

**MINUTES**  
**YOSEMITE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**FIVE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FIFTH REGULAR MEETING**  
**March 14, 2012**

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The meeting was called to order by Chair Mike Riley at 3:30 p.m. Trustees adjourned to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the following Closed Session Agenda items:

**CLOSED SESSION AGENDA:**

- Discussion:
1. Pursuant to G. C. Section 54957  
Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Appointment/CEO Evaluation
  2. Pursuant to G. C. Section 54957.6 - Conference with Labor Negotiators  
District Representatives: D. Wirth, G. Rose  
Employee Organizations: CSEA, YFA
  3. Pursuant to G.C. Section 54956.9(a) – Litigation  
Case: YFA et al vs. YCCD et al, No. 667978

The Board of Trustees reconvened to Open Session at 5:30 p.m. in the Manzanita Community Education Room. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag preceded formal Board Action.

Board Members Present     Mike Riley, Board Chair  
                                     Tom Hallinan, Vice Chair  
                                     Linda Flores  
                                     Anne DeMartini  
                                     Abe Rojas  
                                     Lynn Martin  
                                     Kelly Acridge (Student Trustee)

Board Members Absent     Don Viss

Others Present             J. Smith, M. Retterer, D. Gervin, J. Fay, T. Nesmith,  
                                     J. Swank, T. Scott, D. Wirth, G. Rose, R. Juarez,  
                                     G. Whitfield, B. Thames, L. Buckalew, T. Palmberg, A. Layne,  
                                     L. Layne, R. Faughn, D. Foletti, P. Lan, J. Doherty, J. Leamy,  
                                     C. Chavez, G. Molina, W. Hesse, M. Shively, J. Lanchester,  
                                     D. Rogers, K. Rolts, T. Brumlow, K. Schultz, L. Medeiros,  
                                     B. DeMoss, R. Hill, S. Romero, K. Sabo, D. Campbell,  
                                     D. Dyrsson, N. Stavrianoudakis, M. Newton, J. Mathies  
                                     (Recorder)

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Report Out From Closed     There was no report out from closed session.  
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Approval of Minutes         A motion was made by Trustee Rojas and seconded by Trustee  
                                     DeMartini to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on  
                                     February 8, 2012, and the study session on March 2, 2012.

The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Alan Layne commented regarding his concern over the recent faculty layoffs, the court decision handed down yesterday regarding YFA, and the possibility of more budget cuts coming from the state to community colleges.

**REPORTS &  
INFORMATION ITEMS**

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Columbia College  
Presentation –  
Career Technical  
Education

Chris Vitelli, Dean of Vocational Education and Economic Development, presented information regarding the Columbia College Career Technical Education (CTE) Division's goal to strengthen the relationships with our local high school career technical education programs and to bridge career pathways of study. This presentation highlighted the progress made toward strengthening high school partnerships, developing programs of study, and initiating high school articulation agreements through CTE. In answer to Trustee DeMartini's question, Mr. Vitelli reported that students do get credit on their Columbia College transcript for the articulated courses taken in high school - but not units that count toward the 60 units required to graduate. If the student wishes to articulate for credit by exam, the faculty will administer the exam, and on passing the exam, the student will get the units required for graduation. Mr. Vitelli commented that it also benefits the college program in that the students are much more connected to the college programs and it helps with retention, recruitment, completion, and student success rate.

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**Constituency Reports**  
Student Activity Reports

ASCC President Tori Palmberg reported that on February 13, there was a civic engagement event – the Jordan Reyes Memorial Blood Drive. Delta Blood Bank reported there were 17 new donors as a result of the event. There was a substantial increase in attendance at the March in March. Columbia College students met with Assembly member Kristen Olsen. Discussion included the state budget and local issues. On March 11, Vice President of Student Learning Leslie Buckalew, in coordination with the ASCC, hosted a live Skype forum from Xian, China, with adventurer and cameraman Leon McCarron. The focus of the discussion was on the motivation and details of his extensive journey. The ASCC will be awarding the annual Erin Lorber Memorial Scholarship to a Columbia College student. On March 20 and 21, the ASCC will be on hand to assist with the activities of the Health and Wellness Fair. On March 28, clubs on campus will be holding membership drives and students interested in starting clubs will be soliciting membership. A Spring Fling dance is planned for April, pending approval. April 16 and 17 Student Senate Elections will be held and on April 26 there will be a Cram Night in the Library from 8:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

ASMJC President Doug Dyrssen reported they had a Club Fair with excellent participation and attendance. Pizza with the ASMJC Executive Board will be tomorrow night (March 15) and constituents will be able to ask questions and give suggestions. ASMJC attended the recent budget cut meetings, and the news is grim. Elections for ASMJC leadership are April 2-5. The framework has been set for a great organization. There has been a lot of concern voiced on campus over removal of a tree on East Campus, though students do understand safety issues. ASMJC is looking at a tree planting campaign to make the campus better and not just be reactionary over trees that must come down. Mr. Dyrssen reported the ASMJC budget has come through on time. He and ASMJC Vice President Kevin Sabo attended the Career Technical Education (CTE) dinner and got to see where the funds are being spent for Career Technical Education. ASMJC is still working with staff, faculty and administration on the Shared Governance Handbook to be certain there is student input. They are working with Brenda Thames, Vice President of Student Services, on a campus wide email program that would reach all students. They are also looking at what can be done to bring more community involvement to help MJC and also showcase what education can do for our world in general.

