

MINUTES
YOSEMITE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FIVE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH REGULAR MEETING
November 14, 2007

At 1:30 p.m., Trustees DeMartini, Rojas, Neumann, Abshire, Flores and Chair Dean attended the reception and tour of the Modesto Junior College (MJC) Human Patient Simulation Laboratory, 4 South Forest Road in Sonora.

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: One Case
 3. Pursuant to G. C. Section 54956.9(a) - Litigation
Case: ACE v. YCCD, No. 306771
 4. Pursuant to G.C. Section 54956.8 – Property Negotiator
Conference with real property negotiators
 5. 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 5:30 p.m., Community Education Room, Manzanita Building, Columbia College. 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 (*departed 7:35 p.m.*)
 Elbert James (student trustee)

Board Members Absent None

Others Present T. Nesmith, G. Rose, R. Rose, J. Smith, N. Stavrianoudakis, R. Darnell, D. Wirth, T. Scott, J. Sahlman, K. Schultz, D. Baggett, J. Swank, D. Gervin, D. Lau, C. Chavez, M. Gang, D. Foletti, R. Milburn, L. Wilcox, A. Conlin, M. Adams, J. Scheuber, M. Kennedy, C. Mical, T. Elizondo, J. Johnson, and S. Akiona (recorder).

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Report Out From Closed Session Chair Dean reported that during closed session, the Board moved to amend the official minutes of the Board dated July 10, 2003 to strike the name of a former employee from the Board's permanent Board meeting minutes. The name will be

stricken from page seven of said minutes, item number 7. The official record will now read: “approve the termination of probationary employee, in the position of Administrative Secretary, Student Success, Modesto Junior College, effective June 16, 2003.

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Approval of Minutes

Recorder Shelley Akiona reported that there has been an addition to the minutes of October 10, 2007, to include the comments of Chair Dean made during the Board Comments section of the agenda.

A motion was made by Trustee Neumann and seconded by Trustee Rojas that the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the regular meeting on October 10, 2007.

The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

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Presentation to the Board –
Middle College Program

Columbia College Vice President Dennis Gervin reported that Columbia College, in conjunction with Sonora High School, is running a middle college program on campus. Sonora High School English teacher, Ms. Anastaia Conlin, is the lead instructor to 30 high school students on Columbia’s campus. Ms. Conlin provided high school curriculum instruction 3 hours per day to the students. The students are also enrolled in college classes on campus. Three students, Erik Martin, Brittany Bailey and Henna Patel addressed the Board. Erik commented that he was receiving no personal attention in high school and the high school curriculum is too rushed. This program allows him the freedom to learn and experience a variety of courses. In addition to his high school curriculum, Erik is enrolled in psychology, constitutional government and beginning guitar. In response to inquiry by Trustee DeMartini, Erik stated that he feels very welcome on campus by the college community. Henna took summer classes at Columbia and chose to enroll in the middle college to have a different high school experience. She finds the educational atmosphere to be more mature than a high school campus. In addition to her high school curriculum, Henna is enrolled in psychology, statistics and world religions. Brittany loves the library on the college campus. The availability of research resources and computers is a big plus in comparison to what is available on the high school campus. Brittany is excited about her experiences at Columbia and feels that she is being well prepared for full-time college entry. In addition to her high school curriculum, Brittany is enrolled in welding and global techtronics. Vice President Gervin commented that Ms. Conlin is an essential piece to the success of the program and that Columbia College is excited to offer this successful alternative educational opportunity to high school students. Chair Dean thanked the staff and students for taking the time to share this program with the Board.

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Student Activity Reports

There was no report from Modesto Junior College.

Jayne Johnson, ASCC President, Columbia College, reported that the canned food drive is currently in progress. ASCC hosted a barbeque for dorm students to get to know them and talk about their needs. Ms. Johnson and Rita Milburn attended the General Assembly conference in San Jose, including workshops on the role of students in participatory governance. They voted on resolutions and have a better understanding of the how to be the voice for students at the campus and state level. Ms. Milburn was recently elected as a Region V student representative. Region 5 has been underrepresented in recent years, and Ms. Milburn is looking forward to the opportunity to serve students.

