



# UPDATE

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

Total of ten seats open in this election —  
some incumbents may not run again.

As most of 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.

The terms for ten Council incumbents will expire at the end of Summer 2010 and an election will be held within the next month to fill those seats. Elected representatives will serve a two-year term, which begins on the first day of the Fall 2010 semester.

The incumbents include seven regular faculty representatives: Paula Burks, Learning Resources; Cheryl Dunn, College Skills/Tutorial; Reneé Lo Pilato, Work Experience; Dan Munton, Mathematics; Andrea Proehl, Learning Resources; Warren Ruud, Mathematics; and Julie Thompson, English; and three adjunct faculty representatives: Alix Alixopulos, Social Sciences; Lara Branen-Ahumada, P.E. Dance & Athletics and Theatre Arts; and Michael Kaufmann, ESL. Note that some incumbents may not be running for reelection.

To be eligible to run, you must have been an AFA member continuously for the past five months. 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 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 they attend each semester, at their Base hourly rate using their current step and column placement.

### Nomination Procedure

All interested candidates need to file a *Nomination Form* with the AFA office, along with a brief statement of no more than 250 words. For your convenience,

a fillable pdf version of the *Nomination Form* is posted on the AFA web site at: <http://www.santarosa.edu/afa/Forms/nomination.pdf>. The completed and signed *Nomination Form* and statement must be returned to the AFA mailbox in Bailey Hall by **5:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 3, 2010**. Statements may be printed directly on the *Nomination Form* or attached on a separate sheet

and they must also be emailed to the AFA office at [afa@santarosa.edu](mailto:afa@santarosa.edu) by the February 3rd deadline.

### Voting Procedure

The election will be conducted online. Voting instructions will be sent via email to [santarosa.edu](mailto:santarosa.edu) accounts beginning Thursday, February 4. The deadline for casting a vote will be 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 17. **Only current AFA members are eligible to vote in the election.** Regular faculty members vote for the regular faculty representatives, and adjunct faculty members vote for the adjunct faculty representatives. Election results will be announced via email. The Council will elect AFA officers and negotiators for the 2010-11 year at the Council meeting on March 10, 2010.

If you are interested in running for a seat on the Council or voting in the upcoming election, please make sure that you're a member. You can validate whether you are a member, ask questions, and/or get further information by calling the AFA office at 527-4731 or sending an e-mail to [afa@santarosa.edu](mailto:afa@santarosa.edu).

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