

The motion carried with a vote of 6-0. *(Trustee Abshire not present for vote)*

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Student Activity Reports

ASMJC Director of Events, Mark Lamb, reported a good turnout at the Student Services fair. The vendor fair is coming soon. ASMJC is working on upcoming events, including the second annual Haunted House and carnival event. Mr. Lamb responded to Trustee Flores that registration was smoother this semester and student involvement in campus activities is increasing at MJC.

ASCC president, Jayme Johnson, reported that the remodel of the student center is completed and is already benefiting students. ASCC has held its second meeting and is comprised of six officers and eight senators. ASCC is hoping to plan a monthly open mike night. Other possible events include a Halloween Festival and International Earth Day. The Student Senate is working on a new, more proactive structure. In response to inquiry by Trustee DeMartini, ASCC has two senator vacancies and a vacancy for Vice President of Finance. Ms. Johnson responded to inquiry by Trustee Flores stating that there is increased student involvement, and that XReg was very successful.

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Academic Senate Reports

Kathy Schultz, Columbia College Academic Senate President, reported that there was excellent attendance and participation at the Baker Station work day and Faculty Retreat. Senate raised \$250 and donated it to Lake Tahoe Community College for employees displaced by the fire. In-Service workshops were well attended by faculty. The AWE group (Academic Wellness Educators) hosted a well attended fair which focused on student success and available resources at Columbia College. AWE conducted a self-assessment at a recent full day retreat and determined next steps towards student success in Basic Skills. The Curriculum Committee has completed training in the new Title V process. Ms. Schultz recognized Dr. Joe Ryan, who is currently serving as curriculum chair. There have been recent problems with WebCT, and Ms. Schultz thanked Wendy Link and Marty Gang for working to resolve issues quickly for students. Columbia College is currently working on the implementation of CurricuNet.

Jim Sahlman, MJC Academic Senate President, stated that the new faculty and adjunct faculty orientations were successful and thanked the MJC planning staff for their coordinated efforts. Pat Wall, Director of Basic Skills, gave a presentation on the Basic Skills Initiative. The Senate has approved MJC's Accreditation Progress Report. The Senate is working with Valley Charter High School to improve student success. The recent Retreat was a success, and the MJC President and Vice Presidents were in attendance. Trustees were invited to

attend a workshop presented by the California Community College League (CCLC) on September 24, from 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. MJC Senate will focus on curriculum implementation as required by recent Title V changes and the Basic Skills Initiative. All faculty syllabi have been placed in division offices in compliance with accreditation standards. Mr. Sahlman is meeting with departments and divisions to ensure that all faculty are represented in the Senate. Outreach recruiter, Lori Dangerfield, will be visiting classes to inform students of services provided by MJC.

Both Senates are working with the Central Services staff on the equivalency policy. Both presidents thanked trustees for their attendance at recent college events.

Student Activity Reports,
Continued

Columbia College professor Vonna Breeze-Martin and several students gave a PowerPoint presentation to the Board on their trip to Northern Spain. This program included study, tours, and home stays with host families. Instruction was held at the Zador School of Spain. Student Dale Phillips commented that though his Spanish was limited before this trip, he returned able to understand more of the language. Student Tyler Schuster stated that he gained world knowledge and experienced great teaching and emersion into his host family. Student Chris Russell heard of the class through the Union Democrat and had not previously been a Columbia College student. The diverse group traveling from Columbia College made the experience even more memorable. Student Patricia Horsthuis loves experiencing other cultures. She commented that the emersion into the Zador School, where no English is spoken, was a wonderful experience. Student Nicol Gaffney returned appreciating the cultural differences between Spain and the U.S. Professor Breeze-Martin will be seeking Board approval for Columbia College to host this class again next year.

REPORTS & INFORMATION

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Activities and Announcements

YCCD Staff Recognition

Chancellor Darnell reported that staff member Richard Majtenyi, YCCD Campus Security Officer, was recently recognized in the July/August 2007 issue of the California School Employees Association magazine, *Focus*. The cover story was entitled "Watchful Eyes – Keeping Schools Safe and Secure." Majtenyi was one of five individuals highlighted. Dr. Darnell commended Mr. Majtenyi for his service to staff and students and thanked him for making student safety his first priority. Trustee Dean thanked Mr. Majtenyi for carrying a statewide message on student safety.

