

September 21, 2006

TO: All Federation Members

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Federation Elections Committee

SUBJECT: **2006 Federation Elections**

Officers to Be Elected

The officers to be elected in 2006 are:

Four General Officers, including  
Two Federation Co-Presidents  
One Federation Secretary  
One Federation Treasurer

Two Co-Chairs of the PT/VL Unit  
Two Co-Chairs of the Classified Employees Unit  
Two Co-Chairs of the Full-time Faculty Bargaining Unit  
Department Representatives

Voting Eligibility

General Officers

All dues-paying Federation members are eligible to vote for **General Officers**, to run for these offices, to nominate Federation members to them, and to sign nomination forms for them.

Co-Chairs of the PT/VL Unit

All dues-paying Federation members in the PT/VL Unit are eligible to vote for **Co-Chairs of the PT/VL Unit**, to run for these offices, to nominate Federation members in the PT/VL Unit to them, and to sign nomination forms for them.

Co-Chairs of the Classified Employees Unit

All dues-paying Federation members in the Classified Employees Unit are eligible to vote for **Co-Chairs of the Classified Employees Unit**, to run for these offices, to nominate Federation members in the Classified Employees Unit to them, and to sign nomination forms for them.

Co-Chairs of the FT Unit

All dues-paying Federation members in the Full-time Faculty Bargaining Unit are eligible to vote for **Co-Chairs of the FT Unit**, to run for these offices, to nominate Federation members in the FT Unit to them, and to sign nomination forms for them.

Department Representatives

Each bargaining unit is divided into Election Departments. Dues-paying members of each department of each bargaining unit are eligible to vote for **Department Representative(s)** from that department and bargaining unit. Such members are similarly eligible to run for this office, to nominate other such members to this office, and to sign nomination forms for this office. (Each Federation member is eligible to nominate, or to vote for, or to be a Department Representative only in his/her bargaining unit and in his/her department.)

### Alternates

At its meeting on October 3, 2000, the Representative Council passed a Bylaw stating that a Federation member may not run for the position of Alternate Department Representative. Alternates will be those who do not receive enough votes to be elected as Department Representatives.

The complete text of the Bylaw is as follows:

1. No Department may have more alternate positions than it has representative positions;
2. There will be no separate electoral category for alternates;
3. Candidates for Representative Council who do not receive enough votes to be elected as a Department representative may serve as alternates, subject to #1 above;
4. (a) If Department representatives are not present for votes during a Representative Council meeting, alternates will be permitted to vote in their place;  
(b) As many alternates as necessary may vote to give a Department its full number of voting representatives;  
(c) If the number of alternates present at a Representative Council meeting exceeds the number of absent representatives from a Department, then voting rights will be granted to alternates in order of the number of votes they received;
5. Ties shall be broken by mutual agreement between the parties concerned, and if this is not possible, by lot;
6. After the Department representatives and alternates are designated, a list of representatives and ranked alternates shall be prepared and brought to every Representative Council meeting to determine who is eligible to vote.

### Nomination Procedures

The **deadline for nominations** will be **Friday, October 20, 2006 at 5:00 P.M.** Nomination forms are enclosed; they can be used to make a nomination for any Federation office. Please make additional copies if you wish to make more than one nomination. Nomination forms will also be available on or about Wednesday, September 20, 2006 in the Federation Office, BR-63, and online at our website: [aft2026.org](http://aft2026.org). If you wish to nominate yourself (**not** another individual) for the position of Department Representative or Bargaining Unit Co-Chair (**not** one of the General Officers) you may e-mail your self-nomination to: [ddekelb@ccp.edu](mailto:ddekelb@ccp.edu) provided you do so from your CCP e-mail account, or an e-mail account on file for you in the Federation's database. **All nominations must be submitted to the Federation Office, BR-63.**

A list of nominations received as of Wednesday, October 11, 2006 will be publicized on the next day; the final list of nominations will be publicized during the week of October 23, 2006.

### Election Newsletter

As in the past, the Federation will publish a special election issue of the *Newsletter*, in which candidates may include their statements. The special edition of the *Newsletter*

*ter* will be published during the week of November 6, 2006. **Candidates' statements must be no longer than 250 words, and should be submitted to the Federation Office in electronic format ONLY--by email attachment or Word format on disk; HARD COPY WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** E-mails may be sent to the *Newsletter* editor directly, at [dmedio@juno.com](mailto:dmedio@juno.com) or [danno1263@aol.com](mailto:danno1263@aol.com). Disks may be brought to the Federation office, BR-63. **The deadline for submission of candidate statements is Monday, October 30, 2006, at 5:00 P.M.**

The following Bylaw, adopted by the Representative Council on Sept. 19, 1989, remains in force:

The Federation *Newsletter* shall provide a forum for candidates for office to make statements. All candidates for the same office shall be given the same opportunity, space and issue of the publication to present his/her position. No further Federation funds may be used to promote the candidacy of any individual.

### Election Procedures

The election will be conducted by the Federation Elections Committee.

The Elections Committee will mail ballots during the week of November 14 to the homes of members. The Federation will use members' addresses on file; **please give the Federation Office your current address if it does not already have it.** A sample ballot will be posted in the Federation Office and published in the election *Newsletter*.

**If you lose or do not receive a ballot, call Diane DeKelb-Rittenhouse or Alice Yarborough and ask them to leave a message in the Elections Committee Mailbox.**

Included with each ballot will be a postage-paid return envelope for mailing the ballot back to the Elections Committee.

**Ballots must be returned, BY US MAIL, to the post office box listed on the return envelope. Ballots brought to the Federation Office are not eligible for inclusion in the election. Members will need to be certain to mail ballots in time for them to be received on or before Wednesday, November 29, 2006.**

In case of question, the Elections Committee will decide whether a ballot is valid. **It is therefore essential to follow all instructions sent with the ballot.**

The Elections Committee will prepare an Elections Report, in time for review at the Representative Council meeting on Tuesday, December 5, 2006.

### Summary of Dates

Wednesday, 9/20/06	Nomination forms available
Wednesday, 10/11/06	Publication of nominations received as of this date
Friday, 10/20/06	Close of nominations
Friday, 10/20/06	Deadline for joining Federation in order to vote in election
Week of 10/23/06	Publication of final list of nominations
Monday, 10/30/06	Copy due for Election <i>Newsletter</i>
Week of 11/6/06	Election <i>Newsletter</i> published
Week of 11/13/06	Ballots mailed by Elections Committee
Wednesday, 11/29/06	Deadline for receipt of ballots at post office box