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147 Empty Chairs to Protest 147 Cuesta College Layoffs *Faculty and Staff leaders to address layoffs at Board of Trustees Meeting*

Cuesta College Classified Employees United (CCCUE) will set up 147 chairs outside the Cuesta Community College board meeting on Wednesday afternoon to protest the number of faculty and staff to be eliminated. These chairs will have silhouettes attached - some with the pictures of employees and some a black silhouette only - and the reasons that they should not be laid off. The faculty union, Cuesta College Federation of Teachers (CCFT), stands in solidarity with the classified employees, as well as their adjunct faculty members that will lose their jobs due to class reductions.

The presidents of both unions will address the Board members regarding the budget and the layoffs. Both unions believe there has been inadequate planning and leadership by the college and state legislators in addressing the budget crisis. The District is relying most heavily on layoffs of permanent classified employees and non-assignment of part-time faculty through reduction of class offerings in the fall. These reductions will greatly reduce the college's ability to serve students.

When: Wednesday, July 22, at 3:30pm

**Where: Cuesta Community College - Room 5401, Hwy 1
 Parking in lot 2**

**Who: John Fetcho - CCCUE president
 Allison Merzon - CCFT president**

What: Board of Trustees meeting

For more information please visit www.cft.org.

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