In response to a question by Trustee Rojas, Mr. Dyrssen reported there was a tree outside the quad at MJC East Campus that was cut down. There was rotting in this very old tree. An expert was brought in to look at it first. Students are being informed that this was handled correctly. Interim President Mary Retterer commented that there is a faculty member who is an arborist. He and Tim Nesmith, Director of Facilities, reported to her that this tree and about 8-10 others on both East and West Campuses are not only old but in imminent danger of falling and causing severe injury. The most critical were taken out first. Thankfully there is not a disease problem, so there is no concern about disease spreading. Some of the trees are 70 years old. Another arborist will also be looking at the rest of the trees identified to see if anything was missed. Two trees have fallen in the last couple of years and we cannot take this kind of risk. We will have the soil checked where trees are taken out to be sure the soil is healthy for a new tree. Trustee DeMartini suggested that students are made aware that the wood from one of the trees that came down was prepared and used very beautifully in the new Student Services Building. Mr. Dyrssen commented that, moving forward, it would be most helpful if students were added to the list for information that is being sent out to staff and the MJC community.

ASMJC Vice President Kevin Sabo reported that ASMJC is involved at the state level as well as on campus. The March in March event was the first time to team up with University of California Student Association (UCSA) which is the counterpart representative organization for UC students and California State Student Association (CSSA) for Cal State students. We pooled

our resources together and came up with a successful event. Mr. Sabo reported he personally met with the Lieutenant Governor and some of the members of the senior adviser team to Governor Brown. They discussed some of the initiatives that are on the ballot and how to pool support hoping to get funding for higher education. Mr. Sabo commented the day after that we had the Board of Governors advocacy day teaming up with faculty as well as staff and some of the state vice chancellors to visit key legislators asking for their support for things like the middle class scholarship and the millionaires tax initiative. The Spring 2012 General Assembly will be in Ontario from April 27-29. MJC is taking a delegation of 10 students. There has been a lot of conversations about Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender (LGBT) issues that are going on at the state. The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges is supporting a resolution putting questions regarding sexual orientation and gender identity on CCCApply so they have the data for gender neutral bathrooms, so they can get the data back as we do not know how to accommodate the needs of the students without that information. We are also looking at safe spaces. We passed, as a state, a resolution supporting the establishment of safe spaces where professors, staff, and areas on campus are identified so students who feel threatened can go to a person or an area where they feel safe. We will be working on implementing that at MJC. MJC will be hosting the ASCCC Region V meeting on March 23. Mr. Sabo reported he was recently promoted to Region V Chair. The next Student Council meeting will be in Sacramento the first or second weekend of April. The ASCCC will be demonstrating their appreciation for State Chancellor Jack Scott who has recently retired.

Chair Riley thanked the students for their reports to the Board and their model which will have impact well beyond the years they serve.

Classified Schools  
Employee Association  
(CSEA)

CSEA President Rosanne Faughn reported that the budget forums led by Chancellor Smith and Executive Vice Chancellor Teresa Scott were appreciated. Employees now know where the District stands with regard to the budget. Ms. Faughn commented that many are still very concerned, and there are many suggestions that could be looked at for cost savings and efficiencies. She reported staff wants to work as one, as they are being asked to do, and they want their suggestions to be heard. Trustee DeMartini asked if the suggestions would be brought to negotiations. Ms. Faughn reported she had taken them to her supervisor.

Faculty Representative  
to the Board

Dr. Stephen Stroud's report was read by Raelene Juarez: Dr. Stroud reported the quote, "It was the best of times. It was the worst of times" is an accurate description of his observations – at a time regarding the economy when our state leaders show, by

their state budget, the true nature of their lack of support for and belief in public education. The YCCD under the leadership of Dr. Smith, Ms. Scott, and Dr. Retterer are seeking the subject matter and curriculum expertise of their faculty to make reductions that will least harm college students and their respective educational success. In choosing this path and addressing the Yosemite Faculty Association, MJC, and Columbia College staff, in multiple meetings, are working together through the most challenging crisis in our history. It is said that many hands make light work. The work required to trim our budgets and offerings is not light, but we are all working together for one of the first times I can remember. My hope is that when this crisis is over, the methods we are using will continue: openness, transparency, cooperation, mutual respect, hard work and trust. Further, I hope that our Accreditation Report will reflect this spirit as the best that is possible with Shared Governance.

#### Academic Senate Activity Reports

Columbia College Academic Senate President Raelene Juarez reported the Academic Senate approved procedures for the newly adopted District Policy 6800 Human Subject Research Protection. Special thanks to our interim researcher, Diana Sunday, who was instrumental in assisting the Senate with creating a set of procedures for our campus. In addition, our Senate is continuing the discussion regarding “orphaned programs” and currently an ad hoc committee is exploring recommendations. The term will most likely disappear, but the question before us is how to address the underlying issues that created the document in the first place. What makes smart working sense is the possibility of “farming out” the sections of this document to appropriate venues already in existence. For example, the equivalency procedures could be added to the District equivalency policy and procedure document. Curriculum could be addressed by the curriculum committee. These are a few options, and it is the goal of the Senate to have the wrinkles ironed out by next fall. Last Friday, we met with the MJC Senate Exec Board here at Columbia College. Rob Stevenson, MJC Art Instructor, gave an insightful presentation on Priority-Based Planning. We also reviewed the Faculty Consultant to the Board position and will be sending the revised copy to all three faculty constituencies – YFA, MJC Senate, and Columbia College Senate. Thank you, Joan and Teresa for Tuesday’s Budget Forum and also President Gervin for coordinating the “Big Picture” Budget Discussion workgroup on our campus. The Columbia College Academic Wellness Educators GPS (Guidance Preparation for Success) topic this month is balancing stress. Ms. Juarez introduced John Leamy, Columbia College Academic Senate President-Elect. At the end of the semester he will take the post of senate president. Mr. Leamy graduated with a Master’s in math from University of Arizona and has been a community college instructor for almost 40 years. He taught 9 years at Mohave Community College before coming on board with the YCCD as a math instructor. He first taught at MJC for 18 years and has been with Columbia College since 2000. John has also

served on the curriculum committees at all three of these colleges and brings thoughtful consideration to senate issues.

