

MINUTES
YOSEMITE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVENTH REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 4, 2003

Board Chair Paul Neumann called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. in YCCD Conference Room B. The Board of Trustees then recessed to closed session for the purpose of discussions pursuant to G. C. Section 54957 - Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release; G. C. Section Pursuant to G. C. 54956.9 regarding Clark vs. YCCD and anticipated litigation; and G. C. 54957.6 - Collective Bargaining.

At 5:00 p.m. the Board of Trustees convened for open session in the YCCD Board Room.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag preceded formal Board action.

Board Members Present Anne DeMartini
 Linda Flores (arrived at 5:30 p.m.)
 Tom Hallinan (left meeting at 6:00 p.m.)
 Joseph Mitchell
 Paul Neumann
 Abe Rojas
 Delsie Schrimp

Board Members Absent Nicole Jansen (student trustee)

Others Present B. Au, M. Baker, G. Boodrookas, D. Clark, K. Clark, J. Codoni, S. Conner, L. DeLaCruz, R. Engstrom, P. Fisher, D. Gervin, J. Gray, C. Hale, A. Hausler-Akpovi, R. Hickman, L. Hoile, C. Hudelson, D. Jamison, L. Kubeck, T. Lyle, K. Jeffery, E. Lazano, V. Metcalf, M. McBride, W. McLeod, L. Munoz, F. Osnaya, D. Partridge, R. Peralta, I. Pippin, A. Plasencia, J. Riggs, N. Ruiz, T. Scott, B. Scroggins, N. Stavrianoudakis, J. Swank, M. Turner, A. Van Armor, T. Welsh, J. Williams, E. Osnaya (recorder)

14,637 A motion was made by Mr. Hallinan, seconded by Mr. Rojas, that
Approval of the Minutes the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the regular meeting
 of February 4, 2003.

The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS

14,638 Kathryn Jeffery, Vice President of Student Services, provided a
Student Activity Reports summary of student activities at Columbia College. In February
 students exhibited a display commemorating Black History month.
 They also had a successful letter-writing campaign and started a
 three-phase partnership with the Habitat for Humanity. In March,
 Dr. Jeffery reported that students will continue their work with the
 Habitat for Humanity and plan to send student representatives to
 Lobby Day on March 17. In April students will finish the Habitat for
 Humanity project. They also plan to hold student elections, a multi-

cultural Earth Day event, and the annual graduation ceremony flower sale.

Emilio Vaca, ASMJC President, reported that MJC students also will be participating in the Lobby Day activities in Sacramento. He said ASMJC students have been working hard to keep students informed about the budget crisis and what they can do to help. He said students would be holding a student rally on March 5 to inform students on the budget situation. They also continue to work with other colleges on this issue. Mr. Vaca commended MJC/YCCD leadership for keeping up to date on the budget situation and proceeding in a prudent manner. Other student activities include continued fundraising efforts, Women's History month events, and a successful break dance competition.

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Academic Senate Activity
Reports

Terry Lyle, MJC Academic Senate President, reported that faculty also would be participating in Lobby Day activities. He said the faculty legislative analyst, Eva Mo, has been keeping faculty informed on the budget situation. Mr. Lyle thanked district administration and college leaders for their efforts in minimizing the impact of the budget crisis on faculty. He especially commended the Instructional Administrators Council for their hard work in reducing 30% of the part-time/overload budget and still preserving the number of class seats. For fiscal year 2003-2004, Mr. Lyle reported that the Senate had approved a memorandum of understanding waiving the minimum qualifications for instructors who have demonstrated content mastery in their discipline, in order to facilitate increased productivity and provide access to more students. Mr. Lyle reported that the Senate also passed a resolution clarifying the procedures of "credit by exam."

Mr. Lyle then introduced Dr. Richard Hickman, ASMJC Academic Senate President-Elect, to report on a resolution passed by the Senate.

(Trustee Flores arrived at 5:30 p.m.)

