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## ***From the NCC Executive Committee***

Continuing in our effort to "go green", we have cut our paper Newsletters to twice an academic year - one in the Fall and one in the Spring. Supplemental updates will be emailed to all full-time faculty approximately every 6 weeks. Our website will be updated accordingly. Speaking of our website, we hope you have had the opportunity to visit the NCCFT's new website. Special thanks to Webmaster Paul Pilipshen for creating and maintaining the old site since inception. His assistance in transitioning to the new one created by Elizabeth Anne Wood and ongoing support with guidance maintaining the site is invaluable.

Speaking of our new website, we hope you are enjoying the changes. Monday Morning Music is a great start to a new week and an opportunity for everyone to participate.

March has seen the NCCFT represented at numerous political functions from Lobby Day, the SUNY Community College Presidents luncheon and the NYSUT Higher Ed Council in Albany to local events such as the Republican Inaugural Ball and the 29th NYSUT Long Island Directors Annual Award Dinner. The NCCFT honored John LeBoutillier with a "Friend of Education" award at the dinner. In addition, M. Debra DeSanto was recognized for her countless hours of service on behalf of the union movement. Many thanks for all they have done for the NCC community.

On campus the Executive Committee has

been actively involved in the NCC Budget Task Force and Middle States Commission on Higher Education Task Force Committees as well as with the numerous emails and phone calls that come in. We are here to help and thank you for using the union email and phone instead of our personal ones. By now, most of you should have received your long and overdue retro checks, and we are still working on a few outstanding issues.

JJ Stanis remains our administrator but Security Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York is our new carrier. The new booklet should be on our website by the end of the semester. Benefits remain the same, but the switch was financially prudent.

## ***Election Announcement***

The results of the recent election to fill vacancies on both the College-Wide Promotion and Tenure Committee and the College-Wide Sabbatical Leave Committee are as follows:

P&T - Miguel Alonso, Kathleen Gallagher, Jason Gorman, Zhanshu Liu and Theresa Vecchiarelli; Sabbatical - Roberta Schroder, Emad Alfar and Jason Gorman (alternate).

We still need two more faculty members for the P&T Committee. Please look for and respond to the upcoming announcement.

## ***Higher Education Lobby Day***

They came from all parts of the State with the same message- "No more cuts to education!" On March 1st and 2nd NYSUT members rallied for a show of support at this year's Higher Education Lobby Day in Albany, New York. Hundreds gathered at the state capital to voice their opposition to Governor Patterson's proposed 2010-11 Executive budget.

NCCFT representatives Janet Johnson

and Dawn Smith joined the large group of educators, support staff and other union members to meet one-on-one with Senator Charles Fuschillo, Senator Dean Skelos and Senator Carl Marcellino. They also spoke with Assembly members, Tom KcKevitt, Joseph Saladino, Harvey Weisenberg, Charles Lavine and Bob Barra. The message

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# Higher Education Lobby Day

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from NCC was simple and clear: "Don't cut needed funds!" NCC is still recovering from the Governor's midyear cuts of \$130 per FTE. If Patterson's devastating 2010/2011 proposed state budget passes, NCC will lose a

total of \$10 million in state funding. Our union reps stressed the importance of junior colleges and the vital role they play in economic recovery. Each Senator and Assembly member were asked some tough questions on topics including ways to close the deficit, options to reduce spending with-

out cutting funds to education and the impact of privatizing SUNY schools. Their responses varied except for one item they all agreed upon- they would not consider imposing any additional taxes this coming year.

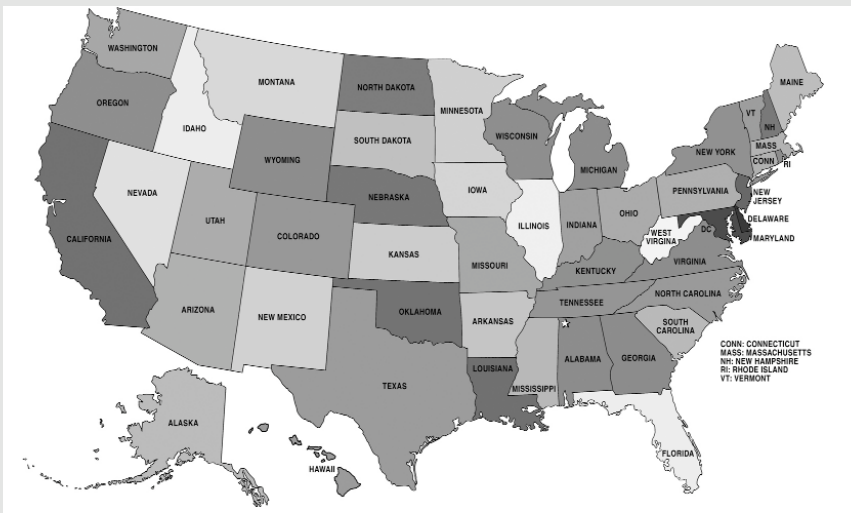
The climate in Albany is grim and at this point uncertain. The consensus of those we spoke with felt that with the current political turmoil in the Capital combined with the huge budget deficit, it is doubtful a state budget will be passed in the near future.