MJC Women's Soccer Team Recognition

MJC President Rich Rose reported that the MJC Women's Soccer team opened the season ranked 5th in the National Soccer Coaches of America Association poll. This is the highest ranking for the Lady Pirates, who made it to the Nor-Cal semifinals for the last two years and finished 19-2-2 last season.

Modesto Area Partners in Science (MAPS) and Science Colloquiums

Dr. Rose reported that the Science, Math and Engineering Division will present monthly Modesto Area Partners in Science (MAPS) programs and weekly Science Colloquiums this Fall. The first MAPS presentation "California's Dinosaurs", features Sierra College Professor Dick Hilton, speaking on Friday, September 28, 7:30 p.m., East Campus, Forum 110. The Science Colloquiums will be held on Thursdays, from 1:00 – 1:50 p.m., East Campus, Science 213. Topics and presenters include "Science That Matters," by MJC Biology Professor Richard Anderson on September 6; "Stress Physiology of Juvenile Chinook Salmon" by Norm Ponferrada, UC Davis on September 13; "Modesto's Energy Future" by Mike Zweifel, M.I.D., on September 20; and "Zoology Marvels" by Teri Curtis and her students on September 27. The Fall line-up is online at www.mjc.edu/news/MJCCalendarofEvents.pdf. These events are free to the public.

MJC Nursing Alumni Fundraiser

Dr. Rose reported that the MJC Nursing Alumni Association is holding a "Join Hands with the Future" Pasta Dinner Fundraiser on Saturday, September 29, 5:00-9:00 p.m. in the Mary Stuart Rogers Student Learning Center on West Campus. Proceeds will be used to purchase equipment for the MJC Nursing Skills Lab. Dinner will be catered by Angelina's Restaurant, and the evening will include live entertainment, vendor tables, and drawing prizes. Tickets are \$20 general, \$15 for senior citizens and \$10 for children and can be purchased through the MJC Foundation Office or by contacting Kendis Bettencourt in the Allied Health Office at 575-6569 or via e-mail: bettencourtk@mjc.edu.

MJC Civic Engagement Fall Film Series

Dr. Rose reported that the MJC Civic Engagement Film Series will feature five thought-provoking film presentations during the Fall semester. The films will be shown on the first and third Thursdays in October and November and the first Thursday of December at 7:00 p.m. in Forum 110 on East Campus. The films include *China Blue* on October 4, *The Iron Wall* on October 18, *Mine Your Own Business* on November 1, *An Inconvenient Truth* on November 15 and *With God on Our Side* on December 6. The films are free, open to the public and each will be followed by a discussion.

MJC Speech Night

Dr. Rose reported that the MJC Forensics Team will demonstrate a variety of competitive speeches and debates during the Fall Speech Night set for October 10, 7:00 p.m., in the Gymnasium on East Campus. Over 800 students enrolled

in speech communications courses at MJC and are expected to attend this event. Tickets will be available in advance for \$5 and at the door for \$7. Proceeds from Speech Night are used to cover expenses for the Team to compete in speech tournaments throughout California.

Constitution Day
Presentations

Dr. Rose reported that the MJC Civic Engagement Committee will host Lee Lundrigan, Stanislaus County Clerk-Recorder and Registrar of Voters, speaking on "The Constitution, Elections & Voting." The event is being held in recognition of Constitution Day and is scheduled for Thursday, September 20 at 7:00 p.m. in Forum 110 on East Campus. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Columbia College President Joan Smith reported that on Constitution Day, September 17, 2007 at Columbia College volunteers will distribute free of charge 570 copies of *The U.S. Constitution and Fascinating Facts About It* to students on campus. Volunteers will staff booths at various locations on campus and will include members of the student leadership, staff, faculty and administrators.

Columbia Middle College
Program

Dr. Smith reported that a group of 30 high school students make up the first class of Columbia Middle College, which started on August 22. A joint partnership between the Sonora Union High School District and Columbia College, created this new program designed to help students earn a high school diploma, accumulate college credits, and make connections with a community of learners. Participants take required high school courses, Mondays through Fridays mornings, in the Manzanita Conference Room and Columbia College courses in the afternoons.