Leadership Team  
Advisory Council (LTAC)

The LTAC report was given by Jeff Whalen, Auxiliary Services Manager at Columbia College, and member of LTAC. He reported LTAC is beginning a review of their Goodwill Acknowledgement Procedures. We'd like to identify the occasion and appropriate acknowledgement to be sent for each occasion. Our goal is to ensure that we are fair and consistent when acknowledging members. Martha Robles was approved as the Leadership Team at-large representative on the District's Policy and Procedure Committee. Rhonda Green will continue to represent LTAC. LTAC will send out a survey after the March meeting asking for Leadership Team input in setting goals for the coming year.

Yosemite Faculty  
Association (YFA)

The YFA report was given by YFA Vice President Gene Womble who gave the following report for YFA President Jillian Daly:

Budget: YFA has scheduled four general meetings to discuss the budget realities and what that might mean for upcoming negotiations on salary and benefits, especially if the tax measures do not pass in November. We will also be publishing an upcoming *YFA Buzz* article and asking faculty to fill out surveys. We believe it was good news from the State today on the Governor and CFT leadership compromise in combining their two initiatives. YFA and the YFA PAC will be actively involved in the Fall to help pass all tax initiatives, as their passing will be so important to the community college system.

Contract Language: YFA and the District continue to finalize contract language on several articles, including Faculty Service Area, Reduction in Force, Faculty Transfer and Reassignment, and Administrator Retreat Rights, but also articles we finalized last year, such as Recognition, Parental Rights, Full-time and Adjunct Evaluation for online teaching, and the Employee-Employer Relations Committee and Grievance processes. This is a lot of information to educate the faculty about prior to ratification, so we hope to allow faculty to review all new language within the next few weeks.

Ratification Most Likely in May: YFA has had a rule during the past 10 years that we should never ratify a Tentative Agreement during the summer when faculty members are away. Unfortunately, because we will not receive any concrete news about the cost of health benefits for 2012-2013 until late April, the District and YFA have tentatively agreed to ratify the tentative agreement in the first half of May, if possible. That means that we all need to work together to educate the faculty on everything agreed to at the table prior to the end of the Spring semester. We will also need to work out how to most effectively get ballots to the membership.

These are Hard Times: YFA is cheered by the attendance at the first Budget Forum. Likewise, we are hoping for a good turnout at the YFA general meetings so that faculty can have all their questions answered and to ensure there is a full understanding of the budget realities for YCCD. YFA is hoping for a lot of faculty participation in crafting budget options should the tax measures not pass in November, but we also cannot lose sight that even in these tough times of reductions and possible concessions, faculty total compensation still falls short of those of our negotiated cohorts. YFA pledges to the Board that we will work with the District to help solve budget shortfalls we face over the next several years, but we also need to recognize the need to work on a long-term plan to compensate faculty in the future on par with other districts similar to YCCD.

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Activities and  
Announcements  
**Columbia College**

Columbia College President Dennis Gervin reported that the Columbia College Mission Statement is on the Agenda for approval and every word was scrutinized very carefully for content and context. He also reported a high level of involvement by the students not just on College Council but also on the Curriculum Committee. They are providing valuable insight. He called the Board's attention to the following:

Occupational Olympics

On Thursday, March 1, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., nearly 200 high school students from Tuolumne and Calaveras Counties competed in the 11 vocational areas at the Occupational Olympics. The event affords high school students the opportunity to demonstrate their skills, as well as explore potential majors at Columbia College. Competition categories included automotive, child development, computer business applications, cosmetology, digital photography, drafting, entrepreneurship, foods, health occupations, natural resources, and welding. This is the twelfth year the event has been held at Columbia College. Participating schools include Sonora High School, Summerville High School, Calaveras High School, and Bret Harte High School. Summerville Union High School District Superintendent Dr. John Keiter, Bret Harte Union High School District Superintendent Michael Chimento, and Calaveras County Superintendent of Schools Kathy Northington will join Columbia College President Dennis Gervin in presenting the awards to the winning students in each event.

36<sup>th</sup> Annual Columbia  
Wine Tasting

The Columbia College Foundation will host the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Columbia Wine Tasting – a benefit event that supports the Columbia College Culinary Arts Program, providing scholarships and essential program equipment, featuring representatives from over 65 wineries, as well as delicious hors d'oeuvres prepared by culinary students and various local food purveyors. This year's tasting will be held Sunday, April 15, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

at the Columbia State Historic Park. Reservations can be purchased in advance for \$50 per person between February 1 and April 11, 2012; they will also be sold for \$60 per person at the door as available. Attendees receive a complimentary souvenir wine glass, as well as samples from participating wineries and food vendors. Go to: [www.gocolumbia.edu/foundation](http://www.gocolumbia.edu/foundation) for more information - click on "Columbia Wine Tasting," or call (209) 588-5089.

**Scholarship Celebration**

The Columbia College Scholarship Celebration will be held on Friday, April 13, beginning at 4:00 p.m. in the Dogwood Forum. This year, approximately 130 scholarships will be awarded. Select highlights planned for the ceremony include recognition of this year's scholarship recipients, an opportunity to showcase student talents with instrumental preludes and songs, while artwork is displayed around delicious hors d'oeuvres, all created by scholarship recipients. This year's Scholarship Celebration is, once again, a combined effort between the Columbia College Financial Aid/Scholarship Office Director Marnie Shively and Foundation Office Director of Development Beccie Michael.

**Faculty Tenure Celebration**

Three faculty members will receive tenure in the 2011-2012 academic year and will be recognized at a tenure celebration on Thursday, April 12. Hosted by the College President and Academic Senate, the celebration dinner will be prepared by the culinary arts students. Tenure is achieved after four years of exemplary service as full-time faculty members at the college. Those honored at the dinner will be Craig Johnston, Judy Reiman, and Karin Rodts.