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Academic Senate Reports

Kathy Schultz, Columbia College Academic Senate President, reported that she and Anne Cavagnaro attended the State Academic Plenary session. Faculty will be voting to adopt the updated district-wide equivalency policy on November 15. Faculty continues to work on student learning outcomes and assessment and is looking forward to feedback and comments from the accreditation team. The Academic Wellness Educators (AWE) committee is making excellent progress with Basic Skills. The Distance Education committee is working on an education plan which will assist with their Title III application. Ms. Schultz thanked Dr. Darnell and Faculty Consultant David Baggett for visiting classrooms and meeting with faculty.

Jim Sahlman, MJC Academic Senate President, stated that the curriculum committee has updated expedited procedures for approval of courses. Mr. Sahlman also attended the State Senate Plenary Sessions. Mr. Sahlman continues to meet with deans and department chairs, most recently he met with George Boodrookas, Dean of Community and Economic Development and is excited about building additional partnerships in the community. An all faculty meeting was held on October 25, which was sponsored by YFA. MJC Senate was invited to participate. The meeting was well attended. There was discussion on winter intersession and how it was developed on campus. There was also discussion regarding the current state at MJC. Faculty is expressing concern with college council and the faculty role in college governance. Faculty are frustrated with the hiring prioritization processes, administrative hiring, and the relationship between hiring and budget planning. There is also concern around program review. It is anticipated that faculty members will be more vocal on these issues in the coming weeks.

REPORTS & INFORMATION

ITEMS

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Activities and Announcements

Economic & Workforce
Development at MJC

President Rich Rose reported that MJC ranked third in the State for revenue generated through contract education and fee-based programs for 2005-06, reporting just over \$2.2 million. There were 65 reporting colleges, representing total revenues statewide of just over \$65 million. Congratulations to the Community and Economic Development Division, Community Education, the Workforce Training Center and Division Dean George Boodrookas.

MJC Speech and Debate
Team

President Rose reported that at the first tournament of the season, Modesto Junior College Speech and Debate Team ranked second overall in Northern California for Community Colleges on October 26-28. Against 23 other 2-year and 4-year institutions, MJC ranks 4th behind Los Rios Community College District, Cal State University, Long Beach, and San Francisco State University. The MJC Team defeated teams from UC Berkeley, Bethany University, Santa Rosa Junior College, Columbia College, Delta College, UC Davis, and more. Congratulations to Coach Todd Guy and the MJC Team.

Pirates Log Journalists
Awarded

President Rose reported that four student writers of the *Pirates Log*, MJC's student newspaper, received awards for their work on last semester's publication from the Journalism Association of Community Colleges (JACC). The awards were announced last month at the annual JACC-Norcal conference, held at San Jose State University. Congratulations to professor and *Pirates Log* advisor Laura Paull and her students.

MJC Nursing Career Faire
and Open House

President Rose reported that the 10th Annual Nursing Career Faire & Open House will be held on Friday, November 16, on the West Campus. The event provides an opportunity to learn more about a career in nursing and MJC's ADN Program. The Faire will include informal presentations by local RN's on specialty careers in the nursing field, as well as MJC presentations by ADN faculty and students. Area hospitals will provide information about regional healthcare career opportunities. The event is free and open to the public.

MJC Fall Concert

President Rose reported that Modesto Junior College Community Orchestra, directed by Anne Martin, will present a Fall Concert on Tuesday, November 20, at 8 p.m. in the Modesto High School Auditorium. The orchestra will perform *Pirates of the Caribbean* by Klaus Badelt and the *Bacchanale* from *Samson and Dalila* by Camille Saint-Saens, as well as works by Beethoven, De Falla, Wagner, and the Liszt *Piano Concerto No. 1 in E Flat Major*. The featured soloist for the concert is Dr. Yan Yan Chan, internationally recognized MJC music faculty member. Tickets are \$3 at the door.

*Unagendized Announcements –
MJC*

President Rose reported that MJC has hired consultant Lynn Morgan to assist MJC with its preparation of the College Strategic Plan. MJC has entered into a contract with Daktronic Sports who will work with the college to provide a new stadium display scoreboard through advertising. This will be a nice addition to the new track. Trustee Rojas suggested that the college begin working on obtaining funding to improve stadium lighting as well. MJC's Football team will be playing in this weekend's Graffiti Bowl in the MJC stadium.

