

**MINUTES**  
**YOSEMITE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**FIVE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH REGULAR MEETING**  
**October 10, 2007**

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The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Pat Dean at 3:30 p.m. Trustees then recessed to closed session for the purpose of discussing the following closed session agenda items:

- Discussion:
1. Pursuant to G. C. Section 54957  
Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Appointment
  2. Pursuant to G.C. Section 54956.9(b)  
Significant Exposure to Litigation: Three Cases
  3. Pursuant to G.C. Section 54956.8 – Property Negotiator  
Conference with real property negotiators
  4. Pursuant to G. C. Section 54957.6 - Conference with Labor Negotiators  
District Representatives: D. Wirth, T. Scott, G. Rose  
Employee Organizations: CSEA & YFA

The Board of Trustees reconvened to public session at 5:32 p.m. in the YCCD Board Room, Yosemite Community College District. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag preceded formal Board action.

Board Members Present            Pat Dean  
   Anne DeMartini  
   Abe Rojas  
   Tom Hallinan  
   Linda Flores  
   Desirree Abshire  
   Paul Neumann  
   Elbert James (student trustee) *(arrived 5:45 p.m.)*

Board Members Absent            None

Others Present                    T. Nesmith, G. Rose, R. Rose, N. Stavrianoudakis, R. Darnell,  
   D. Wirth, J. Sahlman, K. Schultz, D. Baggett, J. Swank, D.  
   Gervin, J. Daly, B. Nadell, J. Faris, K. Walters Dunlap, B. Wells,  
   D. Campbell, M. Quilvajo, J. Lanchester, M. Otaya, M. Newton,  
   M. Anglin, M. McKinnon, R. York, G. Railey, M. Jackson and S.  
   Akiona (recorder).

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Report Out From Closed            None.  
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Approval of Minutes                A motion was made by Trustee DeMartini and seconded by  
   Trustee Neumann that the Board of Trustees approve the  
   minutes of the regular meeting on September 12, 2007 and  
   minutes of the Board Retreat on September 14, 2007.

The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

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Student Activity Reports –  
Presentation to the Board

MJC President Rich Rose introduced Vice President of Instruction, Karen Walters Dunlap; Dean of Instruction, George Railey; faculty members and students, to provide an update on Student Learning Outcomes at Modesto Junior College. Mr. Railey reported that in 2006-2007, with support from the Office of Instruction, MJC faculty and the Student Learning Outcome (SLO) Committee conducted over 30 workshops, trainings and discussion sessions, which were attended by over 400 college employees. Pilot projects were started in the following areas: Electronics Technology; Humanities Courses in CSU-GE and IGETC Transfer Patterns; Psychology 101; English 50; Environmental Science; and Math Sequence. Math Professor Jacqueline Faris reported that in Fall 2005, the faculty began a more formal process of examining SLOs, implementing changes and measuring their effect. Ninety percent (90%) of the full-time faculty have actively participated in this effort. The goal is to start with the most basic skills and move up in difficulty level each semester until skills are found that are not being mastered. Faculty have been evaluating placement test scores and measuring the expected learning outcomes for each course at the end of the semester. As a result, students are being placed more accurately and are better prepared. This is evident in that students are passing at higher rates with higher grades. Pass rates have nearly doubled for students assessing under new scores. Eighty percent of the students passing with a C or better have mastered the basic skills of the math courses. English Professor Jason Holstetter reported that the English Department pilot focused on students' ability to write a focused, fully developed paragraph, as a concentration on an essential learning objective of the course. During the pilot program 243 paragraphs were evaluated, with 52% being insufficient. In response instructors' reviewed teaching tactics, assessment methods/standards, and uncovered significant inconsistencies. Results indicate the need to adjust instructional practices; there is a need for more "norming" sessions; increased communication regarding best practices; and more focused, effective instruction. These changes will ensure that students are better prepared for the next level. Psychology Professor Lee Merchant and student Shyla Jolly reported on the psychology pilot program. Professor Merchant reported that the pilot program focused on assessing student understanding of theoretical orientations in the following psychological areas: psychodynamic behavior, social cultural, cognitive and neuroscience. Student Shayla Jolly stated that the pilot program increased her understanding of these psychological views, allowed her to focus on mastering these topics and prepared her to advance to the next level of psychology. Vice President Bob Nadell reported that during Fall 2007, Division Deans and faculty will continue with SLO

and assessment development at the course level. In Spring 2008, MJC will continue course level SLO, assessment development and evaluation process. In Fall 2008, MJC will begin program level SLO pilots, assessment of those pilots; develop responses; and implement outcomes. Vice President Nadell reported that the program review process should be completed within two years. Trustee Neumann is pleased with the tangible evidence of the positive impact the SLO pilots are having on student learning. Chancellor Darnell stated that evidence will be a key topic during the colleges' next accreditation cycle.