**American Welding Society Lifetime Achievement Award**

The American Welding Society (AWS) will present a special lifetime achievement award certificate to Mr. McKinley Frost for his many contributions to the welding industry since 1946. It is fitting for Mr. Frost to receive this award at Columbia College as he was instrumental in founding the school's welding technology program. Dale Flood, AWS District 22 Director and member of the AWS National Board of Directors, will be in attendance and will present the award to Mr. Frost.

**Modesto Junior College**

Interim President Mary Retterer introduced Dr. James Fay who will be Interim Vice President of Instruction. On March 30 we will cut the ribbon on the Student Services building. One of the trees that had to be taken out was milled into slats and used in the décor of this building. Thank you to Kitchell for this creative idea. We do care about our environment. Congratulations to Professor Dave Shrock who was selected by USA Track and Field to coach the men's distance athletes at the 2012 IAAF World Indoor Track and Field Championships in Istanbul, Turkey (March 2012). Professor Shrock served on a 10-person staff which directed the world's best women's and men's track and field athletes in an important lead-up to the 2012 London Olympic Games in August. Congratulations to the MJC Athletic Department for their

excellence. MJC has renewed its membership with the National Institute for Staff and Organization Development (NISOD). NISOD is an institute for staff and organizational development. Each year they have a conference on teaching and leadership excellence. This is a powerful organization. They have from 1,500 attendees in lean years to 2,800 - 3,000 in good years. About 85% of those are faculty, probably 10% staff and a few administrators. This will be my 20<sup>th</sup> NISOD, and I have a long standing process. I do not send my team; I take them. I introduce them to the town and to the Conference. This Conference recognizes faculty and staff for outstanding performance. Nine of the people going are excellence award winners on some level at MJC over the last three years, and this is why they were invited. I was able to secure two free registrations to the Conference which saved the college about \$1,000; we have grant funds and held over professional development one-time money funds. I have found this Conference to be the best team builder I have ever used in all my years of higher education. We will report out to the Board in June.

#### Speech Team

The Modesto Junior College Speech and Debate Team was crowned Northern California Champions for the 2011-12 season after competing in the Northern California Forensics Tournament February 10-12, 2012, at Chabot College in Hayward. Initially, the team was told it had come in second, but a computation error revealed that MJC actually won.

#### Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies – Student Services Building

On Friday, March 30, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. MJC will celebrate the opening of the Student Services Building with a ribbon cutting ceremony. After a short program, the public will have the opportunity to take a tour and refreshments will be offered.

#### 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Hispanic Education Conference

The Hispanic Education Conference will take place on Saturday, March 17, 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the Performing and Media Arts Center. The purpose of the conference is to expose Hispanic and Latino High School students to higher education, to a variety of occupations, and to motivate the youth to aspire to a successful academic life and career preparation. Students will attend career workshops presented by Hispanic professionals. Approximately 800-1,000 participants are anticipated to attend. For additional information visit [www.mjc.edu/HEC](http://www.mjc.edu/HEC) or call 575-6698.

#### Faculty Tenure Ceremony

MJC will recognize the tenure of eight faculty members at the annual Faculty Tenure Recognition ceremony on Tuesday, April 3, at 3:00 p.m. in the Student Center Fireside Lounge on East Campus. Congratulations to Professors Bruce Anders, Demitrius Snaer, Dr. Jennifer Hamilton, Dr. Lisa Carlstrom, Dr. Teresa Stovall, Eileen Kerr, Lynette Borrelli, and Suzanne Hulsey.

#### Opera and Musical Theatre One Acts

The MJC Music Department will present Opera and Musical Theatre One Acts: Coffee Cantata, The Impresario and Broadway Musical Excerpts from Hair Spray on March 16, 17, 23,

24 at 7:30 p.m. and March 18 and 25 at 3:00 p.m. in the Music Recital Hall. The production is directed by Professor Cherrie Llewellyn. Admission is \$10 general and \$8 for students and seniors.

#### Short Plays

“The Madness of Lady Bright & Three Other Short Plays” will be performed in the Little Theatre of the Performing and Media Arts Center on March 23, 24, 30, 31 at 7:30 p.m. and on March 25 and April 1 at 2:00 p.m. This production is directed by Professor Michael Lynch. Admission is \$10 general and \$8 for students and seniors.

#### Music Department Spring Performances

Music is in the air at MJC with a full line-up of spring performances scheduled. An Electronic Music Concert is scheduled for Wednesday, March 28, at 7:30 in the Music Recital Hall. A String Recital will be held on Thursday, March 29, at 7:30 p.m. in the Music Recital Hall. The Spring Jazz Band will present a concert on Monday, April 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium. On April 5, a Percussion Recital will be held at 6:00 p.m. and followed by a Woodwind and Brass Recital at 7:30 p.m. in the Music Recital Hall. The 35<sup>th</sup> Annual New Music Concert is scheduled for Friday, April 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium featuring music winners from the Celebration of the Humanities Contest. All events are free and open to the public.

#### Guitar Artists

The Guitar Artist Series featuring Tritarra will perform Wednesday, April 4, at 7:30 p.m., in the Music Recital Hall. Tritarra features the artistry of Dr. David Chapman, Travis Silvers, and Guy Powell as they perform works that will embark the audience in a multicultural musical journey through the strings of the guitar. On Monday, April 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium a concert will feature three guitar programs from the Central Valley as MJC joins forces with the University of the Pacific and Delta College programs to perform works for large Guitar Orchestras. Admission is \$12 general and \$10 for students and seniors.

#### Celebration of the Humanities Ceremony for “Art”

The Celebration of the Humanities will recognize the winning pieces of art at the opening of the Student Art Exhibit on Friday, April 6, at 1:00 p.m. The exhibit will be open to the public from April 6 through April 20.

