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### **WELCOME BACK**

#### **· CAMPUSES BACK IN SESSION**

Welcome back to those beginning classes this week at Maritime Academy and Stanislaus.

### **LEGISLATION**

#### **· SB 218 SENT TO GOVERNOR**

CFA-sponsored legislation that would make the controversial spending and financial practices of California State University subsidiary organizations and foundations more transparent will arrive on the governor's desk in the coming days.

Senate Bill (SB) 218 – which is authored by Senator Leland Yee (D-San Francisco) – received overwhelming support in the Assembly, passing by a margin of 76-0.

The bill received final approval from the legislature Monday after the Senate concurred with the amended version of the bill 33-1.

Supporters of SB 218, including the CFA and the California Newspaper Publishers Association, are counting on the Governor – who recently launched a web site dedicated to reporting transparency in government – to stand by his words by signing this transparency bill into law.

“In light of the Governor’s public commitment to transparency, we hope he will back up his words with action by signing SB 218 into law,” said CFA President Lillian Taiz.

Taiz continued, “The lack of transparency and accountability around these auxiliaries and foundations has led to scandals and waste of taxpayer dollars that were intended to improve the quality of education in the classroom for California’s students.”

## **FURLOUGHS AND BUDGET CUTS**

### **- DOWNLOAD FURLOUGH FIGHT-BACK TOOLS**

CFA has posted several useful tools that faculty members can use to raise awareness about the consequences of furloughs and budget cuts to the CSU.

The available tools include:

- Email Signature Message/Out-of-office reply
- Event flyer: Save the CSU
- Flyer On Current CFA Legislation: SB 218 & AB 656
- A statement to place in your syllabus about furloughs
- A complaint form for students to submit when they cannot get classes
- Signs to place on your office door to let students and colleagues know you are away on your furlough (available in both black and white and color)
- An information sheet about filling out your furlough certification form

These tools are available to download at: <http://www.calfac.org/furloughvoteinfo.html>

### **- VIEW THE FAQ, SUBMIT YOUR QUESTIONS**

See dozens of frequently asked questions about furloughs and their answers at: [http://www.calfac.org/allpdf/Budget\\_09\\_10/FAQ\\_onfurlough\\_0811.pdf](http://www.calfac.org/allpdf/Budget_09_10/FAQ_onfurlough_0811.pdf)

If after reading the FAQ you still have questions, send an email to: [furloughsandbudgetcuts@calfac.org](mailto:furloughsandbudgetcuts@calfac.org)

## **BARGAINING**

### **- AUGUST FACT-FINDING HEARINGS POSTPONED**

The CFA Bargaining Team and the CSU Chancellor's office have mutually agreed to postpone fact finding hearings while Fred D'Orazio – the neutral third party who will preside over sessions – recovers from an illness.

Fact finding is the final stage in the bargaining process commonly known as the “statutory process” spelled out in California's higher education labor relations law.

## **OTHER NEWS**

### **- CAST YOUR BALLOT IN CALPERS ELECTION**

Ballots for the CalPERS Board of Administration were mailed to the home addresses of all CalPERS members last week.

These ballots represent an opportunity for faculty members, retirees and other California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) members to participate in the election of two Member-At-Large representatives to the CalPERS Board of Administration.

CFA has endorsed Cathy Hackett (Position A) and Kurato Shimada (Position B) in this year's election. Further, both candidates are endorsed by George Diehr, who is a faculty member from CSU San Marcos and current CalPERS Board Member.

More information on Hackett & Shimada can be found on CFA's endorsement webpage at: <http://www.calfac.org/endorsements.html>

CFA encourages those voting in this election to return their ballots as soon as possible to avoid the possibility of losing the ballot or forgetting to vote.

Ballots must be postmarked for return by October 2, 2009.

### **- LAKOFF: “PRIVATIZATION IS THE ISSUE” IN HIGHER ED**

George Lakoff – a professor of linguistics at UC Berkeley and noted progressive author – examined the decline of higher education funding and impending privatization of the UC system in an essay released last week.

Lakoff writes, “The reason that the Master Plan designates ‘state-supported higher education’ is that higher education contributes a disproportionate amount to the protection and empowerment both of individuals and of corporations, and to the creation of a California civilization.”

To read the article in full, go to: <http://keepcaliforniaspromise.org/?p=77>

## **- GET CFA\_NEWS VIA TWITTER**

CFA has launched a Twitter.com page to keep members and interested observers up to date with the news involving CFA and the CSU.

You can find the page at: [www.twitter.com/CFA\\_News](http://www.twitter.com/CFA_News)

To keep up with CFA, check back regularly or sign up for a twitter account of your own and become a “follower” of CFA\_News.

## **- ATTEND CAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY TRAINING**

The California Democratic Party will host series of two-day trainings across the state this fall to arm grass-roots activists with tools and information for success in the 2010 election cycle.

To learn more and sign up, go to:

<http://www.cadem.org/site/c.jrLZK2PyHmF/b.5160575/k.FD12/Trainings.htm>

## **- SUPPORT STRIKING OAKLAND UNIVERSITY FACULTY**

Striking professors at Oakland University (Michigan) need your support.

The faculty chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) there has been on strike since last Thursday. The two biggest issues are a two-tiered, discriminatory health care plan and the faculty’s right to participate in university governance.

On Monday, the OU administration increased its demands, trying to force the faculty to agree to abandon its role in shared governance by voiding a decade-old grievance settlement that enforces the faculty’s right to participate in the governance process. At a court hearing Tuesday, the administration will seek an injunction to force OU faculty back to work without a contract. Instead of moving forward to a fair contract, the administration is moving backward.

OU faculty need your support. Tell OU President Gary Russi and the OU Board of Trustees to honor their commitment to the bargaining process by negotiating a fair contract. Please call, email, and/or fax your support for the OU faculty.

### Oakland University President:

OU President Gary Russi may be reached by phone at (248) 370-3500, by email at [russi@oakland.edu](mailto:russi@oakland.edu), or by fax at (248) 370-3504.

### OU Board of Trustees:

Jacqueline Long is the chair of the OU Board of Trustees. The BOT’s office is administered by Victor Zambardi, General Counsel and Secretary to the BOT.

- Telephone number: (248) 370-3112.
- Fax number: (248) 370-4474.
- Emails for the Board may be sent to his attention at [zambardi@oakland.edu](mailto:zambardi@oakland.edu)

Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm:

Oakland University's Trustees are appointed by the governor of Michigan to serve eight-year terms. To contact Governor Jennifer Granholm to express your support for Oakland University's faculty, call her office at (517) 373-3400. You can also fax your message of support to (517) 335-6863.

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