Human Patient Simulation
Lab Reception and Tour

President Rose reported that trustees, administrators, staff and news media representatives attended the MJC Human Patient Simulation Lab in Sonora at 1:30 p.m. prior to tonight's meeting. The lab has three full-size human manikins for nursing students to practice patient care using realistic manikins that simulate bodily functions identical to humans, like heart and lung sounds, breathing and bleeding, which enable students to see what will happen when training for medical procedures. The simulation lab and high tech manikins were financed through a \$222,320 California Rural Nursing Grant from the Workforce Investment Division of the California Employment Development Department.

Columbia College President Joan Smith further reported that legislative representatives were also in attendance. The nursing education program in the foothills is part of a collaboration between MJC, Columbia College and Sonora Regional Medical Center.

Calaveras Center Art Show
and Reception

President Smith reported that the works of Lori Hanson and her portrait class students were highlighted at an art show and reception on November 2 at the Columbia College Calaveras Center in Angels Camp. The reception initiates the start of a month-long art show, which runs through December 1. The San Francisco Museum of Modern Art (SFMOMA) Artist Gallery at Ft. Mason in San Francisco currently handles her work and she is preparing for a future show in South Lake Tahoe.

Halloween Monster Mash at
Columbia College

President Smith reported that the Associated Students of Columbia College hosted a Halloween Monster Mash on October 31 at Carkeet Park with festivities for the college and community. Among the many activities, were a costume contest for all ages, pumpkin carving competition, entertainment, college club booths, a barbecue and haunted house. Ms. Johnson thanked Trustee DeMartini for her pumpkin donation.

College & University Transfer
Day at Columbia College

President Smith reported that nearly 400 students attended Columbia College's College & University Transfer Day on October 25. Representatives from 26 colleges, universities, public agencies and the military were on hand to answer questions and provide information on their institutions and

organizations. Students received information from each organization regarding admission requirements, variety of programs, tuition, financial aid and scholarships.

Columbia Debaters

President Smith reported that the Columbia College team took first place honors at the recent Kevin Towhy Memorial Speech and Debate Tournament at Concord. During the three-day event, three Columbia teams were entered and scored 15 wins and three losses in the preliminary rounds. Trevor Wittke and Zach Macbeth were named tournament champions in the open/varsity division by defeating rival City College of San Francisco. Cody Cooper won the top award for best speaker of the tournament and Taureanna Shimp earned second place honors. They were undefeated in the preliminary rounds. Ryan Downey and Katie Kelly competed in quarterfinals of the novice division.

Dr. Elizondo introduced the team members Cody Cooper, Zach Macbeth, Taureanna Shimp and Katie Kelley to the Board. The students shared the value of their experiences on the debate team board and stated that they have plans to transfer to four-year universities. Scholarships to four-year universities are also available to them. Dr. Elizondo stated that this young team received gold medals at the local, state and national championships. His goals for the upcoming year include defending the state championship, building bridges with four year institutions, providing scholarship opportunities, and working with campus programs like Middle College.

New Forensics Coach of the Year

President Smith recognized Dr. Tim Elizondo, Columbia College speech instructor, who was recently named the New Coach of the Year by the Northern California Forensics Association. According to the association, "Other instructors/coaches have watched as Columbia College's debaters have risen from good novice-level students to excellent varsity-level debaters, and have had success against both two- and four-year institutions." President Smith presented the team with Columbia College t-shirts to wear at their next competition.

15,668 Presentations/Updates Enrollment Update

Vice President Dennis Gervin reported that FTES are up about 2% at Columbia College and provided a handout to the Board which demonstrated FTES trends at Columbia College since Fall 2004. The Colleges are working to develop a joint FTES reporting format to provide to the Board on a regular basis. President Rose reported that at MJC, FTES are up about 1% and headcount is up about 4.6%. He anticipates that MJC will hit or exceed its target for Fall.

