

MINUTES
YOSEMITE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FIVE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-NINTH REGULAR MEETING
January 13, 2010

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

CLOSED SESSION AGENDA:

- Discussion:
1. Pursuant to G. C. Section 54957
Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Appointment
 2. Pursuant to G.C. Section 54956.8 – Property Negotiator
Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Stanislaus APN:072-012-058, 109-014-043)
 3. Pursuant to G. C. Section 54957.6 - Conference with Labor Negotiators
District Representatives: D. Wirth
Employee Organizations: CSEA, YFA

The Board of Trustees reconvened to Public Session at 5:30 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, Board Chair
Desirree Abshire
Anne DeMartini
Abe Rojas
Tom Hallinan
Mike Riley
Elizabeth McMahon (Student Trustee)

Board Members Absent Linda Flores

Others Present R. Darnell, J. Smith, K. White, T. Scott, D. Wirth, G. Rose, N. Stavrianoudakis, J. Mathies, T. Nesmith, J. Swank, L. Hoile, D. Gervin, J. Daly, K. Walters-Dunlap, M. Perez, B. Nadell, G. Whitfield, B. Crow, Y. Nazi, W. Byrd, G. Boodrookas, M. Adams, E. Andal, G. Womble, P. Kroll, M. Kennedy, M. Anglin, J. Lanchester, M. Newton, M. Enriquez, S. Akiona (Recorder)

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Report Out From Closed Session There was no report out from closed session.

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Approval of Minutes A motion was made by Trustee DeMartini and seconded by Trustee Riley to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on December 9, 2009, as amended.

The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

COMMENTS

Wendy Byrd addressed the Board to complete her remarks made at the December 9, 2009, Board Meeting. Ms. Byrd stated she was compelled to address the Board because she had received overwhelming responses when she sent an email out to the MJC community in response to Dr. Rose's farewell email. Ms. Byrd requested that the Board and District community be more sensitive to issues that affect a person's livelihood. Ms. Byrd asked that the Board please know and respect that there is anxiety on campus. Ms. Byrd stated that when she spoke about employees' fear of losing jobs or being retaliated against if they speak up, that this is a real issue. She asked that the Board please consider new ideas and opportunities to reverse the current trend and encourage an open exchange of ideas. She stated the college community is preparing to embrace change knowing there are more difficult decisions ahead. Employees come to work believing they are doing a good job and working to make a difference.

Chair Dean stated no one should be afraid to speak, and there is an appropriate way to do it. Chair Dean expressed appreciation to Ms. Byrd for coming.

Student Activity Reports

Yashlee Nazi, ASMJC President, reported that a lunch fundraiser was held at Institute Day, and it was supported by faculty. The State Students Association, Region V meeting was hosted on March 18 on West Campus. Ms. Nazi is serving on the MJC Presidential Search committee. She stated her disappointment on how the ASMJC office was treated by construction workers during the Student Center reconstruction. During Welcome Back Week an information booth was provided for students. The Student Senate for California Community Colleges will be at the State Capitol on March 22 for the "March in March." Last year over 5,000 students met with representatives in their Capitol offices. This year for the first time they are collaborating with California State Student Association, the CSU student organization. March 4 will be "Day of Action" on campus on how to address student needs. A voter registration drive will be held on campus February 8 - 13. January 9 and 10 was the Student Senate meeting for California Community Colleges. Scott Lay of Community College League of California and Erik Skinner of California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office gave a budget update. Ms. Nazi reported that she personally drafted the talking points for March in March. They were adopted by the Student Senate for CCC and will be disseminated statewide. Trustee Hallinan stated the Governor and legislators have been good to community colleges during these times, and asked what the specific talking points were. Ms. Nazi said the focus was on EOPS and minimizing cuts. Trustee Hallinan asked if the Board might see a copy, and Ms. Nazi will be providing that information. Trustee Riley asked about the problem with the construction process. Interim President Ken White stated the contractors came in to do the work in the ASMJC office, and did not properly

care for the area. Carpet and furniture were damaged. He stated MJC staff is working to repair the damage, and that it had been reported to the contractor.

Elizabeth McMahon, Student Trustee, reported ASCC collected 900 pounds of food during the Thanksgiving food drive for the local food bank. Over the Winter Break, the ASCC collected enough food for 30 students and donations to the gift tree for 82 children.

