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Deadline extended— there's still time!

The terms for four regular faculty and three adjunct faculty representatives on the AFA Executive Council are due to expire this year. An election will be held in April. Each elected representative will serve a two-year term, starting at the beginning of Fall semester 2006. AFA encourages all interested AFA members to run for a seat on the Council.

In case you don't already know, the AFA Executive Council is the decision-making body of the AFA. Those elected (a total of 11 regular and 5 adjunct faculty) represent the faculty on contract issues. 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 actively represent faculty concerns. They must attend two Council meetings per month (held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.) and serve on at least one Council or District-wide committee.

Stipends for Adjunct Representatives

In accordance with the Adjunct Faculty District Activities Fund guidelines, adjunct faculty serving as representatives on the Executive Council will receive a stipend based on the number of scheduled meetings, payable at the base hourly rate using the same step and column placement as they are paid for their regular assignment.

Eligibility and Nomination Procedure

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

Nomination Forms are posted on the AFA web site and are also available by contacting the AFA office at 527-4731 or afa@santarosa.edu. The completed and signed Nomination Form (including a statement) must be returned to the AFA mailbox in Bailey Hall by **5:00 p.m.,** Friday, April 7, 2006.

Voting

Starting on April 10, 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 Friday, April 21. **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*.

AFA Officers for 2006-07 will be elected by the Executive Council at the May 10 meeting.

The deadline for submitting AFA Executive Council Nomination Forms has been extended to 5:00 p.m., Friday, April 7, 2006.