Chancellor's Update

Chancellor Darnell thanked President Smith, staff and students for the Middle College presentation. Chancellor Darnell reported that he has been nominated to serve on a statewide textbook cost taskforce. The Board was provided with the Chancellor's Progress Report for reviewing the first four months of his service to the District, the Board also received a copy of the Chancellor's Message to Staff and a draft of his long-term goals. Dr. Darnell stated that he has a better understanding of the District community and has met with over 35 community leaders, media representatives, educational leaders and faculty and staff. In the coming months, Dr. Darnell will expand his efforts to Tuolumne and Calaveras counties. He is committed to supporting the Board's decisions regarding Measure E projects and will work to keep projects within budget. Dr. Darnell is pleased with the colleges' appropriate responses to the Accrediting Commission and believes that both colleges are well prepared for the follow up visit on November 19, 2007. Dr. Darnell believes that there needs to be more focus on a total District approach to issues and that District Administrative Council and District Council are vital to District-wide planning. Districtwide, there is a need for more focus on research, enrollment management, staff development and planning. Dr. Darnell has sent his draft goals to staff and faculty and is receiving feedback. He asks that the Board also provide him feedback as he moves toward finalizing his goals.

Bond Update

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

Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee – The next regularly scheduled meeting of the YCCD Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) will be held on Tuesday, January 8, 2008, at 6:00 pm on MJC's East Campus following a 5:00 pm committee tour of the auditorium.

Columbia College: *Child Development Center:* This project will be submitted to the State the beginning of December, with construction expected to start in May 2008. *Science and Natural Resources:* There has been a change in the design architect for this project. A new contract and project schedule is being negotiated. *Public Safety Center:* Comments have been received from the Division of State Architects (DSA); back check appointment will be scheduled. The project is ahead of schedule and is likely to bid in December 2007, with construction to begin January 2008. The *Madrone* project has been submitted to the State for approvals and is scheduled to begin construction in January 2008. Due to geotechnical issues, site demolition is now a separate project.

Modesto Junior College: *Campus Master Planning:* the revised document has been received and is being reviewed by staff. *Agricultural Housing:* Start of construction is on hold

pending additional soil testing, a meeting with DTSC is scheduled for November 19, 2007. The *Multi-Use Pavilion* project has re-commenced design and submittal to the State is forecasted for May 2008. *Allied Health* is scheduled to submit to the State for approval in January 2008, with the bid scheduled for June 2008. The *Parking Structure* design development cost estimate is complete and will be submitted to the State by May 2008. The *Auditorium* project is 61% complete and proceeds on schedule and within budget. *Softball Complex*: Will commence design this month. *Science Community Center*: Project committee has met several times and is progressing on programming, the committee is attempting to shorten the time schedule and is within budget.

Calaveras Outreach Site: Dr. Smith and Kitchell visited the proposed site. Appraisals are being done and a final analysis is being prepared for the Board. **Oakdale Outreach Site:** possible sites are currently being reviewed. **West Side Outreach Site:** Various offers are currently being considered. **Turlock Outreach Site:** Various properties are being considered for a future location. Trustee Rojas reported that he and Chancellor Darnell met with the Turlock Superintendent of Schools to discuss a joint venture. The City Planning Department is identifying possible sites. Follow-up discussion will occur at the upcoming Turlock Educational Summit Committee meeting.

Trustee DeMartini inquired about the results of the geothermal drilling at Columbia College. Mr. Newton reported that Kitchell and College staff are still investigating if geothermal energy is a right fit with the Science Natural Resources project.

Chancellor Darnell commented that square footage is tied to program needs. The goal is for all projects to stay within or below budget so that any excess funds can be refunded back to the colleges.

ACTION ITEMS
Consent Agenda

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Purchase Orders

Acceptance of Gifts

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

Approve purchase orders issued from September 1, 2007, to September 30, 2007.

Accept with appreciation the following gifts:

- a. Donation of an in-kind gift of matching advertising space from The Union Democrat for Columbia College.
- b. Donation of a 2002 Chevrolet Venture Extended Minivan from Susan Vegter-Slape & Frans Vegter for use in the automotive technology program at Columbia College.

- c. Donation of metal from Darrin Mills for use in the welding technology program at Columbia College.
- d. Donation of two commercial upholstery sewing machines from the State of California, Deuel Vocation Institution to be used in the Community Education Upholstery class at Modesto Junior College.
- e. Donation of a Ferguson TO-30 tractor from Dick Spence to be used in the Power Mechanics program at Modesto Junior College.
- f. Donation of \$200.00 from Organic Valley California to be used in the Environmental Horticulture Science program at Modesto Junior College.
- g. Donation of electrical control equipment from Fredriks Nursery 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 #2239**) and to enter into a contract with the appropriate donor agencies when the projects are selected for funding:

