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SOCCCD FA

MID-SEMESTER UPDATE

SOCCCD FA ENDORSEMENTS ANNOUNCED FOR 2022 BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION

The SOCCCD FA Representative Council voted to endorse the following Board of Trustees candidates for the November 2022 election.

AREA 6: RYAN DACK

Hi, my name is Ryan Dack, and I'm running to be on your Community College's Board of Trustees. I'm a Middle School teacher at Thurston Middle School in Laguna Beach, and I'm honored to be endorsed by the faculty association. With your vote, I'll make sure that the needs of students and the faculty are met when discussing and crafting board policy. I'm feeling good about this race, but your support is crucial."

AREA 4: TERRI WHITT RYDELL

Thank you for your endorsement. I am honored. I truly appreciate that my work is recognized by hard working faculty who do so much for our students. I support you! Thank you!

DID YOU KNOW?

The District is providing up to 3 free at-home COVID test kits for all employees at the Health and Wellness Center.
Pick yours up today!

NEWLY RATIFIED MOU ARTICLES

READ MORE @ WWW.SOCCCDFA.NET

- ☒ Article 17 – Evaluations (incorporating student evaluations and peer observations)
- ☒ Article 15 – Workload (as it relates to evaluations)
- ☒ Article 30 – Wages (adding a 4.12% increase to all faculty salary schedules due to increased state COLA for 22-23)

WORKSHOP ALERT!

"How To Apply for a Full-Time Position"

Friday, October 21, 2022

10:00am-12:00pm via Zoom

RSVP HERE:

<https://forms.gle/YenH7sxBDNLk8Jv5A>



PUBLIC SERVICE LOAN FORGIVENESS WAIVER DEADLINE LOOMING

The Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) waiver expires on October 31. Below is information about PSLF and the waiver.

What is PSLF?

The Public Service Loan Forgiveness program was created in 2007 to forgive the remaining balance of federal student debt for public employees, including teachers, higher education faculty, and education support professionals, who provide 10 years of service and make 120 monthly payments on their student loans. However, when the first borrowers became eligible for forgiveness, the Trump Administration prioritized profits for big banks over keeping the promise of PSLF. They denied over 90 percent of applications and kept public service workers paying interest on debts that should have been canceled.

In October 2021, the Biden Administration announced a temporary overhaul that fixes some of the technicalities, allowing hundreds of thousands of educators to become eligible for loan forgiveness immediately or sooner than before.

What You Need to Do to Take Advantage of This Waiver?

Go to studentaid.gov/pslf, login with your Federal Student Aid ID (or create one if you do not have one) and make sure contact information is up to date. The Department of Education uses this as their primary method of contact to reach you about the progress of your PSLF application.

PUBLIC SERVICE LOAN FORGIVENESS WAIVER DEADLINE LOOMING CONT.

If you have a Direct Loan, have made 120 payments, and have applied for PSLF since October 6, 2021, you should receive automatic forgiveness or updates about your payment count soon.

If you have a Direct Loan and have NOT applied for PSLF since October 6, 2021, you need to apply for PSLF immediately, even if you haven't reached 120 payments yet.

If you have a FFEL or Perkins loan, you must first consolidate into a Direct Loan, then apply for PSLF before the waiver period ends on October 31, 2022. You should apply before October 31, 2022, even if your consolidation application is still pending to ensure you receive the full benefits entitled by the Limited Waiver.

How to Apply for PSLF Before October 31, 2022

To begin your PSLF application, visit studentaid.gov/pslf to use the Department of Education's PSLF Help Tool.

If you need to consolidate your loans prior to applying for PSLF, go to studentaid.gov and complete the "Direct Consolidation Loan Application."



1. Select for consolidation all of your loans that say "Perkins" or "FFEL"
2. Select MOHELA as your servicer
3. Select any income driven repayment plan (REPAYE, PAYE, IBR, or ICR).
For personalized assistance, NEA members can receive free help with filing your PSLF Application by using the NEA Student Debt Navigator: neamb.com/Savi
4. NOTE: YOU SHOULD SUBMIT THE PSLF APPLICATION EVEN IF YOU HAVE NOT YET MADE 120 QUALIFYING PAYMENTS OR REACHED 10 YEARS OF SERVICE.

Special Note for Part-Time Faculty

To receive the PSLF, you need to be employed full-time, which is defined by the federal government as 30-hours per week. Part-time faculty who are employed by multiple districts can use the combined hours at all of their jobs for this purpose. When the district determines your hours, they will use 3.35 hours for each classroom hour taught, per legislation.

This information was taken, in part, from an informational flyer distributed by the National Education Association (NEA).

BENEFITS UPDATE

Our benefits this year include the following additions, among others. Look for emails from our Benefits department for more details. These are some highlights:

- SISC/Blue Shield PPO COB Plans: Members can now choose to order a 90-day supply of prescriptions filled at retail locations - not just mail order- and pay the 3 co-pays.
- SISC/Blue Shield Plan: Employees who have children born after 4/1/22 now have free access to Maven Virtual Care - 24/7 virtual access to one-on-one maternity and postpartum support.
- SISC/Kaiser 65+ Senior Advantage Plan: Medical transportation up to 24 one-way rides to lab visits, doctor appointments, and pharmacies to pick up medications or medical equipment. This plan also includes meal delivery up to 847 meals after inpatient stay at a hospital or skilled nursing facility.



CCA CONFERENCE DELEGATES INFORMATION

Thank you to two of our SOCCCD FA Delegates who attended the Fall 2022 CCA Conference in San Jose, CA earlier this month! Congratulations on winning multiple opportunity drawings during the conference!

As an SOCCCD FA delegate you represent our union's voice in issues and legislature brought forward by CCA/CTA.

If you are interested in being a delegate at the Winter 2023 or Spring 2023 CCA Conferences, please let us know!

Winter 2023 CCA Conference Dates
February 10-12, 2023
Location: San Diego Mission Valley

Spring 2023 CCA Conference Dates
April 28-30, 2023
Location TBD