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our members, students,
and community.”*

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Good evening,

I'd like to thank everyone involved in the planning of Convocation Day. The Classified Opening Meeting was very well attended and participation in the classified workshops was excellent and the food at the BBQ was very good. This was a great way to get us ready for the start of the Fall Semester.

This summer I attended CSEA's 87th Annual Conference, along with four other delegates. At this year's conference we elected a new Association President – Michael Bilbrey, 1st Vice President – Ben Valdapena, 2nd Vice President – Delores Rodriguez, and Secretary – Kerry Woods. The highlight of the conference was CSEA's support of Local 226, who is having a labor dispute. It was quite a sight to see 1,500+ CSEA members in blue t-shirts marching from the Paris Hotel to the Cosmopolitan Hotel - complete with police escorts! Personally, it served as a reminder of the importance of working within a collective bargaining environment. While the process can sometimes seem daunting, but when done in a collaborative manner, the results are mutually rewarding. It also renewed my appreciation of Mt. SAC.

On tonight's Agenda is Action Item #2, seeking the Board's approval of the Three-Year Negotiated Agreement between the District and CSEA, Chapter 262. I wholeheartedly encourage your approval of this agreement. This Action Item has particular personal importance to me. When I became Chapter President in 2011, our Chapter had previously faced difficult negotiation sessions, which resulted in our 2008-2011 Successor Agreement expiring without the benefit of negotiating 2nd or 3rd year re-openers. Through the collaboration of the District and Chapter 262, we are now back on track.

Respectfully submitted,

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