Dr. Hickman reported that he had been asked by the Academic Senate to bring to the Board of Trustees a troubling issue related to the selection of a faculty co-chair for the Accreditation Self-Study Committee. He explained that two co-chairs lead the Self-Study Committee. One is appointed by administration and the other is a faculty member. He provided trustees with an historical synopsis of the co-chair selection process which was different from the way the Senate proceeded this time. He indicated that the Senate held a closed ballot process in November to name a faculty co-chair and their recommendation was submitted. He said they did this in accordance to what they believed is required by Title V and YCCD Board Policy 4103. Consequently, when they were informed by MJC President Williams that he was unable to accept the Senate's recommendation for the co-chair position, faculty were in a quandary. Dr. Hickman stated that his purpose this evening was to report the Senate's motion which is "that the Board of Trustees be informed that the Academic Senate of Modesto Junior College does

not find to be compelling the reasons adduced for the rejection of its recommendation for the Accreditation Self-Study Committee co-chair.” Dr. Hickman thanked trustees for their attention.

Chair Neumann said that Dr. Hickman had presented the Senate’s concern well and he assured him that the Board had listened carefully. Trustee Hallinan asked if this process had been different from other years. Dr. Hickman said there has been ambiguity about the co-chair selection process and past practice may have been confusing, but he conceded that the college president had made the final decision in the past.

Morgan McBride, Columbia College Academic Senate President, commended college and district administration for their efforts and hard work in dealing with the budget crisis. Ms. McBride reported that they are working on Senate elections and final preparations for the graduation ceremony. On April 11 Columbia College will host the first Area A State Senate video net conference. She also said that they are excited about the progress of the construction of the Learning Resource Center.

Trustees thanked them for their reports.

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Activities and
Announcements

College Dean’s Lists

Chancellor Fisher reported Columbia College and Modesto Junior College recently named the students on their Dean’s Lists for the 2002 Fall Semester. Columbia named 125 students and MJC named 702 to their respective Dean’s List. In order to be eligible, students must have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher with no grade lower than a C and must have completed at least 12 degree-applicable units during the semester.

MJC Center for Learning Assistance – West

President Williams reported that the Grand Opening for the MJC Center for Learning Assistance-West was held on Wednesday, February 12. The Center was made possible by a Title V grant from the U. S. Department of Education and should be a major contributor to student success.

Hispanic Education Conference

Chair Neumann announced MJC will host its 19th Annual Hispanic Education Conference on Saturday, April 5 on East Campus. This daylong event features speakers, discussions and workshops that will highlight career opportunities and the benefits of obtaining a higher education. Keynoter will be motivational speaker Daniel Gutierrez.

Community College Times

Chair Neumann reported that Columbia College instructors Dr. Paula Clarke and Professor Ted Hamilton were recognized and commended in the February 4, 2003 issue of Community College Times for their interdisciplinary teaching methods in a combined classroom setting in the social sciences. In keeping with the Excellence Initiative, Center for Transformational Learning, Chair

Neumann added that Dr. Clarke and Professor Hamilton offer a \$2,000 Future Promise Scholarship that provides students an opportunity to extend their learning beyond classroom boundaries. Trustees expressed their congratulations to Dr. Clarke and Professor Hamilton.

Black History Month

President Riggs reported that Columbia College celebrated Black History Month with an exhibit of biographical posters of famous African-Americans, rare photographs of the 1960's Civil Rights Movement, literature, and artifacts. Photos and artifacts are on loan from Professor Laurie Sylwester and Dr. Kathryn Jeffrey. The collection is on display in the Manzanita Building's Rotunda through March 5, 2003.

Columbia College Foundation Hosts 13th Annual Hall of Fame Dinner

Dr. Riggs also announced that the Columbia College Foundation will be hosting the 13th Annual Hall of Fame Dinner at Columbia College on April 9, 2003. Nominations are being accepted to honor a previous faculty member, an alumnus, and a community member who have made significant contributions to the College or in their field. He said the deadline for nominations had been February 28, 2003 and the honorees would be named soon. He said anyone needing additional information about this upcoming event should contact the Foundation Office at 588-5360.