ASMJC President Maria Quilvajo reported that members are attending a leadership conference in Sacramento and a National advocacy conference in Washington D.C. where they will meet with legislators to discuss textbook costs and other student issues. Upcoming ASMJC events include: the Day of Unity with Haven House to increase awareness on domestic violence; City Council & Board of Education Candidate Forum; collection of clothing and gifts for the Haven House and Modesto Gospel Mission; and Thanksgiving dinner for families in need sponsored by the Human Services Club.

ASCC President, Jayme Johnson reported that members will attend the leadership conference in Sacramento. Upcoming events include: Monster Mash, Open Mike Nights, Can Food Drive and mentoring fair and partnership with A-TCAA (Amador, Tuolumne County Action Agency).

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Academic Senate Reports

Jim Sahlman, MJC Academic Senate President, stated that the Senate supports the student health fee increase. The Senate has met with Bob Vizzolini and Peggy Kroll and will be reviewing guidelines and expectations to help ensure student success at Valley Charter High School. Improving Basic Skills is a goal for the Senate this year. Regarding intersession, the Senate believes more data needs to be collected and reviewed before changing the calendar. Faculty attended a presentation from the State Academic Senate reviewing participatory governance and strengthening relationships between stakeholders. Meetings with division and department deans continue.

Kathy Schultz, Columbia College Academic Senate President, reported that faculty continue to work with MJC and Central Services to finalize the equivalency policy and procedures. Several faculty members attended the YFA retreat and participated in discussion on workload issues. The SLO Taskforce offered small group workshops. The Distance Education Committee is working on an education plan which will be used in the Title III grant. Discussions have begun

regarding prioritization of faculty hirings. Ms. Schultz participated as a student on a trip to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival and thanked Instructor Jim Toner for a wonderful learning experience.

## **REPORTS & INFORMATION**

### **ITEMS**

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### **Activities and Announcements**

Satellite Lecture Series at  
MJC

President Rich Rose reported that the MJC chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society is hosting a live-feed, satellite lecture series entitled "*Gold, Gods, and Glory: The Global Dynamics of Power*" on Tuesdays, October 2, 16 and 30 and November 13 at 4:30 p.m. in Forum 101 on East Campus. The series features prominent writers and experts speaking on the influence of wealth, religion and fame on the distribution and uses of world power. Question and answer sessions follow each seminar.

MJC Ag Annual Open House

President Rose reported that the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Agriculture Open House will be held on Thursday, October 11, in the East Campus Agriculture Building. MJC Agriculture students will plan, construct and present displays, highlighting MJC Agriculture majors. Displays will open at 5 p.m. with a BBQ dinner served until 6:30 p.m. A program follows at 6:30 p.m. recognizing the 2007 Honorary Young Farmers Degree recipients. The displays will reopen after the program and continue until 8 p.m.

MJC Transfer Day & College  
Night

President Rose reported that MJC's annual Transfer Day & College Night is scheduled for Tuesday, October 23, in the Student Center Rotunda on East Campus. Transfer Day is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and targets MJC students seeking transfer to a four-year college. Representatives from approximately 55 colleges and universities will be on hand to answer questions and provide information on academic programs, admission procedures, transfers, financial aid, student life and more. College representatives will also be available from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. for College Night, which assists high school students in making plans to pursue a higher education. Both events are free and open to college students, high school students and their parents.

MJC Theatre Presents "*Curse  
of Apollo: The Tragedy of  
Oedipus Rex*"

President Rose reported that the MJC Theatre Department will present the drama "*Curse of Apollo: The Tragedy of Oedipus Rex*" on October 19, 20, 26, 27 at 7:30 p.m. and October 21 and 28 at 2 p.m. The play is directed by Professor Michael Lynch and performed in the Cabaret West Theatre on West Campus.

