In this edition, we are celebrating many election victories, including a welcome of our new Governor, Gavin Newsom, and many statewide and local candidates. Thank you to all our members for your activism and enthusiasm this election season!

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Hundreds of students, faculty support Governor-elect Gavin Newsom at CFA-hosted rally

Energy and excitement infused the San Diego State campus on Friday, Nov. 2, as CFA hosted a special rally for our new Governor, Gavin Newsom.

The event drew hundreds of students, faculty, community allies, and supporters to the event, which kicked off the final four days of Newsom’s pre-election bus tour. On Tuesday, Newsom beat Republican John Cox for California’s top post, which means he continues as an ex officio member of the CSU Board of Trustees.

CFA has long supported Newsom, as he has demonstrated repeatedly his advocacy for policies that would make California’s 23-campus CSU system accessible to every eligible student, and create a dedicated source of funding for the CSU to do that.

Newsom, who has served on the CSU Board of Trustees for the past eight years, has been steadfast in his commitment to faculty and students, said CFA President Jennifer Eagan.

“He was there with faculty when we were in a fight for a fair contract. He stood with us when we were fighting against proposed tuition increases for our students. He has consistently and unwaveringly been there, on the right side of the issues, advocating for the People’s University, and we are looking forward to working with him for years to come,” Eagan said, as she
introduced Newsom at the rally.

The event, which was emceed by CFA Vice President Charles Toombs, also featured CFA-endorsed candidates Fiona Ma, who was elected State Treasurer, and Ricardo Lara, whose race for Insurance Commissioner remains too close to call. Senate President pro Tempore Toni Atkins, SDSU CFA Activist Doreen Mattingly, and Kaila Cooper, president of the San Diego State College Democrats also were among featured speakers.

The rally was the final stop in San Diego for Newsom’s bus tour, and the campus’ East Commons room buzzed as Lt. Gov. Newsom took the stage.

“Remarkable things are happening at the local level. And one of those remarkable things is reflected in the extraordinary union that represents San Diego State University faculty and counselors and librarians.

“I want to give a special shout out to CFA because unions brought us the middle class. They’ve brought us the weekend. They got you workers comp. They are the ones responsible for your overtime (pay). And you know what? The best is yet to come not only for our unions, not only for San Diego, not only for San Diego State... We’re going to turn things around and I promise you this, the best is yet to come.”

Click here for a photo gallery from the event. The rally also is available to watch via YouTube here.

CFA activists volunteer thousands of hours of hours to turn out the vote, celebrate wins

Faculty activists were out in force on Tuesday to get out the vote, capping off months of hard work volunteering for candidates who will help defend quality public higher education and are committed to racial and social justice.

In the roughly three months leading up to the November 6 General Election, CFA activists from Humboldt to San Diego volunteered more than 3,000 hours of political action precinct walking for CFA-endorsed candidates, in addition to calling CFA members and texting voters on behalf of Gavin Newsom for Governor and Tony Thurmond for State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

While Newsom was elected as California’s next governor, the results for State Superintendent of Public Instruction are still too close to call. CFA-endorsed candidate Tony Thurmond had received 49.4 percent of the votes to Marshall Tuck’s 50.6 percent, with 97.2 percent of
precincts reporting as of Wednesday morning.

Thurmond, a champion of public higher education, was a primary focus for CFA political action this fall, as he has advocated on behalf of faculty, students, and the CSU.

Many statewide CFA-endorsed candidates are already celebrating victory however.

According to the Secretary of State’s semi-official election results, Alex Padilla won the race for Secretary of State, Betty Yee retains the title of State Controller, Fiona Ma will serve as the state’s next Treasurer, and Xavier Becerra will continue on as Attorney General.

The results for Insurance Commissioner are too close to call, but as of Wednesday morning, CFA-endorsed Ricardo Lara has 50.8 percent of the votes with 97.2 percent of precincts reporting.

Watch the CFA Endorsements page for more results in the coming days.

Here are some of the biggest races CFA activists focused on this fall.

- Sacramento CFA members were hard at work through the Sacramento Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO talking to fellow union members about the importance of voting for Tony Thurmond for State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and joined hand-in-hand with CFA Stanislaus members to work to elect Josh Harder (CD-10) to Congress.

- East Bay and San Francisco faculty were working hard to elect Jovanka Beckles to the Assembly (AD-15), support Proposition 10, and elect local chapter-endorsed candidates.

