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CFA CSUN Chapter Faculty Senate Report

CFA STATEWIDE ASSEMBLY CONVENED IN LOS ANGELES

CFA held its 80th Assembly at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel in Los Angeles this past weekend. The gathering included caucus and committee meetings, general sessions, workshops on faculty rights/bargaining and the tactical use of social media. The CFA CSUN Chapter was recognized for its efforts in helping CFA obtain 3,000 new members in the 2013-14 Membership Drive. With roughly 290 new members joining on our campus we have the highest percentage of new members of any CSU campus.

BARGAINING UPDATE

CFA's Bargaining Team will continue efforts to secure a fair contract with continued negotiations. Each bargaining session with the CFA Team and the CSU Management Team is always scheduled at various locations. We are happy that the upcoming bargaining sessions in May will be hosted on the CSUN campus.

FACULTY AND STUDENTS MEET WITH MORE THAN 100 LEGISLATORS DURING CFA LOBBY DAYS

Nearly 100 faculty members and students, including CFA representatives from CSUN, went to the Capitol in Sacramento April 1st and 2nd to advocate for CFA sponsored legislation, a greater budget augmentation, and other bills that would improve the quality of public higher education in the state.

Attendees heard CFA member and Assemblymember from San Diego, Dr. Shirley Weber, give a keynote address on April 1st that noted the importance of unions to California and the importance of higher education as a priority for the state's future economy.

CFA member and Assemblymember Raul Bocanegra of the San Fernando Valley addressed faculty and students the next morning and urged them to speak from their hearts when they meet with legislators. He said to tell personal narratives about the need to rebuild the CSU after the deep cuts of the last five years.

Teams of faculty and student activists had 30-minute visits with 103 elected officials and their staffs, including Assembly Speaker John A. Pérez, and Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg.

"The dedication of our faculty and students to fighting for a reasonable budget and protecting quality education through lobbying for sensible legislation is truly inspiring," said Kevin Wehr, chair of CFA's Political Action & Legislative Committee. "Seeing nearly 100 of our people blanketing the Capitol building was awesome."