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Presentations/Updates

National Legislation Seminar

Trustee Schrimp reported that early in February she had joined Chancellor Fisher and Nick Stavrianoudakis in representing the YCCD at the National Legislative Seminar in Washington, D.C. The focus of the gathering was on key issues before Congress this year, many of which directly impact our students. These include Pell grants, welfare reform, the Workforce Investment Act, and the Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act. Trustee Schrimp and Chancellor Fisher both described the meetings with our Legislators as successful in that they provided awareness of issues, background information on the District, and how the district uses federal dollars. In addition, Trustee Schrimp stressed the importance of personally meeting legislators to ensure they understand and support our positions.

State and Local Fiscal Update

Vice Chancellor Scott provided the latest update on the State budget crisis as it affects community colleges. She reported that ambiguous information continues to be distributed and that there has been little progress in Sacramento toward a budget resolution for 2002-2003 and no resolution regarding the Governor's proposed community college reductions for 2003-2004. Despite this, it has been necessary for YCCD to plan for the proposed dramatic cuts even as we hope they do not materialize.

Ms. Scott reported that leaders throughout the college district have worked tirelessly on this topic for the past six weeks, guided by the principle of putting students first. At the same time, she said we have tried to minimize the number of staff who will be negatively affected. Staff in many areas have assisted greatly in finding ways

to cut costs. On a volunteer basis, some staff have taken reduced workloads and some faculty and administrators are teaching classes without taking compensation. Other employees have made suggestions that will need to be addressed through negotiations.

Another related effort has been the formation of a Medical Benefits Task Force. This group, including representatives of all employee organizations, is exploring options for major benefit plan changes that would reduce costs. This effort is particularly important, as many of the actions taken to meet the \$11 million shortfall use one-time funds. Thus, even as the current plan is put in place, it is critical that we project and address the fiscal budget for 2004-2005. Without drastic improvements in state funding, and given what we will have already reduced, the implications for the '05 fiscal year could easily be as bad as the current situation.

Learning Community at
MJC

President Williams reported that the Learning Community concept has existed for about 15 years and was glad to see that MJC has embraced the concept. Dr. Williams said that in order to promote innovative learning, quality instruction, and academic excellence, the PEAK (Pre-collegiate Education for Academic Knowledge) Basic Skills Learning Community Project was created in Spring 2001. Since the program's debut, with a single cohort of eight basic skills students in one division, it has expanded to include 224 students in three divisions. At the debut of February 2003, one section of PEAK students had a pivotal experiential learning opportunity based on their Learning Community theme, "Beyond Tolerance." Professor Annaliese Hausler-Akpovi, Activities Coordinator, Title V Grant, provided an overview of the program and the Museum of Tolerance trip. She acknowledged her colleague instructors Rose Engstrom, Janelle Gray and Venesse Metcalf, who along with her took 18 PEAK students on a two-day excursion to the Museum of Tolerance around which much of their curriculum had been developed. Professor Hausler-Akpovi introduced 5 of their students who shared their personal experiences as participants of the program and the trip to the museum. Chancellor Fisher thanked the students for their reports and the instructors for their efforts.

(Trustee Hallinan left the meeting at 6:00 p.m.)

Accreditation Midterm
Reports

College Presidents Riggs and Williams reported that the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) had reviewed and recently accepted the Midterm Reports submitted by Columbia College and MJC. This review is made to assure that the recommendations made by the evaluation teams have been addressed by the institutions and that the colleges also considered the self-identified areas of concern which were included in their institutional Self-Studies. The colleges also were commended for the progress made in responding to the Commissions concerns. Dr. Riggs said they continue work on their planning agendas. Dr. Williams stated that they have their steering committee in place and have started planning for their self-study report.