Columbia College Foundation
Board Retreat

Dr. Smith reported that members of the Columbia College Foundation attended a retreat on August 16 in the community education classroom. A presentation on fundraising development was made by Judith Lanning, Acting Executive Director of the MJC Foundation and Interim Dean of Science, Math and Engineering at MJC. Special thanks are extended to Ms. Lanning for the presentation and to Dr. Rich Rose for his support of the collaboration. The following members were appointed to the Foundation Board: Mike Heuton (first term), Dr. Dennis Gervin (first term), Gene Womble (first term), Ida Ponder (second term) and Bill Dunlavy (third term).

Family Fun Nights for Claim
Jumpers' Women's Volleyball

Dr. Smith reported that this season Columbia College will be admitting students with valid school IDs to all their women's volleyball home games for free. The no charge for student admission is part of the Lady Claim Jumpers' Family Fun Nights and is intended to attract larger crowds of families to the Oak Pavilion for an inexpensive evening of fast-paced college-level sports. Others will be charged the standard \$4 per seat for

games with a special discount price of \$2 for those 55 and older.

Columbia College Lakeside
Jazz & Wine

Dr. Smith reported that the Lakeside Jazz & Wine event will be hosted for the fourth year along the shores of Columbia College's campus lake on Saturday, October 13, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Enjoy a relaxing afternoon of jazz, wine and culinary delights. This year's new program additions include an art show, silent auction and 39-foot long cake in anticipation of the college's 40th anniversary, which will be celebrated in 2008. Cost is \$30 per person and advance reservations can be made through the President's Office.

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Presentations/Updates
Enrollment Update

Vice President Dennis Gervin reported that in the third week Columbia College has an increase of 2.3% in FTES and an increase of 7.68% in headcount. He attributes this spike to late start classes. At Calaveras, the headcount is up 41.5%, and at Oakdale, the headcount is up 54%. Students appear happy and Columbia College has started an exciting year.

Trustee Abshire commended Columbia College's public information officer, Mr. Doug Lau for his excellent outreach through advertising in the Oakdale area. She stated that because of the advertising, Columbia College is becoming a part of the Oakdale culture.

President Rich Rose introduced Dean George Railey to provide the enrollment report for MJC. Dean Railey reported that at MJC, student enrollment is up 491 which represents a 3% enrollment increase. FTES are currently up 3%. Smart Start has been a successful tool to increase enrollment. Late start classes and additional sections are being added. Dean Railey stated that the next efforts will be focused on student retention.

Trustee Neumann is pleased with reports that student registration is going smoother. Trustee DeMartini thanked staff at both colleges for their hard work and efforts towards increasing enrollment. Ms. Abshire was recently on the MJC campus and observed that staff are energized and focused on meeting student needs and providing student services.

CPS Update

Vice Chancellor of Human Resources Ms. Diane Wirth reported that Chancellor Darnell has met with the Classification Study Advisory Committee to discuss next steps. The committee will receive training on the methodology of the study. A review of the appealed responses will follow.

Unagendized Item - YFA

YFA president Jillian Daly reported that the YFA Retreat was attended by executive administrators and YFA representatives. The main topic of the retreat was workload.

Sabbatical Presentation

Ms. Daly introduced ESL professor Ruth Luman to the Board. Ms. Luman reported on her sabbatical during the 2005-2006 academic year. Ms. Luman traveled and lived in East Africa for ten months visiting Rwanda, Uganda, Tanzania and Kenya. There were three components to her sabbatical, materials development, study and culture. Ms. Luman wrote two textbooks and course packs for classes she teaches at MJC and is a contributing author in a textbook soon to be published. Ms. Luman completed her master's thesis and intensively studied Swahili. She spent one month at a language institute in Washington D.C. studying Swahili before leaving for Africa. She has gained experiential knowledge of how adult students approach learning a foreign language and that experience will cause her teaching to be more effective with her ESL students.

Bond Update

Kitchell representative Mr. Mark Newton provided the Board with updates on the progress of current Bond projects.

Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee: Later in this agenda, the Board will be asked to approve a recommendation to appoint Jayme Johnson to fill the vacant Columbia College student member position. At-large member Dr. John H. Keiter submitted his resignation from the YCCD Measure E Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee on August 15, 2007. The next scheduled meeting of the Committee is October 3, 2007, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the YCCD Board Room, 2201 Blue Gum Avenue, Modesto.