We encourage each of you to contact your Senators and Assembly members to voice your opinion concerning the proposed State budget and its negative effects on higher education. You can visit the NYSUT website, ([www.NYSUT.org](http://www.NYSUT.org)) for a listing of your Senators and Assembly members, access links to send faxes to our state officials, and get the latest developments. The faxes and letters we send do make a difference.

*Janet Johnson, Chair, Political Action Committee, NCCFT*

*Dawn Smith, Secretary, Political Action Committee, NCCFT*

## OUR RETIREES... WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



Alabama - 0	Louisiana - 0	Oklahoma - 0
Alaska - 0	Maine - 0	Oregon - 1
Arizona - 4	Maryland - 3	Pennsylvania - 3
Arkansas - 0	Massachusetts - 9	Rhode Island - 2
California - 6	Michigan - 0	South Carolina - 5
Colorado - 0	Minnesota - 0	South Dakota - 0
Connecticut - 5	Mississippi - 0	Tennessee - 1
Delaware - 0	Missouri - 0	Texas - 1
Distr. of Columbia - 1	Montana - 1	Utah - 0
Florida - 41	Nebraska - 1	Vermont - 3
Georgia - 2	Nevada - 1	Virginia - 1
Hawaii - 0	New Hampshire - 1	Washington - 0
Idaho - 3	New Jersey - 2	West Virginia - 0
Illinois - 1	New Mexico - 1	Wisconsin - 0
Indiana - 0	New York - 243	Wyoming - 0
Iowa - 0	North Carolina - 7	Israel - 2
Kansas - 0	North Dakota - 0	
Kentucky - 0	Ohio - 1	

### SAVE THE DATE

#### Academic Freedom Colloquium

*"Opening Pandora's Box in  
the Classroom"*

Date: Thursday, May 27,  
2010

Time: 1:30 pm - 4:20 pm

Place: Building Q Ballroom

More information to follow

# Legal questions have a way of piling up...

## Maybe it's time to consider enrolling in the Legal Service Plan!

Stuff happens. You may be facing a speeding ticket, a house closing, a divorce, identity theft, elderly parent issues, and the list can go on and on. In today's world, at some point, you'll most likely need the advice or services of an attorney.

When that time comes, you can turn to the Legal Service Plan endorsed by NYSUT Member Benefits Trust.

When you enroll in the plan, you'll receive a multitude of benefits for personal legal matters. Anytime you wish to talk with an attorney, whether for advice or consultation, you have toll-free access weekdays during normal business hours. There's even a toll-free hotline for emergencies occurring beyond these hours.

You'll receive two, hour-long office consultations with a plan attorney, legal document review and legal letters written on your behalf.

If a problem can't be resolved by letter or phone, you'll be referred to a plan attorney. Referral attorneys are located throughout the continental US and charge plan members \$200 an hour or 40 percent less than their standard hourly rate, whichever is lower.

Many personal legal matters have fees that are capped, and there are guaranteed discounts on probate fees and personal injury cases.

Also included is a Legal Security Package each year of plan enrollment. This package includes forms to request a:

- *Simple will* - allows you to select a guardian for your children and beneficiaries of your estate. Without a will in place, the state makes these decisions. A will also speeds up the probate process and makes settling your estate much easier.

- *Power of attorney* - allows you to give another person the right to sign your name and transact your financial affairs.

- *Living will* - enables you to express your wishes regarding end-of-life treatment.

- *Health care proxy* - allows you to appoint someone to make medical decisions on your behalf if you are unable to make them yourself; it also contains directions regarding organ donation.

The plan offers advice and guidance with identity theft issues, debt consolidation and mortgage foreclosure.

You can purchase an Elder Law rider to help you in

your health and estate planning as well as assisting you with these issues for your parents and grandparents.

If you have a business of your own, for example, a rental income property, you can purchase the Business Protection rider to obtain business legal services.

To find out more, call Member Benefits at 800-626-8101. Or go to [www.memberbenefits.nysut.org](http://www.memberbenefits.nysut.org) to view or print a brochure and enrollment form. You can also enroll online.



For information about contractual endorsement arrangements with providers of endorsed programs, please contact NYSUT Member Benefits or refer to your NYSUT Member Benefits Trust Summary Plan Description.

Agency fee payers to NYSUT are eligible to participate in NYSUT Member Benefits-endorsed programs.

## ***Upcoming NCCFT Spring 2010 events***

Thursday, April 22	Spring Panel Discussion	11:30 AM	CCB/MP
Tuesday, May 4	Executive Board Meeting	11:30 AM	G – 109
Tuesday, May 4	New Faculty Lunch	11:30 AM	T-11
Tuesday, May 18	End-of-Semester Luncheon	11:30 AM	CCB/MP
Thursday, May 27	Academic Freedom Colloquium	1:30 PM	Blg Q Ballroom
Thursday, May 27	Dinner & Operetta	5:00 PM	CCB/MP