MAPS - Symposium on  
Global Climate Change

President Rose reported that Modesto Area Partners in Science (MAPS) will host a Symposium on Global Climate Change on Friday, November 2, 2007, 6-9:40 p.m. in Forum 110, on MJC East Campus. The symposium will feature panel presenters: MJC Science Professors Dr. Richard Anderson, Dr. Bill Luebke, Garry Hayes, Elizabeth McInnes and Noah Hughes, and Economics Professor Ron LaMont. Presenters will discuss the evidence and science behind global warming, the biological effects and the implications for California. There will also be a community panel, including YCCD Trustee Anne DeMartini, local farmer Don Lundberg and Modesto City Councilman Garrad Marsh discussing "What, if anything, should we do locally?" The event is free and open to the public.

Columbia College Workshops

Columbia College Vice President Dennis Gervin reported that a series of workshops presented by administration to inform and engage the faculty, staff and leadership of Columbia College has been planned. Thus far, workshops have included a presentation by Dr. Dennis Gervin, Vice President for Student Learning, regarding Student Learning Outcomes. The SLO workshop was designed to ensure that the campus-wide community is informed and in-sync on this topic. Items discussed were Columbia College's response to the accreditation visiting team's recommendations and next steps for the Fall 2007 semester. A second presentation in this series was facilitated by Ms. Connie Mical, Chief Operations Officer, on the *Campus Master Plan*. The workshop provided an overview of the facilities planning document and its key components. The information presented will provide information to faculty and staff who participate on college-wide planning committees to make informed decisions, specifically with respect to how projects relate to and/or impact others. Future workshops planned for this year include Budget and Integrated Planning.

Title III Grant

Vice President Gervin reported that Columbia College will be developing a Title III grant proposal for submission in Spring 2008 with the purpose of developing the Columbia College Foundation and grants departments, as well as enhancing our distance education services to students. A taskforce, comprised of the College Distance Education Committee and Deans, has been meeting to develop the basis of the project and are excited about the prospect of bringing in these funds to support their educational efforts. A consultant from Lighthouse Consulting, Inc. visited the college on October 5 to discuss the development of the grant proposal.

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Presentations/Updates  
Enrollment Update

Vice President Dennis Gervin reported though head count is slightly down, FTES are up 1.9% at Columbia College. He

attributes this to fewer sections, but students are enrolled in more classes.

President Rich Rose introduced Dean George Railey to provide the enrollment report for MJC. Dean Railey reported that enrollment is holding steady and MJC does not anticipate a roll backs for 2007-2008.

Field Act Presentation

Kitchell Representative Mark Newton provided the Board with a written analysis of the Field Act and how it is affected by Proposition 1D. The California Building Code is the current regulatory building code. Mr. Newton explained that the Field Act was developed as an administrative tool to enforce building standards. Currently, the UC and CSU systems build under the California Building Code. The State Chancellor's Office has been assigned the task of developing administrative procedures regarding the Field Act. The impact of the new law that allows community colleges to build under the Field Act or the California Building Code has not yet been fully determined as the administrative procedures are not yet completed. Mr. Newton will report updates to the Board in early 2008.

Annual Report – Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee

Richard S. "Duke" York, Chair of the YCCD Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee, reported that the YCCD Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) approved an annual report at their October 3, 2007 meeting. The Annual Report is one of the required duties of the CBOC that must be presented to the Board of Trustees in public session. Mr. York reported that the report will be available to the public next week on the District's website. The report provides updates on construction projects, outreach site, land acquisitions and budget breakdown through June 30, 2007. Mr. York recognized and thanked members of the Committee who have completed service and welcomed the new student representative, Ms. Jayme Johnson, to the committee. Trustee Rojas commented that the document is well done and very informative. He will use it to share information with the public. Trustee DeMartini thanked Mr. York and the members of the Committee for their time and good work.

*Unagendized – Chancellor's Update*

Chancellor Darnell provided the Board with draft priorities for 2007-2008, this item will be agendized for Board approval at the next meeting. Board priorities, college priorities, and Central Services priorities will be aligned as part of the integrated planning process. Integrated planning processes will be a topic during the colleges' next accreditation cycle. Chancellor Darnell noted that key areas needing Board review and possible action include the District reserve, new revenue sources, Board Priorities, Board Agenda structure, Board Self-Evaluation Process and Chancellor's Goals.