- a. California Department of Education, Child Development Division – CC
Agency share: \$20,000
Proposer share: \$0
- b. California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office - YCCD
Agency share: \$86,750
Proposer share: \$0
- c. California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office - YCCD
Agency share: \$350,000
Proposer share: \$0

Sabbatical Leaves Reports

Approve 2006-2007 sabbatical leaves reports for the following YCCD academic employees:

Academic Year 2006-2007

Michelle Christopherson - MJC
Gloria Coats – MJC
Frank Drummond – MJC
Michael Smedshammer – MJC
Paula Clarke – CC

Fall Semester 2006

Cecelia Hudelson-Putnam - MJC
Dimitri Keriotis - MJC
Laura Maki - MJC

Spring Semester 2007

Allan McKissick - MJC
Jill Ramsey – MJC
Gabriele Steiner – MJC
Tim Vaughan – MJC
Laureen Campana – CC

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Personnel Items

Grant retirement emeritus status to **Charmaine Wesley-Hartman**, Counselor, Counseling, Modesto Junior College, effective February 1, 2008 and officially commend her for 17.5 years of valuable service to the District.

Grant retirement emeritus status to **James L. Johnson**, Theatre/Speech Professor, Arts, Humanities & Communications, Modesto Junior College, effective April 25, 2008 and officially commend him for 39 years of valuable service to the District.

Grant retirement status to **Marietta Caldwell**, Director of Budget, Office of Budget and Planning, Modesto Junior College, effective December 31, 2007 and officially commend her for 31 years of valuable service to the District.

Grant retirement status to **Wilbur K. Wasson**, Stock/Delivery Driver, Yosemite Community College District, effective February 2, 2008 and officially commend him for 7.75 years of valuable service to the District.

Approve the administrative appointment of **Arthur Gillis** to the position of Vice President of Administrative Services, Modesto Junior College, effective December 3, 2007.

Approve the probationary appointment (first year contract) of **Layla Yousif** to the position of Counselor/Coordinator, TRIO Student Support & Services Program, Modesto Junior College, effective November 1, 2007.

Approve the probationary appointment (first year contract) of **Belen Robinson** to the position of Learning Disability Specialist, Special Programs/DSPS, Modesto Junior College, effective November 15, 2007.

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 promotional appointment of **Haley Radovich** to the position of Administrative Secretary, Business, Behavioral & Social Sciences, Modesto Junior College, effective November 1, 2007.

Approve the promotional appointment of **Bryan Justin Marks** to the position of Outreach Recruiter, Special Programs EOPS, Modesto Junior College, effective November 15, 2007, contingent upon funding.

Approve the promotional appointment of **Kristina Duarte** to the position of Program Representative II, CalWorks – Financial Aid, Modesto Junior College, effective December 3, 2007, contingent upon funding.

Approve the probationary appointment of **Ty Helton** to the position of Performing Arts Production Specialist, Arts, Humanities & Communications, Modesto Junior College, effective November 5, 2007 (11 month work year).

Approve the probationary appointment of **Jenni Abbott** to the position of Program Representative I, Workforce Training Center, Modesto Junior College, effective October 15, 2007, contingent upon funding.

Approve the probationary appointment of **Christian Pomeroy** to the position of Custodian, Facilities Planning & Operations, Yosemite Community College District, effective October 15, 2007.

Approve the probationary appointment of **Larisa Ubryanova** to the position of General Clerk (47.5%), Student Success/Tutoring, Modesto Junior College, effective November 1, 2007, contingent upon funding (10 month work year).

Approve the probationary appointment of **Donald Leyva** to the position of Grounds Maintenance II, Facilities Planning & Operations, Yosemite Community College District, effective November 1, 2007.

Approve the probationary appointment of **Johnny Bryant** to the position of Custodian, Facilities Planning & Operations, Yosemite Community College District, effective November 15, 2007.

Approve the extension of contract of the interim administrative appointment of **Barbara Wells** to the position of Dean of Literature & Language Arts, Modesto Junior College, effective July 1, 2008 to July 31, 2008.

Approve a temporary increase in assignment for **Manuel Vargas**, Laboratory Assistant I, Learning Resources, Modesto Junior College, from 75% to 100%, effective October 1, 2007 to October 31, 2007.

Accept the resignation of **Pat Gardner**, Security Officer II, Campus Security, Yosemite Community College District, effective October 1, 2007.