Academic Senate Reports

Columbia College Academic Senate President Erik Andal reported invitations had gone to the Board for a reception on January 23 kicking off Black History Month. Casey Bonavia, Instructional Assistant in the Math Resource Center, earned her BS in Mathematics from Chadron State University. Laurel Grindy, Professor Emerita, was honored with a Teaching Excellence Award by the California Mathematics Council of Community Colleges at their December conference. John Leamy, Professor of Mathematics, presented a talk, "Using Triangular Numbers to Develop Mathematical Reasoning," at the California Mathematics Council of Community Colleges December conference. Dennis Gervin and Raelene Juarez are co-chairing the Accreditation at Columbia College and campus preparation has begun for self-study.

MJC Academic Senate President Mike Adams welcomed Pat Dean as the new Board Chair. He extended his thanks to Trustees who attended Institute Day. Mr. Adams stated there will be some changes made to the Adjunct Faculty Orientation. They were expecting a 50/50 mix of new and returning faculty. With budget cuts there were few new faculty. The next orientation will focus on returning faculty. Cram night had over 500 students attending for tutoring. Mr. Adams thanked ASMJC, the Bookstore, Facilities staff, the library staff, faculty, and all volunteers for making this a successful night. MJC Academic Senate will meet several times before the next Board meeting.

REPORTS & INFORMATION ITEMS

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Activities and Announcements

Modesto Junior College

Interim President Ken White called the Board's attention to the following:

Westminster Choir in Concert

The Modesto Junior College Friends of Music will present the Westminster Choir in Concert on Wednesday, January 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Performing and Media Arts Center.

MAPS Presentation

The Modesto Area Partners in Science (MAPS) will present "Dr. Al Chemist's Potions and Rachel's Songs" on Friday, January 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the MJC Auditorium of the Performing and Media Arts Center. Dr. Steve Murov, MJC Professor Emeritus of

Chemistry, as his alter-ego “Dr. Al Chemist” performs a series of chemical experiments that are designed to demonstrate the importance and excitement of science.

Former Assembly Speaker and Mayor of San Francisco Willie Brown

Willie Lewis Brown, Jr., two-term mayor of San Francisco and longest-serving speaker of the California State Assembly (1980 – 1995), will provide the keynote address entitled "How Martin Helped Shape My Life" at the community-wide Martin Luther King, Jr., Commemoration to be held Friday, January 22, 2010, at 7 p.m. in the MJC Performing and Media Arts Center.

Spring Speech Night

The MJC Forensics Team will demonstrate a variety of award-winning, competitive speech and debates during the Spring Speech Night, Tuesday, February 10, at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m., in the Main Auditorium of the Performing and Media Arts Center.

Agriculture and Environmental Sciences Crab Feed Fundraiser

MJC Agriculture and Environmental Sciences Department 3rd Annual Crab Feed fundraiser will be held on Friday, February 5, beginning with a social hour and preview of silent auction items at 6 p.m.

Special Appointment – Dr. Bob Nadell

Modesto Junior College Vice President of Student Services Bob Nadell has been selected to serve as a member of the ACCJC evaluation team visiting the National Polytechnic College of Science on March 1-4, 2010.

Columbia College

President Joan Smith called the Board’s attention to the following:

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Pinnacle Award

President Smith acknowledged Jeff Fitzwater, the Chapter’s faculty advisor. The Columbia College chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), Beta Xi Delta, is the recipient of a PTK Pinnacle Award. The award recognizes the chapter for an increase in membership of over 25% from last year and earns the chapter up to five membership scholarships into the organization. Phi Theta Kappa is an honor society whose purpose is to “*recognize and encourage scholarship among two-year college students.*”

“Autistic-Like: Graham’s Story” Viewing

The Columbia College Foster-Kinship Care Education (FKCE) program, in collaboration with Infant Child Enrichment Services (ICES) and the Local Child Care Planning Council, are hosting a viewing of “Autistic-Like: Graham’s Story,” which will be held in the Dogwood Forum on Saturday, February 20, 2010, from 10 to noon. Erik Linthorst, the film-maker and child’s parent, will be on hand to answer audience questions after the film.

A Celebration of Black History

Columbia College presents *A Celebration of Black History in the Mother Lode and the Nation* on exhibit in the Columbia College Manzanita Building Rotunda from January 19 to February 26, 2010. The exhibit will feature a display titled, “The Westward Quest for Freedom,” which will provide information on California’s African American Gold Rush history and connections to the Underground Railroad—specifically highlighting the

unique ties of Black history to our Mother Lode region. Partners in providing this exhibit are the Columbia College Foundation, National Park Service, National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Program, Mother Lode Black Heritage Foundation, Columbia State Historic Park, and Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools Office.