- Central Valley CFA members from Fresno State were out supporting a battery of candidates running for Congress including TJ Cox (CD-21) and Andrew Janz (CD-22), as well as working for Anna Caballero (SD-12) and Melissa Hurtado (SD-14) for State Senate.

- San Bernardino CFA activists were volunteering on behalf of Sabrina Cervantes (AD-60) to the Assembly, and to elect James Ramos (AD-40) to the Assembly and Joy Silver (SD-28) to the State Senate.

- Northridge and Channel Islands CFA members have been working hard to elect Christy Smith (AD-38) to the Assembly and Katie Hill (CD-25) to Congress.

- Cal State Los Angeles, Dominguez Hills and other CFA members have spent hundreds of hours precinct walking to re-elect Al Muratsuchi (AD-66) to the State Assembly and to elect Cal State LA CFA member Mike Eng (SD-22) to the State Senate.

- Long Beach CFA activists have done hundreds of hours of voter outreach with local community partners to support Measure WW (Claudia’s Law) which would help improve safety and working conditions at hotels in the City of Long Beach.

- Cal State Fullerton CFA members have focused on re-electing teacher Sharon Quirk-Silva (AD-65) to the Assembly, as well as supporting numerous other campaigns behind
the “Orange Curtain” including Gil Cisneros (CD-39) and Harley Rouda (CD-48) running for Congress against incumbent Republicans.

- CFA activists from San Marcos and San Diego were extremely active trying to elect Sunday Gover (AD-77) for Assembly, as well as Mike Levin (CD-49) and Ammar Campa-Najjar (CD-50) to Congress.

All 23 CFA campus chapters pitched in to make the 2018 General Election a success, and helped choose a true champion for the CSU and our students by electing Gavin Newsom as California’s next Governor.

“We were committed to helping advance candidates who will do what’s right for the CSU and we knew our work could make a difference,” said Lillian Taiz, CFA’s Political Action and Legislation Chair. “So many thanks to all of my CFA colleagues who helped make this election a success.”

Cal State LA student activist files suit claiming DACA denial is retaliation

A Cal State LA student activist has filed a federal lawsuit after her DACA application was unfairly rejected due to her immigration activism.

Claudia Rueda, 23, was arrested in May 2017 near her home and was held in custody for about two weeks. Rueda is an immigrant rights activist who came to the U.S. as a young child, and was able to successfully get her mother released after she was detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

According to the LA Times, Rueda’s attorneys said her complaint is the first lawsuit challenging a rejected application under DACA. CFA has been a staunch advocate of Rueda, with many faculty having made calls and written letters to #FreeClaudia, issuing a statement of support, and helping promote Rueda’s story in the news media.

CFA is committed to helping protect our students, and last spring, we successfully sponsored AB 21, legislation that enacts protections for undocumented students, faculty, and staff in the CSU system, as well as the state’s community colleges.

We commend Rueda for her bravery in standing up for not only herself, but racial and social justice for all.

“Claudia Rueda is an amazing student and human being. Her long struggle has been hard on her and her family, yet she continues to courageously fight for her rights and for the rights of others,” said Enrique Ochoa, a Cal State LA Professor of History and Latin American Studies who has taught Rueda. “Claudia is an inspiration to her classmates, faculty, and to all in the CSU who are working for social justice.”

Click here to read more about Rueda’s case.
Faculty Rights Tip of the Week: Personal Holiday

With the approaching end of the current calendar year it’s useful to know that every faculty employee is entitled to one Personal Holiday each year. Our faculty contract states:

33.3 A faculty unit employee shall be entitled to a Personal Holiday, which may be taken on one (1) day during the calendar year. If the faculty unit employee fails to take the Personal Holiday before the end of the calendar year, the holiday shall be forfeited. CSU and CFA shall endeavor to inform a new faculty unit employee of his/her Personal Holiday. Scheduling of the Personal Holiday shall be by mutual agreement of the faculty unit employee and the appropriate administrator.

Want to learn more? Become active with your local CFA chapter faculty rights team. Find your representative here.

If you have questions about a faculty rights tip or would like to suggest a tip, please write us at cfa@calfac.org with the subject line “Faculty Rights Tip.”

In Other News…

GET IN THE KNOW: The CSU Board of Trustees are scheduled to talk about the proposed state budget allocation request, student mental health services, and executive compensation at its next meeting, which will be held Nov. 13-14 at the CSU Chancellor’s Office in Long Beach.

With budget season on the horizon, Trustees plan to ask for an additional $456 million in general state funding. Their proposed CSU budget also assumes $98.3 million in new tuition revenue from proposed enrollment growth of 5 percent.