Accept the resignation of **Jason Krone**, Custodian, Facilities Operations, Yosemite Community College District, effective October 4, 2007.

Accept the resignation of **JoEllen Burnish**, Secretary III, Literature & Language Arts, Modesto Junior College, effective December 3, 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

Board Special Priorities

Chair Dean reported that the Board, at their annual retreat on September 14, 2007, discussed various challenges facing the District in the 2007-2008 academic year. Based upon that discussion a tentative list of Board priorities was developed and is now before the Board for review. Chair Dean recommended that campus security and safety be added as a special priority for this year. Student Trustee Elbert James suggested that the Board add "sustainability" to its list of priorities. Trustees requested that Chancellor Darnell revise the draft Special Priorities to include safety and security as a special priority and return this item to the Board for review and approval at the next regular meeting.

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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 September 30, 2007 (**Report #2240**). This is the first quarterly report for this fiscal year and the District is proceeding on schedule. It is still too early in the fiscal year to identify changes in the budget and there may need to be adjustments for any growth at the colleges. Chair Dean conducted a public hearing to review the report. There were no comments from the public.

A motion was made by Trustee Flores and seconded by Trustee Abshire directing staff to file the report with 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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Agriculture Science Learning Center MOU *(this item was taken out of order at the beginning of open session)*

John Scheuber, on behalf of the Agriculture Science Learning Center, was present to take questions and have discussion regarding finalization of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the District and the Ag Center. Mr. Scheuber recapped the goal of building the Center on the West Campus. The proposed Ag Science Learning Center facility seeks to instill a greater sense of pride among farmers and farm workers, and convey that food comes from farming and not supermarkets. The committee for the Ag Center is currently seeking National Designation for this facility. Trustees discussed the ten-year provision in the MOU, the language regarding extension of terms of the lease, and the issue of progress being made within the first years. Trustees are in support of the Center and in favor of the West Campus location and discussed their concerns with having the land sit with no development for a number of years. Following Board discussion, the following changes to the lease were recommended: the lease may be extended for additional terms of not more than thirty-two (32) years (page 4, item 11); and if the Landlord determines that substantial progress has not been made in a period of ten years, the lease shall terminate (page 5). For clarity, the clerk recorder read the changes in the MOU language back to the trustees prior to a motion and vote.

A motion was made by Trustee Rojas and seconded by Trustee Hallinan that the Board of Trustees authorize staff to execute the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), as amended and described above, with the Ag Science Learning Center organization to provide a site for the facility on the MJC West Campus.

The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

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2008-2009 Academic Calendar – Columbia College

The 2008-2009 academic calendar for Columbia College is before the Board for approval. Chancellor Darnell pointed out that though semester start dates differ this year at the colleges, the graduation dates also differ which will allow trustees to attend both ceremonies. Columbia College is requesting that they be allowed to observe Veteran's Day on Monday, November 10, 2008. Chancellor Darnell informed the Board that the federal government is observing the holiday on Tuesday, November 11. Student Trustee Elbert James stated that having the Monday holiday, instead of Tuesday, assists students enrolled in Tuesday/Thursday classes who will be out of class again the following Thursday, for the Thanksgiving holiday. Trustees discussed the Veteran's Day holiday issue at length.

A motion was made by Trustee DeMartini, seconded by Trustee Flores, that the Board approve the 2008-2009 Academic Calendar for Columbia College.

The motion carried with a vote of 5-1, Trustee Neumann was not present, and Trustee Dean voted in opposition.

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2008-2009 Academic
Calendar – Modesto Junior
College

The 2008-2009 academic calendar for Modesto Junior College is before the Board for approval. Trustees expressed their appreciation to staff for scheduling graduation dates on different days to allow them to attend both ceremonies. Modesto Junior College is requesting to observe the Veterans Day Holiday on Tuesday, November 11, 2008. Trustees, however, expressed concern about the colleges observing the holidays on different days as well as starting and ending semesters on different days. Chair Dean advised staff that though this motion will probably carry this evening, the Board is not setting a precedent for the colleges to observe Veteran's Day on different days nor start and end semesters differently.

A motion was made by Trustee Abshire and seconded by Trustee Flores, that the Board of Trustees approve the 2008-2009 academic calendar for Modesto Junior College.

The motion carried with a vote of 6-0, Trustee Neumann was not present for the vote.