Columbia College: *Pinyon:* Project is complete and has been re-occupied. *Child Development Center:* Project continues in design and is scheduled to be submitted to the State for approvals in December. Project is scheduled to bid in the Spring 2008. *Science and Natural Resources:* Project is scheduled to be submitted to the State in June 2008, and bid at the end of the year. The schematic design is being reviewed and this project will not impact the green house. *Public Safety Center:* Project was submitted to the State for approvals on August 17, 2007, and will begin construction in February 2008. The *Madrone* project has been submitted to the State for approval and is scheduled to begin construction in January 2008.

Modesto Junior College: *Ag Modular Housing:* All three phases (demolition, manufacturing of modular units and site improvements) have bid and the project is currently on budget. The *Ag Multi-Use Pavilion* committee has met to discuss revised budget and scope. The architect is developing a revised floor plan and cost estimate based on the new budget. *Allied Health:* The project is proceeding in the design development phase and finishes are being selected. The *Parking Structure* cost estimate has been prepared for the

schematic design package. The cost estimate is being reviewed by Kitchell and the District. The *Auditorium* project is 55% complete and proceeds on schedule and within budget. *Softball Complex*: A kick-off meeting has been scheduled with the college committee and the architect. *Science Community Center*: The committee has interviewed and ranked four of the pre-qualified architects. Kitchell and the District will negotiate a contract with the top ranked firm of Lionakis Beaumont.

Calaveras Outreach Site: An analysis of comparable sales has been prepared by the Measure E team, as a predecessor to the recommendation for acceptance or a counter offer to the land owner. **Oakdale Outreach Site:** An analysis of the educational program needs is being completed by Columbia College. The Measure E team is determining cost of leasing facilities in Oakdale. **West Side Outreach Site:** Project is scheduled for close of escrow September 30. **Turlock Outreach Site:** Various properties are being considered for a future location.

Quarterly Expenditure Report: The Measure E Quarterly Expenditure Report (**Report #2232**) was reviewed with the Board and reflects expenditures through June 30, 2007 (end of fiscal year 2006-2007). MJC has expenditures totaling \$5.9 million; Columbia College has expenditures totaling \$2.7 million; and District-wide expenditures total \$25.7 million.

ACTION ITEMS

Consent Agenda

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Purchase Orders

A motion was made by Trustee DeMartini, and seconded by Trustee Rojas, to approve purchase orders issued from July 1, 2007, to July 31, 2007. Trustee Neumann disclosed a conflict of interest due to his affiliation with Wille Electric.

The motion carried with a vote of 5-0. (*Trustees Hallinan and Neumann not present for vote.*)

A motion was made by Trustee Rojas, and seconded by Trustee Abshire, that the Board approve all remaining items appearing on the Consent Agenda, amended as follows:

Acceptance of Gifts

Accept with appreciation the following gifts:

- a. Donation of precision measuring tools from Robert Denning to be used in the Machine Tool Technology program at Modesto Junior College.

Project Applications/
Amendments

Authorize the Yosemite Community College District to submit the following project applications/amendments (**Report #2233**) and to enter into a contract with the appropriate donor agencies when the projects are selected for funding:

Executive Vice Chancellor Teresa Scott reported the following change:

- a. San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control – YCCD
Agency share: ~~\$411,846.90~~ \$870,094
Proposer share: 20% of invoice
- b. Industry Driven Regional Collaborative Grant (IDRC) - MJC
Agency share: \$281,886.00
Proposer share: \$290,000.00

Special Appointment – Rose Approve the appointment of Dr. Rich Rose to serve as a member of the ACCJC evaluation team visiting the Salvation Army College on October 15-18, 2007.

Columbia College Curriculum Report 2006-2007 Approve curriculum additions, deletions, and modifications as indicated in the annual report for Columbia College (**Report #2234**) for the year 2006-2007.

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Personnel Items

Grant retirement emeritus status to **Hilda Sielicki**, Health Services Coordinator, Health Services, Modesto Junior College, effective August 20, 2007 and officially commend her for 15 years of valuable service to the District.

Approve the appointment of **Brian Greene** to the position of Faculty Librarian, Columbia College, effective Fall 2007.

Approve the temporary appointment of **Vanitha Swaminathan** to the position of Instructor of English, Literature and Language Arts, Modesto Junior College, effective for the Fall 2007 semester only.

