Vice President for Legislation Third Quarter Report (July, August, September 2012)

This quarter I worked in four major arenas; continuing coalition work with both UC unions, internal organizing work UC-AFT, external organizing work with CFT, and Unit 17 Librarian bargaining.

My University of California Union Coalition (UCUC) work has shifted from working on the state budget to issues regarding pensions and benefits. This has involved a balancing act; supporting our coalition partners and at the same time looking out for our members interests. Are primary coalition partners involved with pension and benefit issues are AFSCME, UPTE and CNA. Because our members are academic personnel and their members are staff personnel, there are basic differences that drive different interests.

In addition I have represented our union in coalition meetings with the UCUC unions, community organizations and other outside unions that focus on passing Prop 30. This is so that we are able to participate in a broader coalition working towards preventing the automatic cuts that will be implemented in the event that Prop 30 fails.

I continue to work closely with Mike Rotkin in the area of internal organizing. To that end I visited several campuses with Mike in support of librarian bargaining.

In addition to our internal organizing work, I have been working with Mike Rotkin and Sandra Weese, CFT Organizing Project Director on a project to organize additional units within the University of California. This project continues to move forward. I am also representing UC-AFT on the CFT's Member Organizing Campaign Committee.

I have spent a considerable amount of time on librarian bargaining, both on and off the table. During the bargaining process we discovered a number of issues and problems on various UC campuses. To that end we have filed a number of information requests and are continue to press for information. At the same time we are evaluating the information that we have received. Some of this relates to ongoing or soon to be implemented major reorganization of campus libraries.

I continue to work with Bob Samuels and the UC-AFT Executive Board to enhance both the internal organization so that we have the capacity to further our own goals of economic and work security for our members as well as actively participating with UCUC coalition and the broader Occupy Movement.

Respectfully submitted,

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