



CFA Strike Announcement

To: CSU Faculty

This morning the CFA Board of Directors and the CFA Chapter Presidents met in special session to discuss the membership vote on concerted actions and to finalize decisions for November. At that meeting, Board members and Chapter Presidents were informed that the majority of members had voted. The vote was 93% in support of a call by the CFA Board of Directors for a one-day strike on one or more campuses.

After reviewing the voting results and other strategic factors, the CFA Board of Directors then voted to authorize a one-day strike on two campuses, CSU East Bay and CSU Dominguez Hills, for November 17. The vote was unanimous.

After the vote, CFA President Lillian Taiz made this statement to the CFA Board:

I commend all of you for the seriousness with which you have taken this vote today. I know your decision to vote “yes” was not made lightly. Nor were the thousands of votes cast by our members.

All of us who voted “yes” did so because we understand that we must now send the Chancellor a plain and simple message about his skewed priorities.

Repeatedly he has failed to respond to the language of reason or the power of facts.

We hope this carefully targeted strike, which symbolizes both our anger and our commitment to fairness, will lead to changes in his priorities and his positions.

If it does not, the CFA leadership—and the CSU faculty we represent—are prepared to escalate the fight.

At 1:30 this afternoon, President Taiz will make this announcement public in a telephonic press conference.

Later this week, all faculty members will receive further information about the strike at East Bay and Dominguez Hills, including logistical details and legal issues that may affect faculty on all 23 campuses.

In the meantime, CFA urges all faculty to take two actions:

- 1) Now, more than ever, it is important for us all come out and join the informational picketing scheduled on the 23 CSU campuses Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

You can view details about your campus event, including date, time, and place, at: <http://www.calfac.org/novinfopicket>. (You can also contact your chapter office for more details.)

Please make and share your comments on Twitter using #csustrike.

- 2) If you have not yet done so, please make your plans to participate on November 17. Our striking colleagues at East Bay and Dominguez Hills have our deep respect for their leadership. They also deserve our strongest possible support, so get on the bus! Details for individual campus buses can be viewed at: www.calfac.org/nov17bus.