

# SFT SOLIDARITY SPOTLIGHT

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## CELEBRATE SUE BURROWS

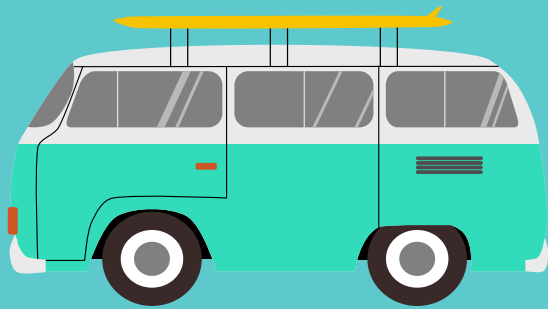
As we announced earlier this spring, our beloved office manager Sue Burrows is retiring after 20 years of service. Have a favorite Sue story or just want to share some love? Please use [this form](#) to share memories, well wishes, photos, and more.

## GET ORGANIZED

On Tuesday, August 6, 2024, AFT Academics will present the fifth and final online workshop in its summer training series on higher-ed organizing – "Developing Winning Issue Campaigns." FREE and open to all members. For more info and to register, [click here](#).

## FIGHT STUDENT DEBT

AFT National is hosting two upcoming Student Debt Clinic Webinars in August. These 90-minute programs offer members resources to manage their debt and opportunities to engage in activism to address the student debt crisis. [Learn more](#) and [register here](#).



## SAVE THE DATE:

**SFT Summer Workshop**  
Tuesday, August 27, 2024  
9am-12pm

## UNPAID SUMMER WORK & RETREATS

We know that some faculty and programs meet socially throughout the summer when we're off contract, and it's great to connect with colleagues as friends outside of work! But we also know some programs are choosing to have summer retreats between July 1 and August 31 – when faculty are off contract. We strongly encourage programs doing this to reconsider and hold retreats while all faculty are on contract. Chairs and

other faculty leaders may hold positions that continue throughout the summer, but scheduling a retreat while others are off contract puts everyone, especially junior faculty, in an awkward position to be asked by their colleagues and peers evaluating them to attend a retreat. We hold the administration accountable to avoid assigning unpaid summer work, and we thank you for your cooperation in doing the same.



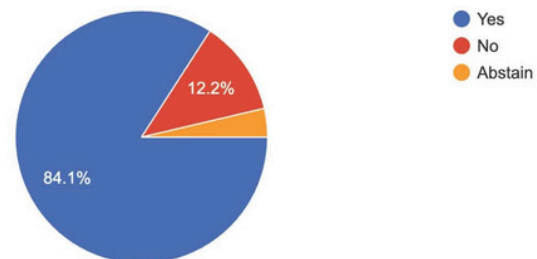
## YOUR VOICE MATTERS!

Have something relevant to organized labor and higher education that you'd like to share with your SFT colleagues? Please email [emari.digiorgio@sftunion.org](mailto:emari.digiorgio@sftunion.org).



## RESULTS OF ENDORSEMENT VOTE

I vote to endorse the statement supporting the academic freedom of Dr. Raz Segal.  
82 responses



Following SFT's open forum on Tuesday, 7/23/24, 12.8% of all dues-paying members voted whether to endorse a statement supporting the academic freedom of Dr. Raz Segal. The statement passed with 84.1% percent of support and will be forwarded to the University of Minnesota administration.