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CFA HEADLINES

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CFA members, fill out the CFA bargaining survey

During this academic year, CFA and the CSU Chancellor's Office will begin contract negotiations for the next collective bargaining agreement for Unit 3: Faculty in the California State University system.

In preparation, the CFA Bargaining Team invites all CFA members to participate in a survey that will communicate faculty priorities to our CFA Bargaining Team.

You can [access the survey](#) via the CFA web site.



“It is our members who help establish our priorities,” says CFA President Lillian Taiz. “That is why it is so critical to complete the survey. Moreover, filling out the survey signals our support for the faculty members on the Bargaining Team, who work hard to negotiate the best possible contract.”

Andy Merrifield, chair of the CFA Bargaining Team, added, “The information we get from CFA members is an important step in the bargaining process, from making proposals all the way to ratifying a contract. We want to hear from you.”

Although printed copies of the survey will be available soon from your CFA campus chapter, remember, you also have the quick and easy option to [complete the survey online](#).

Let your voice be heard—[fill out the survey](#) today.

By the way, if you have not yet become a CFA member, it's simple to sign and submit a membership form. [Join CFA](#) today. And participate in the bargaining survey.

CFA bargaining info meetings coming to your campus

CFA Officers and Bargaining Team members are visiting campuses to meet with you about the process and issues in negotiating the faculty's next contract. All CSU faculty members are invited to attend.

Here is a list of meetings scheduled so far. More will be announced at other campuses as they are arranged.



To confirm details about the meeting at your campus, please contact your campus CFA chapter —[click here to find chapter phone and email.](#)

Wednesday, Sept 11

- SONOMA, Noon, Schulz 3001.
- DOMINGUEZ HILLS, 11:30 am-1 pm, LSU Ballroom A.

Monday, Sept 16

- SAN BERNARDINO, Noon, Convocation Luncheon, Upper Commons.

Tuesday, Sept 17

- FRESNO, 11 am-1 pm, USU Pavillion Conf. Center.
- CHANNEL ISLANDS, 12:30-2 pm, Broome Library.

Monday, Sept 23

- CHICO, 5-8 pm, Mom's Restaurant.

Tuesday, Sept 24

- HUMBOLDT, 1-2:30 pm, UC Banquet Room.

Thursday, Sept 26

- MONTEREY BAY, 5-7 pm, UC Living Room.
- MARITIME, 11 am-Noon, Peachman Hall.

Tuesday, October 1

- SAN DIEGO, 11:30 am-1 pm, Faculty Staff Club.

Thursday, Oct 3

- POMONA, 11:30-1:30 pm, Kellogg West.

Monday, Oct 7

- EAST BAY, Noon-2 pm, Biella Room, Library.

Tuesday, Oct 8

- FULLERTON, 11:30-1:30 pm, Academic Senate.
- SAN JOSE, Noon-2 pm, ENGR 285/287.

Wednesday, Oct 9

- LONG BEACH, Noon-2 pm, Anatol Center.

Thursday, Oct 10

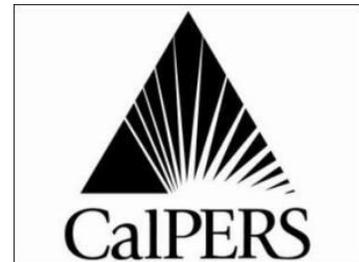
- LOS ANGELES, 3-5pm, FA 143.
- SAN LUIS OBISPO, 11 am-1 pm, [call chapter](#) for location.

Thursday, Oct 17

- SACRAMENTO, 5-7:30 pm, [call chapter](#) for location.

Vote in the CalPERS board election, deadline Sept. 27

You've probably seen it on the news or in the paper: your retirement security is under attack by so-called "reformers" and hedge fund managers. This month, you'll have a chance to protect it by electing the CalPERS board. **Voted ballots must be postmarked or received by CalPERS by September 27, 2013.**



The California Faculty Association, SEIU and other labor unions across the state have endorsed [J.J. Jelincic](#) (Position A) and [Michael Bilbrey](#) (Position B) for the CalPERS board. Both are experienced board members who fought to protect the retirement security of CalPERS members, and will continue to do so. That's because they are working people themselves, and have a long history of standing with workers to improve our future.

You have probably already received an official ballot from the state asking you to elect your CalPERS board members. It's important to cast your vote for strong board members who will stand up for working people like us—and not side with corporate special interests. The CalPERS retirement program is one of the best in the country, thanks in part to the strong leadership that we've worked so hard to elect. That's why we're asking you to re-affirm that leadership by casting your vote for J.J. Jelincic and Michael Bilbrey.

Remember, mail in your completed ballot immediately. That's the best way you can protect your retirement security. Eligible members who did not receive a ballot should contact the Board Elections Office at (800) 794-2297.

Faculty rights tip of the week: Health Benefits for Part-Time Faculty

This is a new feature for the CFA Headlines. CFA will run regularly a brief "faculty rights tip" or short information piece about the faculty contract.

HEALTH BENEFITS FOR PART-TIME FACULTY

Part-time lecturers and coaches qualify for health benefits through



the CalPERS system if they are appointed for 6 WTUs or more for one semester (on semester campuses) or two consecutive quarters (on quarter campuses).

32.2 Eligible lecturers and coaches in academic year classifications who are appointed for at least six (6) Weighted Teaching Units (i.e., 0.4 time base) for at least one (1) semester or two (2) or more consecutive quarters shall be eligible to receive health benefits offered through the CalPERS system for the life of this Agreement.

Other part-time faculty qualify for benefits with half-time employment for 6 months.

Qualifying employment includes work in more than one department and at more than one campus, even a semester and a quarter campus, as long as the duration requirements are satisfied.

If you are combining employment on more than one campus for benefits eligibility, you should check with both campuses to make sure all of your work is counted.

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](mailto:cfa@calfac.org) at cfa@calfac.org with the subject line “Faculty Rights Tip.”

Links of the week

CSU Chancellor Timothy White chats with CSUN students, faculty

California State University (CSU) Chancellor Timothy White visited CSUN on Monday for a town hall meeting and a subsequent campus tour that reflected a theme of candidness and sparked conversation among students and faculty. ...The running theme throughout the meeting revolved around compensation, faculty diversity and student integration. — [CSU Northridge Daily Sundial](#)

2 Texas Campuses will offer competency-based hybrid degree

The 90-credit-hour online program will use a hybrid model that combines an academic coach—an “academic adviser on steroids,” and a competency-based curriculum created by Pearson, Texas A&M and South Texas College. It allows students to take assessments of their knowledge about particular subjects and then, depending on the results, either prove they’ve mastered the subject or work on areas with which they’re struggling. — [Chronicle of Higher Education](#)

Lessons learned from a freshman-composition MOOC

Karen Head, director of Georgia Institute of Technology’s Communication Center, reports reporting on efforts to develop and offer a massive open online course in freshman composition. She writes, “Since our MOOC, ‘First-Year Composition 2.0,’ officially ended in

late July, I have been asked many times whether the course was a success. My standard response is, 'Define success.' — [Chronicle of Higher Education](#)

Udacity teams with Google, others to rethink tech education

[Udacity](#) -- started by former Googler Sebastian Thrun, a key player in the search giant's development of driverless [cars](#) who spoke at TechCrunch Disrupt this morning -- has been met with both optimism and skepticism. But that hasn't stopped the online education company from [forging some serious alliances](#) in the tech industry. ... Specifics about the alliance are scant Udacity's online course partnership with San Jose State University has been rocky. — [CNET News](#)

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