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Study in Northern Spain
Program: Summer 2008

President Joan Smith reported that Columbia College is seeking Board approval of the Study in Northern Spain Program which is scheduled to begin on or about May 18, 2008 for three weeks. Students will be in Vitoria, Spain and study Spanish at their individually assessed skill level at the Zador Institute, an accredited school of Spanish as a Foreign Language. Students may receive credit for Spanish 10A, 10B, 20A or 20B, depending on assessed level. Classes will be taught by certified Zador instructors, all native Spanish-speakers, for four hours/day, five days/week. Vonna Breeze-Martin, Columbia College Spanish instructor, will be the teacher-of-record and will oversee student progress. Students will stay with Spanish families who have been screened and selected by the Zador Institute. The all-inclusive program will include classes, credits, air fare, ground transportation, airport transfer, lodging, meals, and travel and accident insurance. Travel expenses are the sole responsibility of the instructor and students. In addition to the instruction offered at the Zador Institute, afternoon and weekend activities and excursions with Ms. Breeze-Martin and a Spanish-speaking guide will provide a rich cultural and language experience for our students. Ms. Breeze-Martin and several students appeared before the Board several months ago to present on past experiences in this program. Previous programs have been so successful that the stay is being extended from two weeks to three weeks.

A motion was made by Trustee Rojas and seconded by Trustee Flores that the Board of Trustees approve the Study in Northern Spain Program for Summer 2008 for Columbia College.

The motion carried with a vote of 6-0, Trustee Neumann was not present for the vote.

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MJC National Agriculture
Ambassadors Conference

As reported in the Board Agenda, the MJC Agriculture Ambassadors have been invited to attend the National Agriculture Ambassadors Conference in Raleigh, North Carolina. The Ambassadors Conference trip will occur January 2 through 6, 2008. The cost of the trip for Professors Steve Amador and Gail Brumley and 13 team members will be approximately \$10,000. Approximately one half of the expenses for the trip will be paid through ASMJC Young Farmers and each individual will pay for the other half.

A motion was made by Trustee Hallinan and seconded by Trustee DeMartini that the Board of Trustees approve the National Agriculture Ambassadors Conference at Raleigh, North Carolina, trip for Modesto Junior College.

The motion carried with a vote of 6-0. Trustee Neumann was not present for the vote.

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Geology Summer Field
Studies - Summer 2008

As reported in the Board Agenda, MJC is seeking Board approval of "Geology Study of the Colorado Plateau" for Summer 2008. Geology of the Colorado Plateau is a two-week field trip June 15 – 29, 2008. MJC instructors Garry Hayes and Susan Kerr will share supervision of instruction during this joint trip with Geology 174 and Anthropology 174 students. The class will include numerous locations in the American Southwest, including Grand Canyon, Arches, Zion, Bryce Canyon, Canyonlands, Mesa Verde and Capitol Reef National Parks and other geologically significant sites. Students are individually responsible for the \$500.00 cost of the trip.

A motion was made by Trustee Rojas and seconded by Trustee Flores that the Board of Trustees approve the Geology Study of the Colorado Plateau for Summer 2008 for Modesto Junior College.

The motion carried with a vote of 6-0, Trustee Neumann was not present for the vote.

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ASMJC to Washington, D.C.

As reported in the Board Agenda, at the October Board meeting, the Associated Students of Modesto Junior College (ASMJC) reported that representatives would be attending a conference in Washington, D.C. on October 27-30, 2007. The purpose of the National Student Advocacy Leadership &

Citizenship Conference was to assist student leaders in developing skills, knowledge and techniques that will enable them to be effective leaders. Textbook prices and financial aid were two of several topics discussed. Students networked with other student leaders on a national level and spoke with legislative staff, gaining broader perspective of student leadership. The approximate cost of the trip was \$10,200. Director of Student Development, Wendy Byrd and six ASMJC student representatives participated. All conference expenses were paid from student rep funds.

A motion was made by Trustee Rojas and seconded by Trustee Abshire that the Board of Trustees approve the ASMJC Washington, D.C. trip for Modesto Junior College.

The motion carried with a vote of 6-0, Trustee Neumann was not present for the vote.