Approve the full-time temporary appointment of **Tina Troiler** to the position of Instructor of Psychology, Columbia College, effective for the Fall 2007 semester only.

Approve the temporary appointment of **Jeffrey Beebe** to the position of Auto Body Collision Instructor, Ag, Environmental Science & Technical Education, Modesto Junior College, effective for the 2007-2008 academic year only.

Approve the temporary appointment of **Tania Adkins** to the position of Instructor of Nursing, Nursing Consortium, Modesto Junior College, effective for the 2007-2008 academic year only.

Approve the appointment of **Michelle Marquez** to the position of Director, Center of Excellence, Workforce Training Center, Modesto Junior College, effective September 4, 2007, contingent upon funding.

Approve the promotional appointment of **Kendis Bettencourt** to the position of Support Staff II, Allied Health, Modesto Junior College, effective September 1, 2007, contingent upon funding.

Approve the probationary appointment of **Cindy Brown** to the position of Support Staff II, Allied Health, Modesto Junior College, effective September 4, 2007, contingent upon funding.

Approve the probationary appointment of **Moises Aguilar** to the position of Electronic Technician, Technology Services, Modesto Junior College, effective August 6, 2007.

Approve the probationary appointment of **Stacy Farish** to the position of Custodian, Facilities Operations, Yosemite Community College District, effective August 15, 2007.

Approve the probationary appointment of **Tanya Smith** to the position of Admissions & Records Tech II, Admissions & Records, Modesto Junior College, effective September 19, 2007.

Approve the probationary appointment of **Crystal Hinchman** to the position of Admissions & Records Tech I, Admissions & Records, Modesto Junior College, effective September 17, 2007.

Approve the probationary appointment of **Janai Carlton** to the position of Admissions & Records Tech II, Admissions & Records, Modesto Junior College, effective September 4, 2007.

Approve the probationary appointment of **Sarah Belarmino** to the position of Admissions & Records Tech II, Admissions & Records, Modesto Junior College, effective September 4, 2007.

Approve the probationary appointment of **Shawn Smith** to the position of Child Development Center Associate Teacher (73.75%), Family & Consumer Sciences, Modesto Junior College, effective September 1, 2007 (10 month work year), contingent upon funding.

Approve the probationary appointment of **Lina Sarhadi** to the position of Child Development Center Associate Teacher (73.75%), Family & Consumer Sciences, Modesto Junior College, effective September 1, 2007 (10 month work year), contingent upon funding.

Approve the probationary appointment of **Cheryl Garcia** to the position of General Clerk (47.5%), Counseling, Modesto Junior College, effective September 13, 2007 (10 month work year), contingent upon funding.

Approve a voluntary temporary reduction in assignment for **Korene Keene**, Account Technician I, Business Services, Yosemite Community College District, from 100% to 80%, effective August 27, 2007 to December 15, 2007.

Approve a voluntary temporary reduction in assignment for **Karin Rodts**, Laboratory Assistant I, DSPS, Columbia College, from 40 hours per week (100%) to 32 hours per week (80%), effective August 27, 2007 to December 14, 2007.

Approve a voluntary temporary reduction in assignment for **Lolanda Carson**, Library Media Technician III, Library, Learning Resources & Technology, Modesto Junior College, from 100% to 75%, effective September 4, 2007 to August 29, 2008.

Approve a voluntary reduction in assignment for **Rose Hefley**, Administrative Secretary, Learning Support Services, Columbia College, from 100% (40 hours per week) to 75% (30 hours per week), effective September 4, 2007.

Approve a temporary increase in assignment for **Theresa Stovall**, Lab Assistant I, Literature and Language Arts, Modesto Junior College, from 87% to 100%, effective August 27, 2007 to December 15, 2007.

Accept the resignation of **Shannon Hassett**, Psychology Instruction, Columbia College, effective August 20, 2007.

Accept the resignation of **Maria Manzano**, Outreach Recruiter, Special Programs EOPS, Modesto Junior College, effective August 2, 2007.

Accept the resignation of **Jessica Daniel**, Campus Security Dispatcher (40%), Campus Security and Employee Safety, Yosemite Community College District, effective August 5, 2007.