ACTION ITEMS

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Consent Agenda

Mr. Don Clark, audience member, inquired about two purchase orders related to payment made to CampusWorks, Inc. and a purchase order related to an HVAC replacement in the Ag Department. Ms. Scott answered his questions.

A motion was made by Mr. Rojas, seconded by Ms. Flores, that the Board of Trustees take the following action on the consent agenda:

Purchase Orders

Approve the purchase orders issued from January 1, 2003 through January 31, 2003.

Acceptance of Gifts – Columbia College & MJC

Accept with appreciation the following gifts:

- a. Books of assorted titles from Jo Sawyer, to be used in the Library at Modesto Junior College.
- b. Microbiology supplies donated by Hardy Diagnostics, to be used by the Biology Department at Columbia College.
- c. Surgical supplies donated by the Sonora Community Hospital, to be used by the Biology Department at Columbia College.
- d. Donation of 72 hours of use of a log splitter and the use of 160 lug boxes from George Cardoza, to be used at the Beckwith Instructional Lab at Modesto Junior College.
- e. Knee braces donated by Jeff Anderson, Hanger Prosthetics, to be used by the Athletic Department at Columbia College.
- f. A Panasonic Laser Printer donated by William E. Nation, to be used by the Technology Department at Columbia College.

Project Applications/Amendments

Authorize the Yosemite Community College District to submit the following project applications/amendments and to enter into a contract with the appropriate donor agencies when the projects are selected for funding: **(Report #2076)**

- a. Enrollment Fee Deferment Services – MJC
Submitted to Stanislaus County Department of Employment and Training
Agency share: \$8,000; Proposer share: \$0
- b. General Child Care and State Preschool Funding Contract #'s
GPRE-1405; GCTR-1419
Submitted to Child Development Division/California Department of Education
Agency share: \$147,989 State Preschool
\$461,693 Gen. Center Child Care– MJC
Proposer share: \$0

- c. Yosemite Ag Ed Tech Prep – MJC
Submitted to Title II – Tech Prep Education
Agency share: \$53,097; Proposer share: \$0
- d. Paraprofessional Title I Educational Program – Guidance 110 – MJC
Submitted to Turlock School District
Agency share: \$2,620; Proposer share: \$0

The motion on the purchase orders carried with a vote of 4 ayes (Flores, Mitchell, Rojas, Schrimp) and 2 abstentions (Neumann, DeMartini).

On the remaining items of the Consent Agenda, the motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

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Personnel Items

Mr. Rojas noted that the combined years of service for the retirees listed on this agenda equaled 210 years. Trustees commended staff for their valuable years of service to the district.

A motion was made by Mr. Rojas, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, that the Board of Trustees approve the following personnel items, including the three-item addendum.

Dan Boyd Grant emeritus retirement status to Dan Boyd, Counselor, Counseling, Modesto Junior College, effective April 25, 2003, and officially commend him for 34 years of valuable service to the District.

Francis “Jack” Bracken Grant emeritus retirement status to Francis “Jack” Bracken, Men’s Tennis Coach, Physical, Recreation & Health Education, Modesto Junior College, effective May 9, 2003, and officially commend him for 33 years of valuable service to the District.

William Jones Grant emeritus retirement status to William Jones, Computer Science Instructor, Business, Behavioral & Social Science, Modesto Junior College, effective April 25, 2003, and officially commend him for 32 years of valuable service to the District.

Roberta Kline Grant emeritus retirement status to Roberta Kline, Child Development Instructor, Family & Consumer Sciences, Modesto Junior College, effective May 1, 2003, and officially commend her for 18 years of valuable service to the District.

Bernard Morris Grant emeritus retirement status to Bernard Morris, English Instructor, Literature & Language Arts, Modesto Junior College, effective April 25, 2003 and officially commend him for 31 years of valuable service to the District.