Special Appointment – Dr. Dennis Gervin

Columbia College Vice President for Instruction Dennis Gervin will serve as a member of the team that will conduct a comprehensive evaluation for MiraCosta College from March 1-4, 2010, as appointed by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges.

Columbia College Firefighter I Academy Graduation

Columbia College's Firefighter I Academy held their graduation ceremony and presented a Certification of Completion to thirteen successful students of the Fire Technology Program on Monday, December 14, 2009.

Calaveras First 5 Grant (not an agenda item)

President Smith also added that Columbia College received the Calaveras First 5 Grant, with \$1500 for new equipment for the Child Development project. Chair Dean noted the newspaper article on how the child care facility will help the community.

Yosemite Community College District

The Chancellor reported the following:

All Central Services Meeting

The Spring All Central Services Day will be held February 5, 2010. Updates on issues facing the District and colleges will be discussed. Accreditation will be the main focus.

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Presentations/Updates **Chancellor's Update**

Chancellor Darnell reported that the MJC Presidential Search continues. On January 8, the committee began reviewing applications. They will continue to accept applications until the position is filled. Thirty-nine applications that meet the minimum qualifications have been received: 24 from within the state and 15 outside the state. The committee next meets on January 22 to identify candidates to invite for an interview. The Chancellor reported the Governor's State of the State speech addressed the need to invest in education. The Governor's first introduction of the budget now shows a modest increase of \$70 million to community colleges' statewide system and no increase to student fees. Trustee DeMartini asked about the quality of the applicants for President of MJC. Chancellor Darnell answered there are two levels of applicants; one group meets the minimum qualifications while the others more closely resemble the desired characteristics. The minimum is a master's degree as the base State qualification; however, the preference is a doctorate with experience in community college education and teaching.

2009 Accountability Reporting for the

Alexandra Campbell, Director of Institutional Research and Planning, Columbia College, and Dr. Kenneth Hart, Director of

Community Colleges
(ARCC)

Research and Planning, Modesto Junior College, presented the 2009 ARCC data to the Board. The Board of Trustees previously received a copy of the 2009 ARCC Report "Focus on Results," specifically pertaining to Columbia College and Modesto Junior College. The ARCC Report serves as an element utilized by our colleges in ongoing cycles of evaluation. The report focuses on the following seven performance indicators: Student Progress and Achievement Rates, Students Earning at Least 30 units; Persistence Rates, Vocational Course Completion; Basic Skills Course Completion; Improvement Rates for Credit Basic Skills Courses; and Improvement Rates for ESL courses. Dr. Dennis Gervin reported he spoke to the State Chancellor's Office and conveyed questions and problems with what the report does and does not capture. There is concern statewide that this report is focusing on numbers and not dialogue. Trustee DeMartini stated the Board is aware of this concern. She thanked all those who worked on the report. Trustee DeMartini questioned the accuracy of the ARCC report on Page 19, household income numbers, with errors from the State Chancellor's Office as well as on page 22, participation rates per 100,000 population, with questions regarding accuracy and clarity of the data. Trustee DeMartini requested that staff report the discrepancies to the responsible state agency.

Bond Update

Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee held its quarterly meeting on January 6, 2010. A new Chair and Vice-Chair were elected. Terry Plett is the new Chair, replacing James West. Frank "Del" Hodges is the new Vice-Chair, replacing Terry Plett. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the YCCD Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) will be held on Wednesday, April 7, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. in the YCCD Board Room.

Kitchell representative Mr. Mark Newton provided the Board with an update on the progress of the Columbia College Child Development Center project. It will be completed April 9, with delivery of furniture by April 12. The State Certification Process must be completed before the building can be occupied. Trustee Hallinan asked if there had been any complaints by California Department of Forestry about the trees being so close to the buildings. President Smith commented there have been no complaints. Fire hydrants have been placed on campus in the last few years, as well as having a fire station on campus as part of the fire program in collaboration with local agencies. Columbia College is working with firefighters to trim trees to minimize fire hazards.

The Board received the following update of current Bond projects as noted in the Board's Agenda:

Modesto Junior College: *Allied Health:* Work includes underground utilities, grading and foundation work.

