



**California State University Employees Union (CSUEU), SEIU 2579/CSEA**

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August 24, 2007

Dear CSUEU-represented employee,

On behalf of the Executive Board and Stewards, I am sending you this email to inform you of some events that occurred within the last few weeks and which affect your union – CSUEU's Chapter 312. (News about FY 2007-2008 raises will be addressed in a separate email.)

In February, the membership elected Ronnie L. Grant as President of CSUEU's Northridge Chapter. In his position as Chapter 312 President, he was able to attend statewide Union activities where he became more knowledgeable about the inner workings of the Union. Because of this knowledge, Ronnie became recognized as a leader by CSUEU officers at chapters across California.

At the statewide officer elections during CSUEU's Board of Directors meeting on Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, Ronnie was nominated from the floor for two statewide officer positions. At this meeting, Ronnie was elected by a majority of the Chapter Officers of the 23 campuses and the Chancellor's Office to the statewide office of Vice President for Organizing. This position entails systemwide responsibilities of membership recruitment, membership records and Board meetings.

Since CSUEU's Policy File bars an individual from holding both the Presidency and a statewide position, I (as the Vice President) automatically assumed his vacant position and became President. In this position, I hope to provide you with more information about the benefits you receive from CSUEU, as well as, increase your knowledge about how you are represented.

To give you some background information, I have worked on campus since 1989 – first as a student assistant, then as a Unit 7-represented employee in the Accounting & Information Systems Department within the College of Business and Economics (COBAE). Since 1994, I have worked within a Unit 9 position in the Office of Information Technology, also within COBAE. Over the years, I have received both a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and an MBA from CSUN. I have been a Dues-Paying Member since 2002, and am currently a certified Union Steward.

I would also like to take this opportunity to state that the Executive Board and Stewards are your fellow employees who volunteer their time to be of service to you. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me directly ([claudia@csun.edu](mailto:claudia@csun.edu)) or to submit your question via our new website at <http://www.csun.edu/csueu/>.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Claudia M. Garcia,  
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CSU Employees Union