Short-Term Appointees

Approve the list of short-term appointees in accordance with recently adopted state law (AB500-Goldberg).

The motion carried with a vote of 6-0. *(Trustees Hallinan was not present for vote.)*

DISCUSSION ITEMS

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Discussion Item

YFA Negotiations Proposal to YCCD

Chair Dean reported that YFA has presented their 2007-2008 negotiation proposal to the District. A motion was made by Trustee Neumann and seconded by Trustee Flores that the Board of Trustees receive the 2007-2008 negotiation proposal of YFA; schedule a public hearing on the proposal for October 10, 2007; and refer the proposal to administrative staff for review.

The motion carried with a vote of 6-0. *(Trustees Hallinan was not present for vote.)*

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YCCD Bargaining Proposal to YFA – Public Hearing

Chair Dean reported that on August 8, 2007, YCCD presented its 2007-2008 negotiation proposal to the Yosemite Faculty Association (YFA). Consistent with applicable code sections and District policy, Trustee Dean conducted a public hearing.

There were no comments from the public.

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CSEA Negotiations Proposal to YCCD

Chair Dean reported that CSEA, Chapter 420, has presented their 2007-2010 negotiation proposal to the District. A motion was made by Trustee DeMartini and seconded by Trustee Flores that the Board of Trustees receive the 2007-2010 negotiation proposal of CSEA, Chapter 420; schedule a public hearing on the proposal for October 10, 2007; and refer the proposal to administrative staff for review.

The motion carried with a vote of 6-0. *(Trustees Hallinan was not present for vote.)*

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YCCD Bargaining Proposal to CSEA, Chapter 420 - Public Hearing

Chair Dean reported that on August 8, 2007, YCCD presented its 2007-2010 negotiation proposal to CSEA, Chapter 420. Consistent with applicable code sections and District policy, Trustee Dean conducted a public hearing.

There were no comments from the public.

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Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee

Chair Dean reported that one vacancy exists on the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee regarding the Columbia College student position. The Chancellor forwarded the name of Columbia College student Jayme Johnson to be appointed by the Board to fill this student position vacancy. A motion was made by Trustee Neumann and seconded by Trustee Rojas that the Board of Trustees appoint Jayme Johnson to the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee.

The motion carried with a vote of 6-0. *(Trustees Hallinan was not present for vote.)*

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Quarterly Report on the District's Financial Condition

Executive Vice Chancellor Teresa Scott reported that, consistent with prevailing fiscal practices and in compliance with current statute, staff have prepared the quarterly statement of the District's financial condition for the quarter ended June 30, 2007 (**Report #2235**). Ms. Scott reviewed the quarterly statement with the Board. The District did not experience significant fiscal problems in this quarter. As required by law, Chair Dean conducted a public hearing. There were no comments from the public.

A motion was made by Trustee Neumann and seconded by Trustee Flores that the Board of Trustees direct staff to submit a copy of the required report to the Stanislaus County Superintendent of Schools and the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office.

The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

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2007-2008 Yosemite
Community College District
Final Budget

Executive Vice Chancellor Teresa Scott reported that on June 13, 2007, the Board of Trustees adopted the 2007-2008 Yosemite Community College District Tentative Budget. The 2007-2008 State of California Budget, which includes the community colleges budget package, was passed by the Legislature on August 21, 2007 and subsequently signed by the Governor. Ms. Scott presented the District's 2007-2008 General Fund Budget which assumes no new enrollment growth over the prior year. This assumption will most likely be modified based on student enrollment at both colleges for the Summer, Fall, and Spring terms. The Columbia College Budget includes an augmentation for FTES growth from the prior fiscal year, 2006-2007. Columbia College increased FTES in 2006-2007 by 105. The District's 2007-2008 General Fund Budget includes a revenue line item representing a 4.53% cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) per the State Budget. A portion of the COLA funding has been allocated to the Colleges and Central Services to cover the cost of step and column compensation increases and estimated medical benefit increases. The COLA balance is held in a District contingency account pending the outcome of negotiations. A contribution to the Retiree Liability Fund was made in fiscal year 2006-2007 and is budgeted in the 2007-2008 General Fund Budget. An estimated 10% medical benefit increase effective January 1, 2008 is also included. The District is currently contracting for a revised actuarial study to identify the appropriate amount that should be transferred to the Retiree Liability Fund. Ms. Scott provided a 20-year analysis of annual FTES which reflects 16,605 FTES district-wide.

