

## Presidents' Perspectives

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gathered a huge amount of good information that will help us in the writing of our contract language. It's a very hot issue in both two and four year colleges as the pressure on us grows to "maximize delivery of curriculum" while we "keep costs down". This "business model" of education was referred to as "edu-business" by one of the AFT speakers. While recognizing some of the obvious benefits of online instruction, the majority of the presenters at the conference also looked squarely at the dangers inherent for students and faculty if care is not taken in this area. Locally, we will be dealing with these issues through the Joint Committee on Technology and Distance Learning, which the AFT and the District agreed to last year. (See the brief article below for the names of the committee members.)

Well, on that somber note, we'd like to wish you a relaxing and replenishing summer break. We know how hard all of you are working in your classrooms, departments and on the various committees that abound. ■

## Joint Technology Committee Ready to Meet

The District and AFT have now made their appointments to the Joint Committee on Technology and Distance Learning. AFT and the District agreed to form this Joint Committee during the negotiations that resulted in the 1999-2000 contract. The District has appointed Marilyn McBride, Michael Claire, and Elizabeth Armstrong to serve on this committee, while the AFT has selected Eric Brenner, Sandra Comerford, and Dan Kaplan to serve. This new committee is charged with making recommendations to the parties on issues and concerns related to technology and distance learning. The date for the first meeting of the committee will be set in the near future. ■

## Reminder: AFT Executive Committee Ballots Due

All AFT 1493 members should receive Executive Committee election ballots in campus mail by May 12. **All ballots must be returned to the AFT office by May 30. Questions? Call x6491.**

## Part Timers' Voice

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New developments have been coming thick and fast (For more details, see the page 1 article on the state budget.) Both the Assembly and Senate Budget Sub-Committees for Education have approved most of the Consultation Council's budget proposal, including the \$80 million Human Resources Infrastructure Program which now has strong legislative support. The next hurdle is to get Governor Davis to fund the Program at the full \$80 million.

Have a good summer, though I know you have forfeited your trip to the Virgin Islands so you could teach instead. Good luck to you. ■

## State Budget

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ity will generate a budget conference committee to resolve the differences and prepare the budget that will go again to the floors of both houses. It must then be passed by a 2/3 vote and sent to the governor for signature (and, remember, he has line item veto authority, which he used last year to blue-pencil our \$10 million line item to hire new faculty).

In the middle of all this comes the Governor's May Revision, which will probably be released Monday, May 15th, so now is the prime time to contact your legislators and to write to the governor. Send the governor a letter asking that he make a substantial re-investment in community colleges when he and his staff do the May Revision. Send letters to: **Governor Gray Davis, State Capitol Building, Sacramento, CA 95814.** (The CFT would like to keep track of these letters, so please also send a copy to AFT 1493.)

## Board of Trustees Passes Part Timer Equity Resolution

The District Board of Trustees passed the following resolution at its April 12th meeting:

### RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK FOR PART-TIME FACULTY

**RESOLVED**, by the Board of Trustees of the San Mateo County Community College District, County of San Mateo, State of California, that:

**WHEREAS**, Part-time faculty are an essential and valued segment of the faculty workforce in the San Mateo County Community College District.

**WHEREAS**, the San Mateo County Community College District has the expectation that part-time faculty provide the same quality of education and service to students as full-time faculty.

**NOW THEREFORE TO THAT END BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees of the San Mateo County Community College District supports equal pay for equal work for part-time faculty.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the San Mateo County Community College District supports state funding directed to improve part-time faculty salaries as determined through the local collective bargaining process.