#### Wine and Gourmet Food Tasting Fundraiser

The MJC Foundation and MJC Athletics invite you to the Celebrate MJC Wine and Gourmet Food Tasting on Saturday, April 14, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. in the MJC Gymnasium. The event features a selection of regional wines for tasting, food sampling from a dozen local restaurants, and a silent auction with gift baskets, sports memorabilia, wine, gift certificates, and more. Proceeds benefit MJC’s 21 intercollegiate sports teams. The cost is \$35 per person and tickets can be purchased at the Auditorium Box Office Tuesdays – Fridays from noon to 5:00 p.m. or ordered online at [www.mjc.tix.com](http://www.mjc.tix.com). Must be 21 years of age to attend.

**Yosemite Community  
College District**

Chancellor Joan Smith commended Columbia College and MJC students for their excellent reports to the Board. She congratulated and acknowledged Tenured Faculty. She reported positive feedback from Assembly Member Kristin Olsen and members in legislative offices about our students and how well they were received – leaving an impression as to why funds should not be cut for community colleges. Chancellor Smith commented she is pleased with how the Senates from both colleges are working collaboratively. Regarding the Budget – the state of California is sending to community colleges some of the worst budget projections in our history. There is a real need to work collaboratively. We have \$2.8 million cuts Districtwide. There is no need to fear for jobs if everyone works together collaboratively and collectively. The District portion of the Budget is \$755,000, and we are being extremely conservative. She requested everyone share with their presidents and leaders as to suggestions, thanking the Presidents for their part in Budget planning and also to the Vice Chancellors who are very involved as well. No hiring is being done unless absolutely necessary. She recognized that Dave Chesnut's nomination would be coming forward later on the Agenda as the Annual Classified Employee of the Year and extended congratulations to Dave.

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**Presentations/Updates**  
**Bond Update**

Kitchell representative Mr. Mark Newton provided the Board with an update on the progress of the Columbia College proposed roadways and pedestrian pathways. Over the years these have shown age. Spot repairs have been done, but the plan is to upgrade the entire roadway system and also drainage, minimizing the amount of traffic along the dam. Currently, there are a lot of pedestrians along the road. At the Child Development area, a turnaround area would be created to minimize vehicular traffic. The hope is to increase the size of staff parking and improve access to visitors as well.

**Modesto Junior College:** *Infrastructure/ MJC West Roads Project - Phase II:* The project is complete, with the exception of the last phase adjacent to the Science Community Center. *Science Community Center and Great Valley Museum:* Work continues on both the interiors and the exteriors. *Student Services:* Project move-in is being coordinated. Ribbon cutting is scheduled for March 30, at 2:00 p.m. *High Tech Center:* Working on preparing the Division of State Architect (DSA) submittal.

**Columbia College:** The College is working on updating the *Facilities Master Plan*, which will include prioritization of projects for the remaining of funds.

**Central Services:** The Primary Data Center has been submitted to the DSA. Secondary Data Center is in the Bid Phase. Shipping and Receiving is preparing for contactor pre-qualifications. Bid phase to start.

PROJECT	STATUS	START CONSTRUCTION
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**Current Modesto Junior College Projects**

Agriculture Beef and Sheep Unit	Closeout	August 2009
Infrastructure Increment II	Construction	February 2011
Science Community Center & GVM	Construction	July 2010
Student Services	Commissioning	April 2010
Library Learning Resource	DSA Review	July 2012
High Tech Center	DSA Review	January 2013

**Current Columbia College Projects**

Facilities Master Plan	Planning	Tbd
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**Current Central Services Projects**

Primary Data Center	DSA Review	June 2012
Secondary Data Center	Bidding	April 2012

**Current Educational Outreach Facilities**

Calaveras	Design Phase	Tbd
Oakdale	Property Search	Tbd
Turlock	Property Search	Tbd
Patterson	Design Phase	Tbd

*Definition of "Complete" for Facilities refers to "YCCD Occupancy."  
DSA= Division of State Architect.*

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**ACTION ITEMS**

**Consent Agenda**

Trustee Rojas commented on the very generous donation of \$77,417 to MJC by Heritage Ford and also for the years of service of Merlin Bart, Joshua Bigelow, and Donald Rousseau.

Trustee Rojas made a motion to approve action items A through E. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hallinan who then asked if there were any students present who wanted to comment on the Health Fee increase.

Philip Lowe Activities Director of the Student Senate reported there was a survey taken by both the Student Senate and the students as well. The input has already been forwarded to the staff and faculty at Columbia College. Vice President of Student Services Brenda Thames reported that with the increase in the fee, there are four primary objectives: 1) to expand the mental health services that are available to students; 2) to enhance the health care facilities; 3) to extend the clinic hours; and 4) to provide additional materials to students on health and wellness issues. These are the four outcomes we are hoping to achieve. Vice President Thames reported the achievement in these areas can easily be benchmarked.

**Fiscal Services**  
**Purchase Orders**

The Board of Trustees approved the purchase orders issued from January 1, 2012, through January 31, 2012.

**Acceptance of Gifts**

The Board accepted with appreciation the following gift(s):

Donor	Gift	Coll	Program
Robert Cox	VideoEye Power Magnification System	CC	High Tech Center
George Cardoza	Services and Materials to build auction sale block platform stand (value \$618)	MJC	AG – Young Farmers Club
Alan Cover	\$1,000	MJC	Young Farmers Animal Science
Minturn Nut Company, Inc.	\$3,500	MJC	Young Farmers Livestock Judging Trip to Denver, CO
Manuel Furtado	CAT V-8 Engine (value \$2,500)	MJC	Young Farmers Power Mechanics Program
Heritage Ford	Miscellaneous Ford New Repair Parts (value \$77,417)	MJC	Technical Education
Central Valley Motor Parts, Inc.	Engine Block and Crank Shafts (value \$300)	MJC	Annual Truck Pull

**Notice of Completion of Contract**

The following project contract has been completed and inspected. The Board of Trustees accepted the work performed as having been completed in accordance with the plans and specifications and authorized final payment of 10% of the contract amount.

