

THE MORE YOU KNOW—November 2, 2018

Dear Colleagues,

Sacramento is watching the YCCD. State Sen. Cathleen Galgiani sent a letter this past week to Chancellor Yong and Board Chair Darin Gharat. The letter is copied to the other Trustees, State Assemblymember Adam Gray, and me. We may finally start getting some transparency in this District. Sen. Galgiani demands written answers to a series of questions. (See attached letter).

<https://www.uniondemocrat.com/exports/newsletters/main/6646750-151/uncertain-education-columbia-college-students-frustrated-with-district>

The Union Democrat has published another article. Although all of these reports from the various newspapers and TV stations covering our story have varying degrees of accuracy, for the most part, the faculty continues to look better than the District.

Update on Fact-Finding Report

We have no report. Still. To say this is frustrating is a gross understatement. Both the District and YFA have been anticipating this report since September 18th. That was 45 days ago, well-beyond the requirement for the report to arrive AND past the mutually agreed-upon "hard deadline" extension between the YFA and YCCD.

I have already talked with our legal counsel and there will be follow-up today to find-out what is going on. **I can only think of two possible explanations:**

1. For whatever reason, the fact-finder has not completed the report and owes us an explanation about why it is taking so long.
2. **OR.** . . . the fact-finder has experienced some dramatic event (e.g., hospitalization, death in the family, etc.) and all interested parties are just discovering this.

Regardless of what has happened, I will update you as soon as I learn more. Unfortunately, I cannot do anything more than what I'm doing now.

I am having discussions with our legal counsel about how this potentially affects (or doesn't affect) when we finally receive the fact-finding report, the 10-day review period, and publication of the report, as well as how that could potentially impact a possible strike. It is possible that the November 11th publication date could still stick, but I need to get some verification and I suspect it will require some legal research before I get a definite answer.

So, the "bad" news is that we don't have the report---yet.

The "good" news is that: (1) a State Senator is demanding a written explanation from YCCD to a series of questions, which puts the District on-notice that Sacramento is watching; (2) the press coverage continues to go in our favor; (3) the District genuinely seems eager to get the fact-finding report, which tells me that they do not want to delay this process any further; and (4) strike preparations at both Columbia and MJC are going very well. If you haven't been contacted yet, you will be soon by either an Exec Board or Rep Council member about the strike picket line.

One more time---just to be repetitive---we are not hoping to strike and want to avoid a strike, but we must plan for a strike if that eventually happens.

We're going into a weekend. Finish-up whatever you need to for this week (if you haven't done so already) and disengage this weekend. If I learn of anything new, I will send it out as soon as possible. But if I don't learn anything new today, then I won't send anything until Monday about possible next steps.

All my best,

Jim Sahlman