Bond Update

Kitchell representative Mr. Mark Newton provided the Board with an update of current projects.

**Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee** – The YCCD Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) met on October 3, 2007. The annual report was finalized, new student member Jayme Johnson was introduced, and the future meeting schedule was adopted.

**Columbia College:** *Child Development Center:* Project is being redesigned and is scheduled to be submitted to the State for approvals in December. Project is scheduled to bid in Spring 2008. *Science and Natural Resources:* Schematic design is complete and the exterior design is being reviewed and revised to meet the standards of the Campus Master Plan. *Public Safety Center:* Project has been submitted to the State for approvals. Project is expected to bid in December 2007; start of construction is anticipated to begin January 2008. The *Madrone* project has been submitted to the State for approvals and is scheduled to begin construction in January 2008. Ground breaking events will be scheduled for all pending new construction projects. CEQA compliance is almost complete for Columbia College.

**Modesto Junior College:** *Campus Master Planning:* bfgc is currently working on updating the Campus Master Plan. *Agricultural Housing:* Construction will begin on completion of CEQA. The *Multi-Use Pavilion* project has been re-scoped to match the current budget. A revised project fee has been provided by the Architect and is being reviewed by the program team. *Allied Health's* design development phase is completed; cost estimates will be prepared to verify project is on budget. The *Parking Structure* project is on schedule and within budget and is in the design development phase; working with Department of the State Architect (DSA) on a collaborative design and review process which may shorten the planning review process. The *Auditorium* project is 57% complete and proceeds on schedule and within budget. *Softball Complex:* A kickoff meeting has been scheduled with the committee and the Architect. *Science Community Center:* Contracts have been executed. The committee has interviewed museum consultants with technical expertise to assist.

**Calaveras Outreach Site:** An analysis of comparable sales has been prepared by the Measure E team as a predecessor to recommendation for acceptance or a counter offer to the landowner. The issue will be discussed with the Board for further action. **Oakdale Outreach Site:** Analysis of the educational program needs is being completed by the college. The Measure E team is determining cost of leasing facilities in Oakdale. **West Side Outreach Site:** The deadline for delivery of a donation parcel by Sperry Road Business Center to build a West Side outreach site of Modesto Junior College in Patterson expired on September 30, 2007. After revising the location of

the parcel, amending the agreement, and initiating preliminary feasibility and environmental studies on the parcel, the District committed to the site with the stipulation that the donor provide free and clear title by September 30, 2007. As a result, the District is exploring offers for site acquisition on the West Side. **Turlock Outreach Site:** Various properties are being considered for a future location.

Trustee Rojas reported that he attended the Turlock educational summit meeting. That group is identifying sites for joint use with the City of Turlock, Stanislaus State University, UC Merced, and Modesto Junior College. Faculty Consultant David Baggett asked for clarification on the housing project delay. Chancellor Darnell reported that he met with Ag faculty and students to inform them that an inquiry from an outside agency has required more testing be done to comply with CEQA, which must be clear before construction can begin. The delay may stall construction until next Fall.

**ACTION ITEMS**  
**Consent Agenda**

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

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Purchase Orders

Approve purchase orders issued from August 1, 2007, to August 31, 2007.

Acceptance of Gifts

Accept with appreciation the following gifts:

- a. Donation of a 7,000 lb. 2-post vehicle lift from Brian Morris for use in the automotive technology program at Columbia College.
- b. Donation of a 1996 Ford Crown Victoria from Marilene and Alvin Maack for use in the automotive technology program at Columbia College.
- c. Donation of a 1982 Honda Civic from Debra York for use in the automotive technology program at Columbia College.
- d. Donation of \$1,000 from Weller Construction for use in the volleyball program at Columbia College.

Special Appointment –  
Darnell

Approve the appointment of Dr. Roe Darnell to serve as chair of the ACCJC evaluation team visiting Imperial Valley College on October 25-28, 2007.

Special Appointment –  
Stavrianoudakis

Approve the appointment of Nick Stavrianoudakis to serve as team assistant to the ACCJC evaluation team visiting Imperial Valley College on October 25-28, 2007.