In response to inquiry by Trustee Abshire, Ms. Scott reported that the mandated cost reimbursement have previously been not been paid by the state and have been in arrears for several years. This reimbursement is related to collective bargaining. Ms. Scott stated that the District's 5% reserve is based on the amount of District unrestricted funds only. There is currently no reserve amount set on restricted funds.

Regarding unrestricted fund expenditures and in response to Trustee DeMartini's inquiry, the District expends approximately 85% on salaries and benefits which holds with the state average of 85-87%. President Smith, in response to inquiry by Chair Dean, stated that the new contract regarding firehouse operations at Columbia College is being budgeted out of college funds.

Chair Dean conducted a public hearing regarding the 2007-2008 Final Budget for the Yosemite Community College District. There were no comments from the public.

A motion was made by Trustee Rojas and seconded by Trustee Neumann that the Board adopt the District's 2007-2008 Final Budget (**Report #2236**) and authorize staff to prepare and file the necessary annual Financial and Budget Report (CCFS-311) with the required agencies.

The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

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MJC Accreditation Progress
Report

MJC President Rich Rose reported that the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting on January 11-13, 2006, reviewed the institutional self study report and the report of the evaluation team which visited Modesto Junior College in October of 2005. The Commission took action to reaffirm accreditation with a requirement that the college complete a Progress Report on three areas: 1) development of a planning initiative to address issues of staffing, support services, and programs; 2) engage in a collaborative process to ensure a transparent and equitable allocation of financial resources and that the District and the college implement a process to communicate budget issues with each other on an ongoing basis; and 3) develop and implement a strategic planning process for connecting long-term program and services planning to financial resource development.

The Progress Report provides information, evidence, and analysis regarding the resolution of the recommendations to which it was directed by the Commission's Action Letter. The Progress Report must be reviewed by the Governing Board prior to its submission by October 15, 2007. Dr. Rose reported that the Progress Report has been reviewed by the Academic Senate and the finalized Progress Report (**#2237**) is before the Board.

The report will be followed by a one-day visit by a team of two members, typically the chair of the comprehensive evaluation team familiar with the recommendations and a member from the Commission or Commission staff in October 2007. President Rose believes MJC has met the standard set by the accreditation commission and thanked MJC administrators, staff and senate members for their participation and hard work.

A motion was made by Trustee Neumann and seconded by Trustee Rojas to accept the Modesto Junior College Accreditation Progress report, a copy of which was previously provided to the Board for review.

The motion was carried with a vote of 7-0.

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Columbia College
Accreditation Progress Report

Columbia College President Joan Smith reported that the Board is being requested to approve the Columbia College Accreditation Progress Report (**Report #2238**) which is scheduled to be submitted October 15, 2007. A copy of the report was previously provided to the Board.

Columbia College was informed by the Accreditation Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACCJC), via letter dated January 31, 2006, that its accreditation had been reaffirmed per the October 2005 visit, with a requirement that the college complete a Progress Report and submit it to the ACCJC by October 15, 2007. It was also noted that the report would be followed by a visit by Commission representatives.

The Commission took action to reaffirm accreditation with a requirement that the college complete a Progress Report on five areas: 1) develop a concrete and systematic process to improve collaboration with the District to include, but not be limited to, examination of centralized/decentralized operational District functions; 2) establish a comprehensive planning process between planning, budget and program review; 3) ensure transparent and equitable allocation of financial resources and that the District and the college implement a process to communicate budget issues with each other on an ongoing basis; and 4) develop a culture of evidence including research-based analysis to assess institutional effectiveness and needs; and 5) adopt an aggressive approach to Student Learning Outcomes.

The report was prepared and discussed in many venues such as College Council and Academic Senate meetings and was written over the summer months, addressing the five recommendations made by the Commission after their October 2005 visitation. The Progress Report was placed on the Columbia College website for the entire college community to review and provide comments to the College President's office. All comments will be collected and will be shared with the visiting team upon their arrival to the site visitation, on a date which is still to be determined. President Smith is pleased with Columbia's progress in Student Learning Outcomes and thanked Columbia College administrators, staff and senate members for their participation and hard work.

