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### **NATIONAL LABOR LEADERS SPEAK OUT FOR CSU FACULTY**

As you have seen reported in the news and as we have been saying for months, faculty in the CSU are making history. We are making history as a higher education union and as an issue around which the larger labor movement has rallied.

On March 21 we announced the stunning results of a system-wide strike vote in which 81% of our members participated and in which 94% voted YES in support of job actions. Now, although we don't want to strike, if the Chancellor and the Board of Trustees do not come to their senses, we will move forward to historic two day rolling strike actions.

What we are doing is momentous in other ways as well. As many of you know, in recent years the labor unions like SEIU, UNITE HERE and others split from the AFL-CIO to form another umbrella organization, Change to Win.

Today, we are making history because CFA's struggle with the Chancellor and our fight for quality higher education for the working people of California has become an issue around which all parts of the labor movement have coalesced.

On our website are posted two documents. The first is a letter signed by the presidents of some of the largest and most important unions and academic organizations in the nation NEA, SEIU, CTA and AAUP (click here to view: [http://www.calfac.org/allpdf/bargaining/resolutions%20of%20support/Ldrs\\_Mar07.pdf](http://www.calfac.org/allpdf/bargaining/resolutions%20of%20support/Ldrs_Mar07.pdf) ).

The second is signed by John Sweeney, President of the AFL-CIO. All of them indicate that the fight we are involved in is critical to working people all over the country (click here to view: [http://www.calfac.org/allpdf/bargaining/resolutions%20of%20support/AFL-CIO\\_032007.pdf](http://www.calfac.org/allpdf/bargaining/resolutions%20of%20support/AFL-CIO_032007.pdf) ).

Although we always hope for a settlement, we should move forward toward job actions with the confidence that the nation's largest labor organizations stand ready to support our fight.

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