Bid #	Project Name	College	Contractor	Amount
10-1626	Agricultural Multipurpose Pavilion	MJC	Taisei Construction Corporation	\$10,198,721

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**Consent Agenda**  
**Student Travel**

MJC SEED Trip to Washington, D.C.

MJC is seeking Board approval for two of the MJC Scholarships for Education and Economic Development (SEED) Program students, Ms. Melissa Sanon and Mr. Roland Bernard, who have been selected to receive travel and lodging assistance, to participate in the Clinton Global Initiative University (CGI U) Conference from March 29 – April 3, 2012, in Washington, D.C. The students are awaiting confirmation from CGI U regarding the travel plans and hotel lodging. CGI U is arranging all of the travel plans for students receiving travel and/or lodging assistance. The only cost that might be incurred to the MJC SEED program is transportation to and from San Francisco International Airport if the CGI U does not provide the travel arrangements for a flight out of the Modesto Airport.

Both Ms. Sanon and Mr. Bernard received information February 16 that they have also been selected to attend a special luncheon with former President Bill Clinton during CGI U 2012. This luncheon is exclusively for international students in attendance at CGI U being held on Saturday, March 31, 2012, at 11:30 a.m.

The SEED students nationwide were encouraged by the SEED Program which is administered by the Center for Intercultural Education and Development (CIED) at Georgetown University to apply for assistance to attend this conference. MJC is one of 15 colleges/universities sub-contracting with CIED. The SEED program receives its funding through the US Agency for International Development (USAID).

The Board of Trustees approved the SEED students' trip to Washington, D.C. for Modesto Junior College from March 29 – April 3, 2012.

MJC SEED Trip to  
Portland, Oregon

MJC is seeking Board approval for the Annual Scholarships for Education and Economic Development (SEED) students to attend the SEED West Coast Leadership/Re-Entry Conference in Portland, Oregon, from March 23 - 25, 2012. Eighteen SEED students and Elizabeth Orozco-Wittke, Manager, International Contract Programs, will be traveling by bus, leaving March 22 and returning on March 26, 2012. This conference is to prepare students for their return to their respective countries this year. This is an activity that is included in the proposal that was approved by the SEED Program at the Center for Intercultural Education and Development (CIED), Georgetown University; the money for this activity was also included in the budget narrative for this program. The conference is being organized by the SEED Coordinator from Mt. Hood Community College in Gresham, Oregon. The other colleges that will have SEED Cycle 2010 students participating in this conference include: Mt. Hood Community College, Reedley College and the University of Idaho. Ms. Kayra Fili Alhambra, SEED US Operations Assistant Director, Center for Intercultural Education and Development (CIED). Georgetown University is also planning to attend this event.

The Board of Trustees approved the SEED students' trip to Portland, Oregon, for Modesto Junior College from March 22 – 26, 2012.

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**Consent Agenda,**  
**Columbia College**  
**Proposed Curriculum**  
**Changes**

The Board of Trustees approved the curriculum additions, deletions, and modifications as indicated on an attachment to the Agenda - Proposed Curriculum Changes for the Report Period January 1, 2012, to February 1, 2012. **(See Report #2394)**

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**Consent Agenda,**  
**Health Fee Increase**

Increase of Student Health Services Fee

Education Code Section 76355 provides the governing board of community college districts the option of increasing the student health services fee by the same percentage as the increase in the Implicit Price Deflator Index for State and Local Government purchases of Goods and Services. Current calculations allow for a \$1.00 fee increase. Modesto Junior College and Columbia College seek Board approval to increase the student health fee from \$17.00 to \$18.00 for the fall and spring semesters and from \$14.00 to \$15.00 for the summer session.

The Board of Trustees approved the increase of the student health fee from \$17.00 to \$18.00 for the fall and spring semesters and from \$14.00 to \$15.00 for the summer session. The recommendation will be implemented beginning in the summer of 2012.

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**Consent Agenda,**  
**Personnel Items**

The Board of Trustees approved the following Personnel Transaction Items:

**PERSONNEL TRANSACTION LIST**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Coll</b>	<b>Effective</b>
<b>Retirements:</b>				
Merlin Bart, 28 years of service	Instructional Support Specialist	Automotive Technology	CC	7/1/12
Joshua Bigelow, 30 years of service	Professor of Health & Human Performance	Health & Human Performance	CC	7/1/12 (Amended Date)
Donald Rousseau, 10.5 years of service	Administrative Assistant	Business, Behavioral & Social Sciences	MJC	3/1/12
<b>Interim Administrative Appointment – Educational Administrator:</b>				
James S. Fay	Interim Vice President of Instruction	Instruction Office	MJC	3/5/12 - 8/31/12
<b>Promotional Appointment - Classified:</b>				
Andrious Toma	Maintenance Lead - Electrician	Facilities Planning & Operations	CS	3/15/12
<b>Increase in Assignment – Classified:</b>				
Karen Yacovetti	Instructional Support Specialist, permanent increase in assignment from 36 to 40 hours per week	Arts & Sciences	CC	7/1/12
<b>Non-Renewal: This item added to Agenda via Addendum</b>				
	Director of Research and Planning	College Research and Planning	MJC	6-30-12

Short-Term Appointee List The Board of Trustees approved the following list of short-term

appointees, in accordance with state law (AB500-Goldberg).