Infrastructure/MJC West Roads Project: Both projects have started construction and used the holiday break to complete trenching at the main entrance. *Softball Complex:* Construction includes work on fencing, batting cage, and dug outs. *Agricultural Multi-Use Pavilion:* In construction. *Science Community Center & GVM:* The project has been approved by DSA and started the pre-qualification and bidding process. *Student Services:* The project is approved by DSA and is beginning the bidding process. *Founders Hall* and the *High Tech Center* are in the design development drawing phase.

Columbia College: *Child Development Center:* The project has begun interior finishes for most buildings. *Science and Natural Resources:* In construction, working on foundations.

Current Modesto Junior College Projects

PROJECT	STATUS	START CONSTRUCTION
Agriculture Beef and Sheep Unit	Construction	August 2009
Agriculture Housing	COMPLETE	June 2009
Agriculture Multi-Use Pavilion	Construction	August 2009
Allied Health	Construction	August 2009
Infrastructure Project	Construction	January 2010
MJC West Roads Project	Construction	January 2010
Science Community Center & GVM	Bid and Award	February 2010
Student Services	Bid and Award	March 2010
Softball Complex	Construction	August 2009
Founders Hall	Design	January 2011
High Tech Center	Design	December 2011

Current Columbia College Projects

Child Development Center	Construction	November 2008
Science and Natural Resources	Construction	July 2009
Pathways Project	Programming	tbd

Current Educational Outreach Facilities

Calaveras	Property Acquisition	tbd
Oakdale	Property Search	tbd
Turlock	Property Search	tbd
Patterson	DSA Review	tbd

ACTION ITEMS

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Consent Agenda

Fiscal Services

A motion was made by Trustee Rojas and seconded by Trustee DeMartini that the Board approve the Consent Agenda as amended, and as follows: Item 5, Non-resident Tuition was pulled for separate discussion and vote. Diane Wirth added Lloyd Bruce

Miller, Alternate Media Access Specialist, Columbia College, to the short-term appointee list.

Purchase Orders

Approve the purchase orders issued from November 1, 2009 through November 30, 2009.

Grant Project Applications/Amendment

Authorize the Yosemite Community College District to submit the following grant project applications/amendments and to enter into a contract with the appropriate agencies when the projects are selected for funding:

AGENCY	Coll	Agency Share	Proposer Share
US Department of Education	CC	\$1,100,000	-0-
US Department of Education	MJC	\$1,104,100	-0-
US Department of Education	MJC	\$1,100,000	-0-

Acceptance of Gifts

Accept with appreciation the following gift(s):

Eldon Powers Backhoe	Concrete Removal on Pipeline	MJC	Beckwith Instructional Lab
Cover's Dehydrator	Pick Up, SetUp, Hulling and Hauling of 140,600 lbs of Walnuts	MJC	Beckwith Instructional Lab
Albert Mendes Dairy	\$250	MJC	Young Farmers AG Mechanics Club ¼ Scale Competition

Notice of Completion of Contract

Accept the work performed as having been completed in accordance with the plans and specifications and authorize final payment of 10% of contract amount.

Bid #	Project Name	Coll	Contractor	Original Amount	Revised Amount
09-1614	Student Housing Site Improvements	MJC	Diede Construction, Inc.	\$687,670	\$812,303

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Personnel Items

Approve the following Personnel Transaction Items:

PERSONNEL TRANSACTION LIST

Name	Position	Department	Coll	Effective
Interim Appointment – Management:				
Cecelia Hudelson-Putnam	Interim Dean (Educational Administrator)	Business, Behavioral & Social Science	MJC	1/1/10 - 6/30/10
Lisa Schut	Interim Child Care Center Manager (Classified Administrator)	Family & Consumer Sciences	MJC	1/1/10 - 12/31/10
Promotional Appointment – Classified:				
Shirley Miranda-Brenes	Administrative Specialist (contingent upon funding)	Title V/Early College Program	MJC	1/19/10
Voluntary Reduction in Assignment – Classified/Faculty:				
Robin Frazier	Registered Nurse I (from 75% to 47.5%)	Health Services	MJC	12/20/09

Name	Position	Department	Coll	Effective
Kim Jordan	Program Technician (temporary reduction from 12 to 11 months)	DSP&S	MJC	7/1/09 - 6/30/10
Korene Gypsy Keene	Accounting Assistant (temporary reduction from 100% to 90%)	Business Services	MJC	1/25/10 - 4/19/10
Deborah Gilbert	English Instructor (temporary reduction from 100% to 75%)	Literature & Language Arts	MJC	1/1/10 - 5/1/10