CFA activists will be at the meeting to vocalize faculty perspectives on several key areas of the meeting, and you can watch online via Livestream. Open session begins at 9:45 am on Tuesday, Nov. 13.

Click here to view the CSU Board of Trustees agenda.

POSITIVE STEPS: CSU Chancellor Tim White and Trustee Adam Day visited the Humboldt State campus on Monday, Nov. 5 to meet with students, faculty, staff, and community members regarding the 2017 murder of Humboldt student David Josiah Lawson and efforts to improve campus safety.

The meeting with the Justice for Josiah Committee and CFA Humboldt Chapter President Renée Byrd, CFA Associate VP of Affirmative Action North Cecil Canton, and Audrena Redmond, ARSJT Coordinator, took place at the request of Charmaine Lawson, Josiah Lawson’s mother. Charmaine Lawson has been appealing to the CSU Board of Trustees for their help in seeking resolution in the case and improving campus safety for all students.

During the meeting, which also included Humboldt State President Lisa Rossbacher, CSU Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs Loren Blanchard, CSU Chief of Staff Lars Walton, the discussion centered on student and faculty safety, housing availability, and funding for student centers and student employment opportunities.
Trustee Day confirmed that the CSU administration will be working on the safety and housing issues, and will work on improving student centers and their funding at HSU.

**UPDATE TIME:** CFA’s Representation Policy was recently updated by the Representation Committee and the revisions were approved by the CFA Board of Directors during the CFA Assembly in October. The representation policy guides faculty about how and when we represent members in grievances, discipline appeals, enforcement of rights, and more.

The Board approved the new policy to ensure our commitment to Anti-Racism and Social Justice principles is reflected in all aspects of CFA's work.

[Click here](#) to review the updated Representation Policy.

**Links of the Week**

**What a divided Congress means for higher education**
[Inside Higher Education](#)
Democrats have taken control of the U.S. House of Representatives for the first time in eight years. And one of the biggest losers of the midterm elections may be Education Secretary Betsy DeVos.

**APD Interim Chief: There is ‘Unequivocal physical evidence’ in Lawson case**
[North Coast Journal](#)
The Arcata Police Department is preparing to submit its investigation into the 2017 stabbing death of David Josiah Lawson to the Humboldt County District Attorney’s Office this week and Interim Police Chief Richard Ehle says he thinks there is “unequivocal physical evidence” linking a specific suspect to Lawson’s death.

**More students are being treated for mental health issues**
[Inside Higher Education](#)
College students increasingly are being diagnosed and treated for mental health issues, according to a new study published by the American Psychiatric Association.

**Trump administration presses Supreme Court for quick action on DACA**
[NBC News](#)
The Trump administration urged the U.S. Supreme Court on Monday to take up the legal battle over the future of DACA quickly, asking the justices to consider the issue even before a federal appeals court has ruled on the program’s legality. If the justices don't act soon, the Justice Department said, it will probably be too late to get the case on this year's docket. In that event, the government would likely be required to keep the program going at least another year.

**Gubernatorial candidate Gavin Newsom ends campaign bus tour at San Diego State**
[City News Service](#)
California Lt. Gov. and Democratic gubernatorial candidate Gavin Newsom will end his two-month campaign bus tour Friday with a rally at San Diego State University.

**Newsom, Cox make final pitches to be CA Governor**
[ABC 10 YouTube](#)

**CFA hosted gubernatorial candidate Gavin Newsom at SDSU Friday**
[SDSU NewsCenter](#)
The California Faculty Association (CFA) at San Diego State University hosted California Lieutenant Governor and Democratic gubernatorial candidate [Gavin Newsom](#) on campus during an event Friday in
Democratic gubernatorial candidate Gavin Newsom stops by SDSU ahead of midterm elections

Daily Aztec (SDSU)

California Lt. Governor and gubernatorial candidate Gavin Newsom took some time to talk with students during a quick stop by East Commons at San Diego State just four days before voters hit the polls.

Gubernatorial candidates make stops in San Diego vying for votes

CBS 8

With just days to go until the midterm elections, both Lt. Gov. and Democratic gubernatorial candidate Gavin Newsom and Rancho Santa Fe businessman John Cox made stops in San Diego on Friday.

Gubernatorial candidates descend on San Diego as election nears

Times of San Diego

San Diego was the epicenter of the California gubernatorial campaign on Friday as both Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom and John Cox arrived in their buses for political events.

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