Name	Classification	Department	Coll	Start Date	End Date
<i><b>Intermittent</b> – creates pool of eligible employees available on an “on-call” basis. Typically used for critical areas such as security or to cover for mandated positions such as child care.</i>					
Kristan Moon	Art Model	Arts, Humanities & Communications	MJC	3/15/12	6/30/12
Name	Classification	Department	Coll	Start Date	End Date
<i><b>Specially Funded or Temporary</b> – appointments made in response to specially funded project and/or unexpected workload demand created by special projects or vacancies.</i>					
Graciela Guzman-Arreola	Administrative Assistant	Child Development Training Consortium	CS	3/15/12	6/30/12
Dorinda Pendergrass	Administrative Assistant	Foundation	MJC	3/15/12	6/30/12
<i><b>Temporary Replacement for Vacant Classified Position</b> – Maximum of 60 calendar days permitted only during recruitment process.</i>					
Brandy Handel	Custodian	Facilities Operations	CS	3/15/12	6/30/12

Adjunct Faculty  
Appointee List

The Board of Trustees approved the following list of adjunct faculty appointments for the Spring 2012 Semester:

Name	Department	Coll	Effective
Timothy Jensen	Literature and Language Arts	MJC	Spring 2012
William Sullivan	Counseling Department, Student Services	CC	Spring 2012

Reduction in Force -  
Classified

Elimination of program funding due to a non-renewal of contract has created the need for a reduction in program staff at Modesto Junior College, TRIO/Upward Bound program effective May 31, 2012:

The Board of Trustees approved **Resolution No. 11-12/05**, Classified Reduction in Staff, authorizing a reduction in classified personnel and appropriate notice to affected staff.

The motion passed with a vote of 6-0.

Reduction in Force -  
Classified

Elimination of course offerings has created the need for a reduction in program staff at Modesto Junior College, Agriculture and Environmental Sciences Department effective May 31, 2012.

The Board of Trustees approved **Resolution No. 11-12/06**, Classified Reduction in Staff, authorizing a reduction in classified personnel and appropriate notice to affected staff.

The motion passed with a vote of 6-0.

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Discussion Items

Nomination – State  
Board of Governor’s 4<sup>th</sup>  
Annual Classified

The California Community Colleges Board of Governors (BOG), the State Chancellor’s Office, and the Foundation for California Community Colleges (FCCC) created the First Annual Classified Employees of the Year Award in 2009. This award recognizes outstanding classified staff

Employees of the Year Award

through the community college system. YCCD nominations were previously submitted to the Chancellor. One YCCD classified staff member will be submitted to the BOG and FCCC. The BOG and FCCC will honor up to six recipients at their May meeting.

Trustee Rojas made a motion that the Board of Trustees select a YCCD Classified Staff Member from the nominations submitted and directed staff to forward that nomination to the BOG and FCCC. Trustee Flores seconded the motion.

The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

CCCT Board of Directors Election - 2012

The voting period for the California Community College Trustees Board of Directors takes place between March 10 and April 25. There are 11 candidates for eight three-year vacancies on the Board. The candidates are listed on the attached sheet. Biographical sketches were distributed previously to Trustees.

The Board of Trustees will each complete a ballot indicating their preferences for the CCT Board and forward it to the Chancellor for compilation and direct the Chancellor to complete and submit a single Board ballot. **(See Report #2395)**

YCCD Measure E Project Bond Expenditure Guidelines

Yosemite Community College District is at the height of its bond construction activity. As several new buildings are coming into service, the District needs to refine its procedures for closing out projects so that remaining balances can be transferred to other projects prior to the end of the bond program. Therefore, the bond team is recommending the following expenditure guidelines:

- a. All orders for furniture, fixtures, and equipment must be placed no later than six months after the initial occupancy of the building or the final completion of construction.
- b. All project expenditures must be invoiced and paid within twelve months of initial occupancy or final completion of the building. If circumstances exist that do not allow this to happen, this duration may be extended upon the approval of the Executive Vice Chancellor.

Trustee Flores made a motion to approve the expenditure guidelines for Measure E project close out procedures. Trustee Martin seconded the motion.

The motion carried with a vote of 5-0. (Trustee Hallinan out of the room.)

Columbia College Mission Statement

In accordance with the ACCJC Accreditation Standard I.A., Columbia College has completed a review of the College's Mission Statement using an open, collaborative process. Based on this review, the College Mission Statement was updated.

## Columbia College Mission Statement

Columbia College is a dynamic institution of learners and creative thinkers dedicated to high standards of student success. We prepare students to be fully engaged in an evolving world by offering comprehensive and high quality programs and services. Columbia College is committed to a culture of improvement through measuring student learning across the institution. We strive for excellence, foster a spirit of professionalism and embrace diversity.

*Adopted by Columbia College Council on February 3, 2012*

Trustee Martin made a motion that the Board of Trustees approves the revised Mission Statement for Columbia College. Trustee Flores seconded the motion.

The motion carried with a vote of 5-0. (Trustee Hallinan out of the room.)

### Resolution Authorizing Issuance of GO Refunding Bonds

In November 2004, voters in the Yosemite Community College District authorized the issuance and sale of \$326,000,000 of general obligation bonds (Measure E) to acquire, construct, improve, and equip capital facilities throughout the District. In April 2005, the District issued the first series, \$92,015,000, of general obligation bonds from the 2004 Bond Authorization. The proceeds of the Series A Bonds were used to finance new projects and to advance refund outstanding Lease Revenue Bonds and Certificates of Participation of the District as outlined in the ballot measure. As a result, the District can advance refund approximately 82% of the outstanding Series A Bonds, which currently have an outstanding par amount of \$75,850,000 with maturities between 2012 and 2029. The interest rates range from 4.00% to 5.00%. The Series A Bonds have an optional call date of August 1, 2015, at par.

Due to the continuing decline of current interest rates and a decrease in the total assessed valuation of property in the District, there is an opportunity to refinance a portion of the existing Series A Bonds.

