

Dear Fellow Adjuncts:

Welcome to the 2021-2022 academic year at Stockton University! I'd like to introduce you to the Stockton Federation of Teachers (SFT), AFT Local 2275 and share some new and exciting information for this academic year. SFT proudly represents all faculty, librarians, and professional staff. Since SFT began representing adjuncts, we have improved salary, benefits, and working conditions. We are covered by a grievance procedure and are guaranteed the right to union representation.

New Contract 2019-2023: As of January 2020, the Council of New Jersey State College Locals and the State of New Jersey agreed upon and are working under a new contract. Primary advancements include a pay raise each semester through September 2022, course cancellation compensation, documentation for unemployment insurance, compensation for training, and much more.

More Office Space: At the local level, SFT is working to acquire additional office space for adjunct faculty as well as increased access to secretarial services. We also have a faculty lounge located in F228 that has two computers for your use, kitchen facilities, and a beverage station — compliments of SFT (not to mention a TV and a lovely view of the Pine Barrens). To access the lounge, all you need is your ID card. (If your card doesn't work, please contact SFT office manager Sue Burrows at 609-652-4399 or by email at <a href="mailto:susan.burrows@stockton.edu">susan.burrows@stockton.edu</a>.)

<u>Pay Day Parties...</u> are back! Ready to kick off your pay day on the right foot? Our SFT hosts Payday Parties throughout the term catered by local, delicious restaurants. These gatherings help you meet and network with fellow Stockton faculty and staff while sampling menu items from nearby eateries. Bring your spouse, significant other, and kids and join us for food and conversation. When?

Where? Most paydays in room C134 from 4:00 - 6:00 PM. More details available on our website: <u>www.sftunion.org</u>.

<u>Google Suite? Sweet!</u> Get organized this academic year! All SFT members receive free access to Google Suite with their membership. Tools and services include: Gmail account, Word, calendar, Google Chat/Hangout, Google Drive, and much more.

Your Full SFT Membership and Participation Matters: Becoming a member of the union is not only important, it's essential. Membership allows you to vote on issues that directly impact you such as raises, services, and a better, safer work environment. Post-JANUS, union members must pay 100% of union dues which is just over \$7 a paycheck per course. Increasing our adjunct membership strengthens our efforts to improve our experience here at Stockton.

Please join and support your union. In order to do so, you must sign and return the enclosed membership card to Sue Burrows in H230. My contact information is below should you have any questions or concerns. Please reach out, even if it's to introduce yourself. Thank you and enjoy this academic year at Stockton University.

Sincerely,

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