

10.5.2022 CSU Chico CFA Department Rep Meeting Notes

Meetings as Action planning and development gatherings

- Political Action (CFA Statewide Endorsements): Jessica and Everyone
 - It is election season, leading up to November, and there will be a number of actions that the local chapter will be undertaking, such as phone-banking and text-banking. Each chapter has a certain number of hours that statewide has requested each chapter to accomplish.
 - The statewide CFA official endorsements can be found here: <https://www.calfac.org/politics/endorsements/>
 - The CFA has a pledge card that it is requesting members to sign in order to indicate election trackers what kind of work needs to happen in each local chapter's footprint. The card and endorsements can be found here: <https://voteunion.com/cfa/> Every third pledge card counts as an hour toward chapter election-season work. We're asking department reps to send these out and to recruit colleagues in future election service work.
 - A question came from the floor about new members wanting to opt out of CFA messaging. Those who want to opt out can either respond directly to the first text or phone call and opt out by requesting an opt-out or they can email an opt-out request to Jessica Lawless at jlawless@calfac.org.
- CFA Chico Chapter Service: Tim
 - There was some conversation at the Academic Senate about recognizing CFA chapter and statewide service as kinds of service that will count toward retention, tenure, and promotion (RTP). This includes working on CFA Statewide Committees and Caucuses.
- Title IX and Safe Space: Nathaniel
 - Title IX: In the wake of former Chancellor Castro's resignation, the CSU system has tapped the law firm Cozen O'Connor to investigate Title IX across the entire system. Representatives from the firm visited campus on Thursday, Sept. 29; we were the eighth or ninth campus they've visited so far. Nathaniel Heggins Bryant (ENGL; chapter secretary) attended this meeting on behalf of the local CFA chapter; before the meeting he reached out to a number of faculty, staff, and admin before the meeting to get a clearer sense of perceptions about local concerns about Title IX and Title IX-adjacent issues. The range of responses spans support and appreciation for Title IX to strongly worded criticisms about the office and the CFA's role in protecting offenders.
 - There was some concern from the floor about responding to Nathan's email, both because he's a white man but also because it came through Chico State email. There are a number of ways to convey this information locally to other individuals and via private channels. Moreover, the Cozen O'Connor law firm is both interested in hearing directly from faculty in the short-term (you can email them directly here: lgomez@cozen.com) but

they will also be sending out a survey after their listening tour to everyone in the system as a part of their work.

- The CFA Statewide Women's Caucus is having a workshop Oct. 21 from 1-3:30, and we can sponsor people to attend. Registration and info for the event can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/3wpyrb89>

SQE Updates: SQE has been working and networking with student affinity groups on campus and growing their membership. They will be holding their first club meeting on campus on Oct. 10 from 12-1PM, and will be serving pizza. They are also planning an open forum in the spring on the No Harm Disarm campaign with members from past disarming campaigns at Chico State.

Special Guest: Addison Winslow is running for District 4 Chico City Council. He visited our meeting and discussed his platform, particularly regarding Chico's housing crisis and climate change and his platform on urban redevelopment. His website and platform can be found here: <https://www.addisonforchico.org/>

- We can and should have conversations about whether the local chapter can endorse local candidates, which is something that we haven't done but could do. The following names were discussed as potential people we could endorse: Morgan Kennedy; Addison Winslow; Monica McDaniel; Jesica Gianola.
- Jessica suggested that a handful of people have a meeting to discuss local candidates where information can be produced about each candidate and where actions can be developed around supporting local candidates leading up to the November election.

CFA Monthly Department Representatives Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, October 5, 2022, 8:00-9:00 am ZOOM <https://calfac.zoom.us/j/95240122053>

8:00 Welcome, Land Acknowledgment, Interrupting Statement: Tim

8:05 Meetings as Action planning and development gatherings

- Political Action (CFA Statewide Endorsements): Jessica and Everyone
- CFA Chico Chapter Service: Tim
- Title IX and Safe Space: Nathaniel
- Lecturer Stability

8:20 Chapter Updates: Tim/Jessica ·

- [Our Way Forward, Volume II - California Faculty Association](https://www.calfac.org/our-way-forward-volume-ii) (calfac.org)
- Administrative Accountability

8:30 SQE Updates: Yizhak, Michelle

8:40-8:50 Addison Winslow, City Council candidate, Housing in Chico (website is www.addisonforchico.org.)

8:50 Political Action Discussion

9:00 Meeting Concludes

UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 6: Table for CFA (Trinity Lawn) 10:00-2:00PM

October 7-18: Extinction Rebellion

STAY CONNECTED! Tim Sistrunk (CFA Chapter President, ChicoTsistrunk@calfac.org)

Jessica Lawless (CFA Regional Representative, jlawless@calfac.org)

CFA Interruption Statement:

As part of our continuing commitment to Racial Justice Work, when we experience examples of racial narratives, racism, or whiteness in our meetings, or as we conduct our business, we will speak up. This means we can interrupt the meeting and draw the issue to one another's attention. We will do this kindly, with care and in good faith. Further, as we engage interruptions we will take an intersectional approach, reflecting the fact that white supremacy and racism operate in tandem with interlocking systems of oppression of colonialism, class, cisheteropatriarchy, and ableism. This statement is a reminder that we commit to do this in the service of ending the system of racial oppression.