Frances Boricchio Grant retirement status to Frances Boricchio, Admissions and Records Technician III, Columbia College, effective June 30, 2003, and officially commend her for 11.5 years of valuable service to the District.

Donna Durham	Grant retirement status to Donna Durham, Child Development Center Site Supervisor, Modesto Junior College, effective March 7, 2003, and officially commend her for 20 years of valuable service to the District.
Darryl Paulson	Grant retirement status to Darryl Paulson, Programmer Analyst II, YCCD Information Systems, effective April 30, 2003, and officially commend him for 14 years of valuable service to the District.
Adele Wikner	Grant retirement status to Adele Wikner, Library Media Technician II, Columbia College, effective June 9, 2003, and officially commend her for 17 valuable years of service to the District.
Tobin Clarke	Approve the interim appointment of Tobin Clarke as Dean of Learning Resources (60%), Modesto Junior College, effective February 1, 2003 to end on or before June 30, 2003.
Anne Duncan	Accept the resignation of Anne Duncan, Program Rep III (70%), Workforce Training Center, Modesto Junior College, effective March 5, 2003.
Susan Marvel	Accept the resignation of Susan Marvel, Instructional Assistant II, Family & Consumer Sciences, Modesto Junior College, effective April 30, 2003.
Lori Hedges	Accept the resignation of Lori Hedges, Manager, Foster Care Program, Columbia College, effective March 4, 2003.
Mitchell Davidson	Accept the resignation of Mitchell Davidson, Webmaster, Technology & Learning Resources, Modesto Junior College, effective February 20, 2003.
John Lyon	Confirm the termination of classified employment of John Lyon, Laboratory Assistant II/Software Network Analyst, Mathematics, Science and Engineering Division, Modesto Junior College, effective August 19, 2002.
Phyllis Greenleaf	Approve an unpaid leave of absence for Phyllis Greenleaf, (50%) Child Development Instructor, Columbia College, for the 2003-2004 academic year.
Jerry Morris	Approve an unpaid medical leave of absence for Jerry Morris, Media Production Photographer, Modesto Junior College, effective February 12, 2003, for a period not to exceed six months.
Peter Shkabara (revised)	Approve the voluntary reduction in assignment for Peter Shkabara, Computer Science Instructor, Columbia College, from 100% to 75%, effective Spring Semester 2003.
Shelley Akiona	Approve the voluntary demotion of Shelley Akiona from Executive Secretary, Office of the Chancellor, to Executive Secretary, effective July 1, 2003.

- Reduction in Force - Classified Approve **Resolution No. 02-03/04**, Classified Reduction in Staff, authorizing a reduction in classified personnel and appropriate notice to affected staff.
- ☆Reduction in Force – Academic Employee Approve **Resolution No. 02-03/05**, Resolution Regarding Reduction/Discontinuance of Particular Services, and authorize appropriate notice to affected staff.
- Reorganization – Classified Management a. Authorize a new classified management position of Director of TRIO Pre-College Programs, Educational Talent Search and Upward Bound (Salary Range 26).
b. Eliminate the existing positions, Director TRIO/Upward Bound (Range 21) and Director TRIO/Educational Talent Search (Range 21).
c. Appoint Mr. Francisco Banuelos as Director of TRIO Pre-College Programs, effective March 1, 2003.
- Janet Carty Grant emeritus retirement status to Janet Carty, Office Technology Instructor, Columbia College, effective November 1, 2003, and officially commend her for 19 years of valuable service to the District
- George Murphy Grant retirement status to George Murphy, Information Systems Specialist, YCCD Information Systems, effective April 30, 2003, and officially commend him for 32 years of valuable service to the District.
- Felicia Osnaya Extend the appointment of Felicia Osnaya, Interim Technology Manager, Information Systems/President's Office, Modesto Junior College, to end on or before June 30, 2004.
- Martha Williams Accept the resignation of Martha Williams, Admissions & Records Technician III, Admissions & Records, Modesto Junior College, effective February 18, 2003.