Notice of Completion of  
Contract

Accept the work performed by Saviano Company, Inc., on the Tennis Court Resurfacing at Columbia College, Bid #07-1581, completed in accordance with the plans and specifications, and authorize final payment of \$18,430 to be made.

Personnel Items

Approve curriculum additions, deletions, and modifications as indicated in the proposed curriculum changes effective Summer 2007 for the year 2007-2008.

Approve the temporary appointment of **Lynn Richardson** to the position of Instructor of English, Literature & Language Arts, Modesto Junior College, effective for the Spring 2008 semester only.

Approve the appointment of **Laura Haley** to the position of Child Care Center Manager, Family & Consumer Sciences, Modesto Junior College, effective September 24, 2007.

Approve the probationary appointment of **Jose Gonzalez** to the position of Outreach Recruiter, Financial Aid, Modesto Junior College, effective September 17, 2007, contingent upon funding.

Approve the probationary appointment of **Rolf Erik Klevmyr** to the position of Fire Science Facility Technician, Public Safety/Fire Science, Modesto Junior College, effective October 1, 2007, contingent upon funding.

Approve the probationary appointment of **Suzanne Cruz** to the position of Campus Security Officer I (80%), Columbia College, effective October 1, 2007.

Approve the probationary appointment of **Leta Love** to the position of Nurse II, Health Services, Modesto Junior College, effective October 1, 2007, contingent upon funding (10 month work year).

Approve a reduction in assignment for the position of Lab Assistant II – Computer Lab, Allied Health, Modesto Junior College, from 100% to 80%, effective October 1, 2007. This position is currently vacant.

Approve a voluntary temporary reduction in assignment for **Anne Shanto**, Performing Arts Costume Specialist, Arts, Humanities & Communications, Modesto Junior College, from 100% to 92%, effective August 27, 2007 to December 15, 2007.

Accept the resignation of **Stephanie Bucknam**, Instructional Assistant I, Business, Behavioral & Social Sciences, Modesto Junior College, effective October 1, 2007.

Accept the resignation of **Tomasia Drummond**, Program Rep II – CalWorks, Financial Aid, Modesto Junior College, effective September 7, 2007.

Accept the resignation of **Yvonne Gwarggis**, Webmaster, Registry, Yosemite Community College District, effective October 17, 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 7-0.

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Discussion Items

Rejection of Bid

Chair Dean reported that bids for Student Housing Site Improvements, Bid #08-1586, were opened on August 16, 2007. Staff recommends that the Board reject all bids. Additional time to complete the project CEQA is needed. This extended time will make rebidding necessary. Therefore, staff recommends that the Board reject all bids and authorize re-bidding of the project.

A motion was made by Trustee Hallinan, seconded by Trustee Rojas, that the Board of Trustees reject the bids for Student Housing Site Improvements.

The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

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2008 Summer Calendar

Chair Dean reported that the District employs a 4/10 workweek during the summer months. Staff will conduct an analysis of the ongoing effectiveness of this summer schedule and its impact on students and enrollment. A report to the Board will be presented for review in Fall 2008. Trustee DeMartini is looking forward to staff's analysis next fall.

A motion was made by Trustee Neumann and seconded by Trustee Flores that the Board authorize the use of the 4/10 workweek for the period beginning April 28, 2008 and ending August 15, 2008.

The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

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Resolution – California  
Community College Initiative

Chancellor Darnell reported that this Initiative will appear on the ballot for the February 5, 2008 statewide election and, if passed, will amend the State Constitution, State laws and focuses on changing community college funding requirements, enrollment fee levels, and governance. The Initiative provides a minimum annual funding level for community colleges by establishing separate funding guarantees for the community college system and for the K-12 system. The initiative provides funding for community colleges that is separated from K-12 funding and is based on college-aged population growth

resulting in a projected increase in revenue of \$7.5 million over the next three years for YCCD, if the District meets its enrollment targets. The initiative cuts student enrollment fees to \$15.00 per unit and caps subsequent fee increases at 10% per year. Both college senates have reviewed the Initiative and appear to be in support. Trustees discussed the strengths and weaknesses of the Initiative. CSEA Chapter President Jeff Swank stated that there is statewide support from CSEA, with most members being in the K-12 system. Trustee Rojas reported that the State Legal Advocacy Committee prefers fees be held at \$20. Trustee Flores supports separate funding for community colleges. Trustee DeMartini stated that there is both good and bad in the Initiative and she will abstain from the vote. Trustees Abshire and Neumann stated that stabilizing fees is important to students. According to Jillian Daly, YFA President, YFA supports the Initiative. Trustee Hallinan will support the Initiative based on staff recommendations.