A motion was made by Trustee Neumann and seconded by Trustee Flores to accept the Columbia College Accreditation Progress report, a copy of which was previously provided to the Board for review.

The motion was carried with a vote of 7-0.

Trustee Comments on Accreditation

Trustee Neumann is pleased with the colleges' work on the accreditation reports and stated that the reports were clear and responsive to questions raised by the accreditation team. He further commented that the accreditation process is helpful to the governing board as it surfaces questions that need Board attention. Ms. Abshire inquired as to financial aid requirements and Chancellor Darnell clarified that the accreditation commission does verify that we are in compliance with financial aid laws. Executive Vice Chancellor Teresa Scott commented that the previous problem with financial aid that was pointed out in the audit report has been corrected and is not related to the accreditation report. In response to inquiry by Trustee Hallinan, Chancellor Darnell stated that there is an accreditation focus statewide on program review, planning and student learning outcomes and many colleges' accreditation reviews are reflecting that statewide focus.

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MJC Dairy Cattle Judging Team Out-of-State Trips

President Rose stated that MJC is seeking Board approval of the Dairy Cattle Judging Team competition in Madison, Wisconsin. The MJC Dairy Cattle Judging Team has once again qualified to compete in the World Dairy Expo Dairy Cattle Judging Contest from September 28 to October 2, 2007. The cost of the trip for the coach and five team members is approximately \$3,200. The funds for the trip will be paid through VTEA, Departmental Travel and/or Dairy Club funds.

MJC is also seeking Board approval of the Dairy Cattle Judging Team competition in Viroqua, Wisconsin. The MJC Dairy Cattle Judging Team has once again been invited to compete in the Accelerated Genetics Intercollegiate Dairy Cattle Judging Contest from September 14 to 17, 2007. The cost of the trip for the coach and five team members is approximately \$2,800. The funds for the trip will be paid through VTEA, Departmental Travel and/or Dairy Club funds.

A motion was made by Trustee Rojas and seconded by Trustee Hallinan that the Board of Trustees approve the MJC Dairy Cattle Judging Team trips to Madison and Viroqua, Wisconsin.

The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

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COMMENTS
From the Public

None.

From the Board of Trustees

Student Trustee Elbert James reported that he recently attended the new student trustee conference in Sacramento. There was an article in the Modesto Bee which stated that students do not participate on campus, and he disagrees.

Students at both Columbia College and Modesto Junior College are very active and participatory in college activities. Trustee Flores reported that she had the opportunity to attend MJC's Institute Day, receptions hosted by the Hispanic Leadership Council (HLC) and El Concilio, and the Harvest Luncheon hosted by the Modesto Chamber of Commerce. Trustee Rojas attended the new faculty orientation, classified staff breakfast, MJC Institute Day, advisory committee meeting on Legislation in Sacramento, VIP/JPA meeting in Modesto, Turlock meeting regarding a collaborative joint use education center, and HLC and Stanislaus County Office of Education (SCOE) receptions for Dr. Darnell. Desirree Abshire attended the honors student mixer and thanked faculty for their participation in the event. Trustee Hallinan commented that Dr. Darnell is being very well received and stated that Dr. Darnell is the District's ambassador to our local communities. Trustee DeMartini also attended community receptions for the Chancellor and new semester events at both colleges including new faculty orientation, CSEA staff breakfast, In Service and Institute Days. Trustee DeMartini thanked the SCOE Board for hosting a reception for Dr. Darnell and providing the opportunity to meet trustees and superintendents from our county schools. Chair Dean is serving on a committee of the Sonora Union High School District to identify future high school needs. She also attended the CSEA staff breakfast, In Service and Institute Days, and the Harvest Luncheon in Modesto. Chair Dean gave a special thank you to MJC administrator Judith Lanning for a job well done at the Columbia College Foundation Retreat.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Dean stated that the Board will recess to the Annual Fall Retreat scheduled for Friday, September 14, 2007, at 8:30 a.m. at On Broadway, 153 S. Broadway, Turlock.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Wednesday, October 10, 2007. Closed session will begin at 3:30 p.m. and open session at 5:30 p.m. in YCCD Board Room, 2201 Blue Gum Avenue, Modesto.

The meeting recessed at 8:31 p.m.

Pat Dean, Chair
YCCD Board of Trustees

Roe Darnell, Secretary
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