Hello All:

This is <name>, AFT Adjunct Rep for <name of college> College. As some of you may remember, last year AFT held and supported events such as Campus Equity Week and the National Adjunct Day of Action as part of a larger campaign to kick off a push for more funding for Adjunct Equity Pay, increased office hour pay, and monies dedicated for the “conversion of part-time to full-time faculty positions.” This was coupled with legislation aimed at increasing adjunct job security, and pushing for the restoration of lost revenue during the Great Recession such that it be directed towards the realization of the 75/25 mandate.

We were successful to the extent that we secured 62.5 million for more full-time positions, and for the first time in many years, getting groups like the California Legislature and the California Department of Finance to seriously consider what we were asking for.

And we’re not done asking yet.

Presently, we are in the process of preparing for Campus Equity Week, which will be held from October 26th through October 30th. We will again be discussing the issues of adjunctification and how it not only exploits adjuncts, but deprives students of the educational experience they deserve, as well as impacts faculty and staff at large.

However, this year’s campus Equity events are expanding in scope to talk about the concerns and effects of adjunctification as it regards classified staff, as well as our students, who experience the creep of part-timerdom in an effort to support themselves by working through school dealing with 1) low pay 2) lack of job security 3) erratic scheduling 4) poor work conditions in general. These are experiences which approximately <number>% of <name of college>’s teaching staff know all too well.

This year’s event will consist of <number> days of mid-activities taking place in <location>. It is a larger expanded Equity week, and we want not just faculty, but students, classified staff, and local labor leaders and activists to be involved.

The thing is, I’m one guy, and while there is always a small cadre of dedicated souls to help, I need volunteers, to do everything from manning tables to participating with panel discussions, to interacting with student groups concerned about equity in general.

I need your help, and more importantly, if this issue affects or concerns you, you need to help yourself.

In an ideal world people shouldn’t have to fight for equity, but we do, and it takes numbers, even if all you can do is make a simple announcement about Campus Equity Week and its events.

If you are interested in helping in whatever way, please contact me by making a simple reply telling who you are and what you’re willing to do.

In solidarity,

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