The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

Discussion Items

14,644 Partnership for Excellence Chancellor Fisher reported that each year, as part of the statewide budget process to secure ongoing support for the Partnership for Excellence (PFE) funding, local districts have been asked to provide information to the State Chancellor's Office about the investment of PFE dollars. At the July 2000 Board of Governors (BOG) meeting, the BOG adopted additional conditions for PFE dollars. These conditions require that expenditure budgets be reported by object code and activity code to the State Chancellor's Office. The conditions also require that the PFE expenditure/budget report be discussed at a district board meeting. **(Report #2077)**

Vice Chancellor Scott explained that the report presented reflected the planned expenditures which have been developed using Board policy for participation and consultation with appropriate governance entities. She said that it should be noted that this plan

and report were developed prior to the Governor's proposed mid-year cuts, the Board of Governor's proposed compromise mid-year cuts, and the Governor's proposed drastic cuts for next year. Thus, the issue regarding Partnership for Excellence funds will be how much they will be reduced and where the district will pick up costs from the general fund.

As required, the Board held a public hearing to discuss this report. There were no comments from the public and the hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Mrs. DeMartini, seconded by Ms. Schrimp, that the Board of Trustees review and accept the Partnership for Excellence 2002-2003 Report and direct staff to certify the report and submit it to the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office.

The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

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Foundation Audits

The CPA firm of Matson and Isom completed the audit reports of the financial statements and fiscal operations for the Modesto Junior College Foundation, the Columbia College Foundation, and the Great Valley Museum Foundation for the year ended June 30, 2002. These Foundations are separate entities from the district. Copies of the reports were previously forwarded to the Board of Trustees. **(Reports #2078, 2079, 2080)** Teresa Scott, Vice Chancellor for Fiscal Services, presented the reports and pointed out that each of these are two-year audits, as opposed to the district's annual audit. Ms. Scott reported that the three entities received unqualified, clear opinions.

A motion was made by Ms. Schrimp, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, that the Board of Trustees review and accept the audit reports of the Modesto Junior College Foundation, the Columbia College Foundation, and the Great Valley Museum Foundation for the year ended June 30, 2002.

The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

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Environmental Impact –
Intent to Adopt Negative
Declaration

Ms. Maria Baker, Director of Facilities Planning and Operations, reported that in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements, the Environmental Assessment Committee has recommended that the removal of the O'Brien House at West Campus will not have a significant effect on the environment. Public notices have been posted and the State Clearinghouse distributed information to appropriate State agencies, and no comments were received. Ms. Baker added some background information on the O'Brien House which is located on the West Campus. She said that this project is funded through the State Hazardous Substance Materials Fund. She explained that this facility contains asbestos and lead base paint which must be removed before demolition can occur. Ms. Baker added that the bids for this project had been opened and they are within budget.

A motion was made by Mr. Rojas, seconded by Ms. Flores that the Board of Trustees adopt a "Negative Declaration" and direct staff to file a "Notice of Determination" with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research.

The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

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YCCD Policy #7430

Trustee Anne DeMartini had requested that this policy be placed on the agenda for further review. Dr. Fisher explained that Policy #7430, Delegation of Authority to the Chancellor, was adopted on August 6, 2002, as part of a total review of the Board By-Laws. The language in the policy was written by legal counsel for the California Community College Trustees Association and recommended by the Community College League of California.