The California Education Code requires districts to adopt a resolution authorizing the refunding of general obligation bonds. The resolution approves the issuance of refunding bonds not to exceed \$60 million in one or more series and further approves the form of a Preliminary Official Statement which will be used by De La Rosa & Company and Kinsell, Newcomb & DeDios, Inc., to market the bonds. The resolution also approves the form of an Escrow Agreement Relating to the Defeasance for the sale of the bonds to De La Rosa & Company and Kinsell, Newcomb & DeDios, Inc. No additional Board action will be required for this refunding of Bonds.

Executive Vice Chancellor of Fiscal Services Teresa Scott reported the District engaged a financial advisor to look at the underwriting fees to be certain we are getting the best rates. She also reported total costs are approximately \$350,000, with \$145,000 issuance fees and an underwriter discount of \$178,000. Overall we are covered quite well and getting the best rates. All fees are contingent. Trustee Riley thanked Ms. Scott for

due diligence.

Trustee Hallinan made a motion that the Board of Trustees adopts **Resolution No. 11-12/07** authorizing the refunding of YCCD General Obligation Bonds not to exceed \$60,000,000. Trustee Rojas seconded the motion.

The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

CSEA, Chapter 420  
Negotiations Proposal  
to YCCD

The YCCD/CSEA contract allows either party to amend or modify the agreement as well as negotiate on contractual language for salary and/or fringe benefits annually. CSEA, Chapter 420 submitted a proposal to YCCD.

Trustee Rojas made a motion that the Board of Trustees:

- a. Receive the CSEA, Chapter 420 negotiations proposal reopener to YCCD that was attached to the Agenda. **(See Report #2396)**
- b. Schedule a public hearing on the proposal for April 12, 2012.
- c. Refer the proposal to administrative staff for review.

Trustee DeMartini seconded the motion.

The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

Public Hearing – YCCD  
Negotiations Proposal  
to CSEA, Chapter 420

On February 8, 2012, YCCD presented its negotiations proposal to CSEA, Chapter 420. Consistent with applicable code sections and District policy, it is necessary for the Board of Trustees to conduct a public hearing on the proposal.

Chair Riley conducted a public hearing regarding the YCCD negotiations proposal to CSEA, Chapter 420. There were no comments. The public hearing was closed.

Modesto Junior College  
Accreditation Special  
Report

This item was added to the Board Agenda via Addendum: Modesto Junior College Accreditation Special Report is to be submitted to the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges on March 15, 2012.

Trustee Rojas made a motion that the Board of Trustees confirms that it has reviewed the Modesto Junior College Accreditation Special Report and directs staff to forward said Report to the Accrediting Commission by the March 15, 2012, deadline. Trustee Flores seconded the motion.

The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

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**COMMENTS**  
From the Board of  
Trustees

Student Trustee Kelly Acridge reported he sat in on Student Senate meetings at Columbia College and discussed with them what they need to keep in mind if they have dual trusteeship. He met with a Columbia College student regarding how the District updates policies and gave him information on how students might be more active and the process for students to be heard before policy updates. Trustee Martin reported she

met with Columbia College Academic Senate President Elect John Leamy, President Raelene Juarez, and the new Vice President of Student Learning Leslie Buckalew. She met with a group of Columbia College faculty members to discuss District policies and events. She attended the welcoming reception for Dr. Buckalew hosted by Dr. Gervin, the luncheon for the local American Association of University Women (AAUW) and Chancellor Smith was the speaker, the tour of the new MJC Student Services building, the retirement party for Jean Mallory, and the budget meeting at Columbia College. Trustee Rojas reported he attended the VIPJPA meeting, the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday event for Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors Dick Monteith, the forum on biracial experiences at MJC, and the Board Study Session. He and Trustee Flores sat on a panel at the Latina Youth Leadership forum, and yesterday he attended a Latina Leadership Network event. He reported he and Public Affairs Director Nick Stavrianoudakis and Matt Kennedy of Kitchell continue to search for property in the Turlock Area. In response to a question by Trustee Hallinan, Columbia College President Dennis Gervin reported they are still exploring the best opportunities and available options in Oakdale. Trustee Hallinan reported Santa Monica Community College is proposing a two tier pricing system. He commented he is not proposing the District starts this but that they have to think outside the box and would like to take a look at this plan, commenting the District must plan for the worst case scenario should the tax initiative not pass in November. He commented in order to continue to serve people, we must look at ideas and if someone is willing to pay for hard to get classes, we may have to consider it. Members of the Board expressed a desire to know more about this plan. Chancellor Smith commented she would provide more information regarding this at the Retreat on April 16. Trustee Flores reported attending the Association of Stanislaus County School Board Trustees meeting, participated in a Latino Leadership Development Collaborative candidate workshop where she and Trustee Rojas spoke about how they got started running for office. Trustee DeMartini reported Pedro Mendez, Director of Technical Education, called a meeting of stakeholders in Patterson regarding the opening of the Patterson center to elicit comments from a variety of people on what they hoped would be taught. This is just a start but MJC had a very nice attendance. She commented she also attended the MJC Student Services tour. Chair Riley commented he is very proud to be associated with YCCD and part of the Board and is also very proud of the students. He attended the Board Study Session, the tour of MJC Student Services, reviewed the special report on Accreditation by the visiting team and the special report prepared by MJC. He attended three meetings of the MJC Foundation Finance Committee. The search for the Foundation's financial adviser is down to two finalists. He reported he also met with the Faculty Representative to the Board Stephen Stroud.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Wednesday, April 11, 2012. Closed session will begin at 3:30 p.m. and open session at 5:30 p.m. in the Yosemite Community College District Board Room, Yosemite Community College District, 2201 Blue Gum

Avenue, Modesto, California.

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

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Mike Riley, Chair  
YCCD Board of Trustees

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Joan E. Smith, Ed.D. Secretary  
YCCD Board of Trustees