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Baseball Competition - Travel

Chair Dean reported that MJC is seeking Board approval of the Fall non-traditional season travel schedule. Commission on Athletics (COA) legislation was recently passed that now allows MJC a window of opportunity to play baseball and softball games in the Fall. The COA calls this the "non-traditional season" for baseball. According to the COA Constitution and Bylaws, students participating in Fall Baseball must be enrolled in a physical education activity/conditioning class associated with the sport in order to be eligible to compete. These students are enrolled in MPE 107, Sections 3960 & 3961 (Defensive Baseball Theory). There are two out-of-state trips to Nevada. This is MJC's first venture into the COA's new non-traditional season. Next Fall, a schedule will be submitted in advance as is done for the traditional season. Trustees have previously been provided with additional information.

A motion was made by Trustee Flores and seconded by Trustee Hallinan that the Board of Trustees approve the travel schedule for Fall baseball to include two games in Nevada for Modesto Junior College.

The motion carried with a vote of 6-0. Trustee Neumann was not present for the vote.

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Citizens' Bond Oversight
Committee Term Limits

Chancellor Darnell reported according to existing by-laws of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC), no member may serve more than two (2) consecutive terms. A discussion took place at the October 3, 2007 CBOC meeting, where some of the members indicated that they would like to continue to serve beyond the two-term limit. At the CBOC's request, staff is bringing this issue to the YCCD Board to consider eliminating

the term limit language in the by-laws. Since CBOC members must be appointed by the YCCD Board of Trustees, the Board would still maintain appointment decisions. The current language regarding CBOC term of service in Section 5, subsection 5.4 is as follows:

*“Term. Except as otherwise provided herein, each member shall serve a term of two (2) years, commencing on the date of the first meeting of the Committee. **No member may serve more than two (2) consecutive terms.** At the Committee’s first meeting, members will draw lots or otherwise select a minimum of two members to serve for an initial one (1) year term and the remaining members for an initial two (2) year term.”*

The current language regarding CBOC appointment in Section 5, subsection 5.5 is as follows:

“Appointment. Members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Board through the following process: (a) appropriate local groups will be solicited for applications; (b) the Chancellor or his or her designee will review the applications; and (c) the Chancellor or his or her designee will make recommendations to the Board.”

Chancellor Darnell provided clarification to the Board in that if there are applicants who are qualified to serve, then members may not serve two consecutive terms. However, if there is no qualified replacement, then a member may serve additional terms. Chancellor Darnell has directed staff to distribute a press release reopening the application process. Trustee DeMartini stated that it is in the best interest of the District to maintain a full oversight committee. Staff will provide additional information and bring forward a revised recommendation at the next meeting of the Board.

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COMMENTS

From the Public

None.

From the Board of Trustees

Student Trustee Elbert James reported that he is working on a community outreach project building a trail to bridge the college and community. He also thanked the Modesto Bee for the article they recently wrote. As a result, four new students have joined college clubs. Trustee Flores reported that she was able to attend the Speech Debate and Ag Open House at MJC as well as the Jazz & Wine event at Columbia College. Trustee Flores attended the Human Simulation Lab reception today and reported that she is very impressed by the quality of instruction. Trustee Rojas reported that he attended the Turlock Salvation Army Kettle Kick Off and thanked staff for supporting the event.

Trustee Rojas attended the reception prior to the Board meeting. Trustee DeMartini also attended this afternoon's reception and tour. She attended the Stanislaus County School Board's Annual Trustee Dinner, where Trustee Rojas was recognized for 12 years of Board service to Turlock City Schools and 13 years of service to the District. Trustee DeMartini presented Trustee Rojas with the certificate of recognition. Trustee Hallinan stated that our local cities have Sister Cities programs that are successful and suggested that the colleges consider a Sister Colleges program. Trustee Abshire reported that she also attended the School Board Dinner, MJC Ag Open House, and made tamales for the CASS students from Nicaragua. She thanked Columbia College's AWE committee for allowing her to attend their meeting and is pleased with the work in integrating basic skills. Chair Dean reported that she attended the Turlock Kettle Kick Off with Trustee Rojas and District staff. Chair Dean volunteered at Columbia College's Jazz and Wine event, congratulated Mr. Jeff Tolhurst for his election to public office, and offered good luck and success to both colleges on the upcoming accreditation follow up visits.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Wednesday, December 12, 2007. 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.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Pat Dean, Chair
YCCD Board of Trustees

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YCCD Board of Trustees