

This quarter I spent significant time working with union coalition partners as well as other groups including the emerging Occupy Movement. Beginning in late December the Occupy Education Northern California group started planning for a major action to be held in early March 2012. The coalition included elements from the K-12 sector, the California Community College system as well as the California State University system.

The plan, as developed, was to begin with local demonstrations on March 1 and follow that with a march to Sacramento to arrive on March 5. March 5 was selected as a target date because of efforts by the UC Student Association to combine the annual lobby days of the UCSA, CSU student association and the CC student association. In the past each had selected separate lobby days. UCSA's leadership in working with students from the CSU and CC systems created a critical mass in Sacramento on March 5.

Working together with the UCUC unions and the new coalition being formed by the Occupy Movement a very successful demonstration was achieved. The culmination of the demonstration was the arrest of a significant group of demonstrators in the State Capitol. While being arrested a second group of demonstrators outside the Capitol building formed to support the group inside. Bob Samuels was one of the speakers addressing the demonstrators outside the Capitol building. Later Bob Samuels and I were at the forefront of the action, at one time we were carrying boxes of pizza to be delivered to the demonstrators inside. It was great political theater and UC-AFT had a significant presence.

As a result of my work with the Occupy Movement in northern California I was asked to make a presentation to the CFT Executive Board. This resulted in CFT formally recognizing and supporting the education elements in the Occupy Movement in California.

During this period I continued to represent UC-AFT in the Capitol by attending and speaking at hearings held regarding the state budget. I also continued to work with UCUC and lobby with our union coalition partners.

Continuing with CFT exploring opportunities to organize additional units in higher education I worked with Mike Rotkin to represent UC-AFT in this process. CFT leadership met with UC-AFT leadership to confirm our role in this process.

Working with the UC-AFT Executive Board, the Executive Director and the UC-AFT Staff we begin the New Directions process to transform the UC-AFT into a more active union. This

involved a great deal of discussion by the board and the development of a series of documents that outlined the process. This is just a beginning and will evolve over time.

Respectfully submitted,

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