compacts as well. CFT endorsed Prop 93, the proposition to alter term limits.

VII. CFT Convention:

Murakami discusses the CFT convention. The convention will be held in April 11 – 13 at the Oakland City Center Marriott in Oakland.

VIII. Star Kids/Operation Christmas Basket:

The SCLC collects small shampoos, soaps, etc. at this time of year to donate to the homeless. The Labor Council also provides Christmas baskets for union members who have been laid off. The basket provides a turkey dinner for their family and toys for the children. Volunteers can help put baskets together and/or distribute baskets. Star Kids provides toys for developmentally disabled children. This is the 51st year for the Star Kids project. Boylan would like to put together an LRCFT volunteer group.

Meeting is adjourned at 4:10 PM

**Los Rios Federation of Teachers
Political Action Committee Fund Meeting**

I. Call to Order

II. Dave Jones – Murakami discusses Dave Jones' re-election campaign. This will be Jones' last term in the Assembly. Assemblyman Jones has been friendly and supportive of LRCFT. He has always had an open door policy with LRCFT. There will be a fundraiser at Mulvaney's for Dave Jones' campaign on December 12th from 5:30 to 7:00 PM. Torres moves the LRCFT PAFC contribute \$1000 to the Dave Jones campaign, May seconds the motion. Motion passes by consensus. Murakami will continue to speak with Jones regarding Prop 92. Murakami will also meet with Darrell Steinberg's staff on December 4th to discuss Prop 92. Board members are welcomed to join Murakami at this meeting.

Boylan moves to adjourn PAFC meeting, May seconds the motion. Motion passes by consensus.

LRCFT Executive Board meeting is reconvened 4:15 PM

REPORTS

IX. Blue Diamond Workers:

Torres reports on the community meeting held in November. The Reverend David Thompson, City Councilmember Steve Cohn and Senator Darrell Steinberg were present. The panel will send a letter to Blue Diamond stating their support of the workers. The group discussed options if Blue Diamond does not respond to the letter. One option is boycotting Blue Diamond products. The ILWU attended the meeting in support of the workers. LACLA donated posters to the workers' campaign.

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X. Chief Negotiator's Report:

Boylan announces that the contract survey link was sent out to faculty last Monday. As of today, there have been two hundred thirty-five responses. The negotiating teams from LRCFT and LRCCD will meet this Friday, November 30 to participate in an IBA refresher.

XI. President's Report:

1. Murakami informs board members of Nidal Hijazi's gratitude to faculty and the union's support during this difficult time.
2. Murakami attended a meeting with the Central Valley Faculty Association. Prop 92 and healthcare were discussed.
3. The 60% law and CTA's support is addressed.
4. Murakami discusses issues with concurrent enrollment and the legislature's concerns.

Meeting adjourned 4:30 PM