



# UPDATE

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## Make a Difference — Run for a Seat on the AFA Council!

Total of 11 seats open in this election including three newly created seats open for the first time. Some incumbents may not run again.

As you probably know, the AFA Executive Council is the decision-making body of the AFA. The 19 faculty members who are elected (13 regular and 6 adjunct) represent the Unit A faculty on contract issues. Those 19 Council seats include three entirely new representative positions (two regular and one adjunct), which were created when the AFA Bylaws were revised in May 2008. Those three new seats are now open for election this spring.

In addition, the terms for eight Council incumbents will expire at the end of Summer 2009. These incumbents include six regular faculty representatives: John Daly, Counseling; Cheryl Dunn, College Skills; Michael Meese, Administration of Justice; Johanna James, Computer Studies; Warren Ruud, Mathematics; and Greg Sheldon, Counseling; and two adjunct faculty representatives: Lynn Harenberg-Miller, Communication Studies; and Mike Starkey, Computer Studies. Some incumbents may not be running for re-election.

The total number of seats to be filled is eleven (eight regular and three adjunct). An election will be held in February. Elected representatives will serve a two-year term, which will start at the beginning of the Fall 2009 semester. We encourage every interested AFA member to run for a seat on the Council. This is your chance to make a concrete and positive difference in working conditions, salaries, and benefits for all faculty!

### Duties of Council Members

Executive Council members are expected to:

- attend two Council meetings per month, which are typically scheduled on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., on the Santa Rosa campus;
- provide consultation to and representation for both regular and adjunct faculty;
- maintain confidentiality on designated issues; and
- represent AFA on at least one District-wide or AFA Standing Committee.

### Payment for Adjunct Representatives

In accordance with the Adjunct Faculty District

Activities Fund guidelines, adjunct faculty serving as representatives on the Executive Council will receive compensation based on the number of meetings scheduled each semester, at their Base Hourly rate using their current step and column placement.

### Eligibility and Nomination Procedure

According to the AFA Bylaws, a candidate for the Executive Council must have been an AFA member continuously for the past five months in order to be eligible to run. All interested candidates need to file a *Nomination Form* with the AFA office, along with a brief statement of no more than 250 words to be included on the ballot. *(cont. on reverse)*

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## Make a Difference *(continued from page one)*

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For your convenience, a *Nomination Form* appears below. The completed and signed *Nomination Form* and statement must be returned to the AFA mailbox in Bailey Hall by **5:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 3, 2009**. Statements may be written or printed directly on the *Nomination Form*, attached on a separate sheet, or e-mailed to the AFA office at [afa@santarosa.edu](mailto:afa@santarosa.edu). A fillable pdf version of the *Nomination Form* is also posted on the AFA web site at: <http://www.santarosa.edu/afa/>.

### Voting

Starting on Thursday, February 5, ballots will be distributed to campus mailboxes of regular faculty

members of AFA and mailed to home addresses of adjunct faculty members of AFA. Ballots will be due back to AFA by 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 24. **Only current AFA members are eligible to vote in the election.** Regular faculty vote for the regular faculty representatives, and adjunct faculty vote for the adjunct faculty representatives. Election results will be announced in an *AFA Update*.

The Council will elect AFA Officers and Negotiators for the 2009-10 year at the Council meeting on March 25.

If you have any questions or would like more information, call the AFA office at 527-4731 or send an e-mail to [afa@santarosa.edu](mailto:afa@santarosa.edu).

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## ALL FACULTY ASSOCIATION Executive Council Nomination Form

**Name of Candidate:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Department:** \_\_\_\_\_

I am willing to be nominated for election as a representative on the AFA Executive Council.

I am currently a member of AFA and have been continuously for the past five months.

I agree to attend AFA Executive Council Meetings, provide consultation to and representation for both regular and adjunct faculty members, maintain confidentiality, and represent AFA on at least one committee.

Regular faculty seat

Adjunct faculty seat

**Signature of Candidate:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Candidate's Statement:** Please provide a brief (250 words max.) statement about your interest in serving on the AFA Executive Council, to be included with the ballot to be mailed to all AFA members. Statements may be written or printed in the space below, attached to this form on a separate sheet, or e-mailed to the AFA office at [afa@santarosa.edu](mailto:afa@santarosa.edu).

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**Please return this completed and signed *Nomination Form* and statement to the AFA box in the Bailey Hall mail room by 5:00 p.m., TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2009.**

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