2. Short-Term Appointee List

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

Name	Classification	Department	Coll	Start Date	End Date
Seasonal – hired to cover high peak periods associated with the academic calendar such as registration, bookstore rush.					
Donnett Schafer	Administrative Assistant	Scholarships	MJC	1/14/10	6/30/10
Intermittent – creates pool of eligible employees available on an “on-call” basis. Typically used for critical areas such as security or to cover for mandated positions such as child care.					
Sarah Ford	Instructional Support Assistant	Child Development	MJC	1/14/10	6/30/10
Specially Funded or Temporary – appointments made in response to specially funded project and/or unexpected workload demand created by special projects or vacancies.					
Alyssa Bahr	Program Assistant	CalWorks/Financial Aid	MJC	1/14/10	6/30/10
Monique Montee	Administrative Assistant	Early College/Tech Prep	MJC	1/18/10	6/30/10
Lloyd Bruce Miller	Alternate Media Access Specialist	DSP&S	CC	1/14/10	6/30/10

The motion made on the Consent Agenda, excluding the Nonresident Tuition Fee, carried with a vote of 6-0.

Non-Resident Tuition Fee (Consent Item taken separately)

The Board of Trustees is required to establish annually a nonresident student tuition fee for the succeeding year. The 2009-2010 nonresident student tuition fee is \$189. The 2010-2011 nonresident student tuition fee statewide average is \$183 expense per unit. Historically, the Board has adopted the statewide average rate, which is the rate our neighboring districts normally charge.

Teresa Scott reported that \$208 is our District average cost. Trustee Abshire stated if YCCD’s cost is \$208 this should be the charge. Trustee DeMartini agreed. Ms. Scott noted the survey of the surrounding districts: Merced, San Joaquin Delta, and State Center. YCCD is in line with contiguous districts. YCCD does not actively

recruit non-residents, and this fee generates minimal revenue. George Boodrookas stated international students include CASS (through Georgetown contract) and a second group of international students (50+) on visa. Trustee Riley would rather the Board not adopt this right now and asked if this rate discourages out-of-state students for programs such as athletics, nursing and agriculture. Ms. Scott stated that it must be adopted per State deadline, but that it could later be amended. The fee goes into effect in July. Trustee Riley stated the Board needs to look at strategic reasons for the cost. Staff was directed to bring more information to the Board regarding revenue generated by the fee.

A motion was made by Trustee DeMartini and seconded by Trustee Abshire that the Board of Trustees not adopt staff's recommendation to charge \$183 but rather to adopt a 2010-2011 nonresident tuition fee of \$208.

Motion carried with a vote of 5-0. Trustee Rojas abstained.

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Discussion Items

Citizens' Bond Oversight
Committee Membership

A motion was made by Trustee Rojas and seconded by Trustee DeMartini that the Board of Trustees appoint Megane Queromes as MJC Student Representative, and directed staff to reduce CBOC membership representatives from 12 to 10.

Motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

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COMMENTS

From the Board of Trustees

Trustee Rojas reported he attended the EOPS graduation ceremony. Trustee DeMartini reported she attended In-Service Day and complimented those who worked on the event and also the student speakers who did an excellent job. She also attended the Stanislaus County School Board and reported that they are hosting a workshop on January 30 for Board Members. Trustee Abshire thanked Erik Andal and Mike Adams who met with her during the holidays break. She attended the poetry event which had a great response from the public. Trustee Riley attended both In-Service and the Institute Days. He stated everyone recognizes the seriousness of the economic time and had very uplifting attitudes. He also attended the MJC basketball tournament. He is a member of the MJC Foundation and Spending Policy Chair on spending endowments and investing. Trustee Riley attended the Foundation Holiday event at the McHenry Museum. Chair Dean reported attending the R.N. Pinning Ceremony at MJC where there were 61 graduates. She also attended both In-Service and Institute Days. She thanked everyone for excellent, well done events. She also reported the Columbia College Foundation will meet next Thursday, January 21, where donors will be honored.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Wednesday, February 10, 2010. 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 Ave, Modesto, California.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Pat Dean, Chair
YCCD Board of Trustees

D. Roe Darnell, Secretary
YCCD Board of Trustees