A motion was made by Trustee Abshire and seconded by Trustee Neumann that the Board of Trustees adopt **Resolution No. 07-08/02** supporting the Community College Initiative and encouraging students and voters to become aware of the pros, cons and impacts of its passage.

The motion carried with a vote of 6-0, Trustee DeMartini abstaining.

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Health Fee Increase

Chair Dean reported that 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 to \$16.00 for the fall and spring semesters and \$13.00 for the summer session.

A motion was made by Trustee Rojas and seconded by Trustee Flores that the Board of Trustees approve the increase of the student health fee to \$16.00 for the fall and spring semesters and to \$13.00 for the summer session. The recommendation will be implemented beginning in the spring of 2008.

The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

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Dairy Products Judging Team  
– Las Vegas, Nevada

Chair Dean reported that MJC is seeking Board approval of the Dairy Products Judging Team competition in Las Vegas,

Nevada. The MJC Dairy Products Judging Team has once again been invited to compete in the National Intercollegiate Dairy Products Judging Contest from October 14 to 16, 2007. The cost of the trip for Adjunct Professor Aileen Rickert-Ehn and volunteer Lori Marchy, and three students will be approximately \$2,500. The trip will be paid for through fundraising plus a cost offset from the contest organizers.

A motion was made by Trustee Abshire and seconded to Trustee Hallinan that the Board of Trustees approve the MJC Dairy Products Judging Team trip to Las Vegas, Nevada.

The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

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Dairy Cattle Judging Team –  
Louisville, Kentucky

Chair Dean reported that MJC is seeking Board approval of the Dairy Cattle Judging Team competition in Louisville, Kentucky. The MJC Dairy Cattle Judging Team has once again been invited to compete in the North American International Livestock Exposition Post-Secondary Dairy Cattle Judging Contest. Mr. Hobby, MJC Dairy Judging Team coach, is planning a team trip from November 2-5, 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 Dairy Club and VTEA funding. Trustee DeMartini congratulated the Ag Department and noted that the local newspaper wrote a story about MJC Ag receiving a first place, overall trophy at the World Dairy Expo.

A motion was made by Trustee Flores and seconded by Trustee Abshire that the Board of Trustees approve the MJC Dairy Cattle Judging Team trip to Louisville, Kentucky.

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 stated that the proposal for an observatory at Columbia College is an exciting opportunity for students and the community. The Jazz & Wine event over the weekend was successful and well attended. Trustee Neumann stated that the Chancellor's Community Reception hosted by Kenni and Lou Friedman was a wonderful event; and Dr. Darnell is having a positive impact on the community. Trustees Flores and Rojas attended the ribbon cutting event for the new MJC track. Trustee Rojas attended the Mexican Independence Day Celebration at MJC, the CAJPA/Valley Insurance conference on workers compensation and benefits; and the

Disabilities Awareness Day at MJC. Trustee DeMartini has been viewing property options in Patterson with the Chancellor and District staff. Trustee Hallinan attended an evening concert at MJC's Recital Hall, the event was well attended by students. Trustee Abshire attended the nursing program fundraiser and thanked Pat Wall for the invitation to participate in the Statewide Development Resource Center Initiative. Chair Dean reported that she participated in the ACCT San Diego Conference and attended workshops focused on succession planning, evaluation, protocol and campus safety. Chair Dean expressed concern regarding campus and student safety at both colleges. The Foundation Jazz & Wine Event is this weekend at Columbia College and Chair Dean encouraged everyone to attend and support the Foundation. She thanked Vice President Dennis Gervin for sitting in for President Smith tonight. She also thanked Foundation member Brian Morris for his donation of the lift to the automotive department.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Wednesday, November 14, 2007. Closed session will begin at 3:30 p.m. and open session at 5:30 p.m. at Columbia College, Community Education Room, 11600 Columbia College Drive, Sonora.

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

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Pat Dean, Chair  
YCCD Board of Trustees

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Roe Darnell, Secretary  
YCCD Board of Trustees