Mrs. DeMartini said that as she reviewed the materials that were provided to her as a new trustee she came across Policy #7430. She was particularly offended by the second sentence in the fifth paragraph of this policy which reads "Individual trustees requests for information shall be met if, in the opinion of the Chancellor, they are not unduly burdensome or disruptive to District Operations." Mrs. DeMartini said she studied the Ed Codes and Accreditation Standards referenced on this policy and found nothing about limiting trustees' ability to access information. She said she talked with other trustees and CEOs and found that none had a policy that denies individual trustee requests for information. Trustee DeMartini said she then asked the Chancellor who explained to her that the reason for the policy was because at times there may be a trustee with an agenda or a rogue trustee who could burden the district with requests that disrupt district staff's work. Trustee DeMartini agreed that could be a problem. However, she said the best way to handle that situation is for the CEO to go ahead and grant the request but then bring the matter to the Board's attention. Mrs. DeMartini said she wants to be judged by her peers. She also said this policy does not define "burdensome or disruptive." As an example, Trustee DeMartini described a recent request she had faxed to the Chancellor asking for information regarding the CJTC and comparing our program with other CJT models. She said her request was ignored. She did not even get the courtesy of a call or fax letting her know that the information would not be forthcoming. Had she been informed that her request was too burdensome, she would have researched it on her own. She claimed that when she asked Dr. Fisher why she had not received the information requested, Dr. Fisher said providing the information would have been too much trouble.

Mrs. DeMartini provided three proposals for revising policy #7430:

1. Eliminate the first and second sentence of paragraph 5 of the current policy.
2. Explain the rationale for adopting this policy.

3. Call for a workshop-type meeting to discuss this policy and reach consensus on a policy that works for all.

Chancellor Fisher clarified that no information was withheld from Mrs. DeMartini. She said staff did not have the information Trustee DeMartini requested. Dean George Boodrookas had indicated that it would be difficult to get the information. Dr. Fisher said she told Trustee DeMartini that the information was not available and that it would be difficult to obtain from other agencies around the state. She said she also told Mrs. DeMartini that the good news was that the issue was moot because the City and County had agreed to support the recommendation on the agenda.

Chair Neumann said he felt that the language could be changed and said he was in favor of having the Chancellor draft alternative language. Trustees Schrimp and Rojas said they favored Mrs. DeMartini's option of addressing this issue at the next Board Retreat. Chancellor Fisher said that it is the Board's choice to change the language. She also pointed out that she could not remember anyone ever being denied information. Mr. Mitchell said he believed this could be addressed through the regular reading process. Mrs. DeMartini stated that she would be satisfied to address her concerns at the next Board Retreat. The Chancellor was directed to place this item on the agenda for the Board's Summer Retreat.

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CCCT Board of Directors
Election – 2003

The voting period for the California Community College Trustees Board of Directors ends April 25. There are 18 candidates for ten two-year vacancies on the Board. Biographical sketches were distributed previously to trustees. Trustees agreed to each complete a ballot indicating their preferences for the CCCT Board of Directors. These ballots were given to the Chancellor for compilation and the completion of a single Board ballot.

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Report out from Closed
Session

Chair Neumann reported that the Board acted in closed session to approve reductions in force of six administrative staff effective June 30, 2003.

COMMENTS

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Comments from the
Public

There were no comments from the public.

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Comments from the
Board of Trustees

Chair Neumann announced that there will be a performance of Ibsen's "The Doll House" which will benefit the Friends of the MJC Library. This will take place at the Prospect Theatre on Scenic Avenue on March 13.

Mrs. DeMartini reported that she had been given a tour of Columbia College by Dr. Riggs and was treated to a lunch prepared by the Culinary Arts students. She also had a tour of the Ag facilities and the Beckwith Ranch hosted by Alan Cover, Interim Dean of Agriculture, Environmental Science and Technical Education.

Trustee DeMartini said she had visited the West Campus Learning Center, as well as a couple of classes.

Following up on last month's discussion about the broadcasting of future Board meetings, Trustee DeMartini said she had learned that our Board meetings can be broadcasted free of charge on the public access channel.

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NEXT MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on April 1 at Columbia College. Closed session will begin at 3:30 p.m. and open session at 5:00 p.m.

Paul Neumann, Chair
YCCD Board of Trustees

Pamila J. Fisher, Secretary
YCCD Board of Trustees