

MINUTES
YOSEMITE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FIVE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 11, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Anne DeMartini 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
Chancellor's Cabinet Contracts
 2. Pursuant to G.C. Section 54956.8 – Property Negotiator
Conference with Real Property Negotiators (APN: 057-023-027, 057-023-028,
021-027-014, 105-014-006, 106-014-018, 106-014-019)
 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 5:33 p.m. in the Dogwood Forum, Columbia College. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag preceded formal Board action.

Board Members Present Anne DeMartini, Board Chair
 Abe Rojas
 Mike Riley
 Pat Dean
 Linda Flores
 Desirree Abshire
 Tom Hallinan
 Lauren Cisneros (Student Trustee)

Board Members Absent None

Others Present G. Rose, R. Rose, J. Smith, N. Stavrianoudakis, R. Darnell,
 T. Scott, D. Wirth, J. Sahlman, D. Gervin, D. Baggett, T. Nesmith
 J. Swank, A. Cavagnero, C. Mical, B. Nadell, Jonny Proctor, G.
 Whitfield, K. Walters-Dunlap, K. Schultz, M. Colon, R. Gritz, J.
 Whalen, M. Newton, J. Dohoerty, M. Landess, B. Michael,
 L. Martin, M. McBride, R. Martin, S. Akiona (Recorder).

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Report Out From Closed Session There was no report out from closed session. Chair DeMartini announced that the Board will again adjourn to closed session following the conclusion of open session discussions.

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Special Recognition – Innovation of the Year Award At the February Board meeting, Columbia College's Career Tools for Excellence was selected by the Board for submission to the League for Innovation's national recognition program. Chair DeMartini and Chancellor Darnell presented an award to President Joan Smith, on behalf of Columbia College, and also presented certificates to the program creators. Columbia College does an excellent job in preparing students for the workforce in terms of

subject matter content. Career Tools for Excellence is designed to support these efforts in meeting the needs of the business community whether our students are pursuing vocational training, transfer, or job enrichment. The Career Tools for Excellence creators are: Randy Barton, Melissa Colon, Jeff Fitzwater, Patricia Harrelson, Ida Ponder, Katherine Schultz, Meryl Soto, Kathy Sullivan, Adrienne Webster and Gene Womble. Congratulations to staff and Columbia College for receiving this honor.

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Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Trustee Rojas and seconded by Trustee Flores that the Board of Trustees approve the Minutes of the regular meeting on February 11, 2009, meeting, as amended.

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

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COMMENTS
From the Public

There were no comments from the public.

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**REPORTS &
INFORMATION ITEMS**
Activities and
Announcements

**Columbia College
Presentation**

Jeff Whalen, Columbia College Auxiliary Services Manager presented the current initiatives in place at the Manzanita Bookstore to provide students with affordable textbook options. In August of 2008, the California State Auditor's office published a report on the *Affordability of College Textbooks*. This report explains how the rising cost of textbooks has had a direct adverse effect on students' access to an affordable education and includes recommendations for faculty and bookstores to help provide lower cost alternatives to students. Used books are an affordable and attractive alternative to students. In 2005-2006, used book sales were at 29% and have continually increased to 53% in 2008-2009. The Manzanita Bookstore is working with faculty and publishers on a rental program for books that will be in use for a minimum of four semesters. Custom publications, that are created to faculty specifications, are an excellent option that offers savings to the student, sales to the bookstore, and provides a more accurate teaching tool for faculty. The Manzanita Bookstore will continue its efforts in providing affordable textbook options to students.

Student Activity Reports

ASCC President, Johnny Proctor, thanked Jeff Whalen for his continuing work towards making textbooks affordable for students; and commended Doralyn Foletti for her excellent work on "It's a Jungle Out There!" Mr. Proctor reported that with the move of the Student Center, there has been an increase in providing student services and overall success for ASCC and the students. Mr. Proctor provided the Board with the latest copy of the ASCC newsletter. ASCC is presenting a St. Patrick's Day event and planning is underway for end-of-the-year celebrations.

Student Trustee Lauren Cisneros reported on behalf of ASMJC President Taylor White. In March the following events have been scheduled: Student versus faculty softball game, Student March in March at the State Capitol with meetings with legislators on community college student issues, ASMJC Candidates Forum, Accreditation Celebration Barbeque, and ASMJC elections. April events include: HIV Awareness Day, Human Services Awareness Day, Earth Day, 11th Annual Pow Wow, Clubs Banquet, Cram Night, and attendance at the State Student Senate Spring Assembly.

Academic Senate Activity
Reports

MJC Academic Senate President Jim Sahlman reported that three faculty members are applying for the faculty accreditation co-chair position. He said he hopes to announce the new co-chair at the April Board Meeting. The SLO Coordinator position has not yet been filled. They are extending the search. The next Senate Meeting, March 19th, will focus on SLO workshop for the Senate representatives. There will be a new Senate Executive Board beginning August 1 (Mike Adams, President; Adrienne Peek, President-Elect; Barbara Wells, Secretary; Jeff Netto, Parliamentarian; Rob Stevenson, Legislative Analyst). The Senate will host a classified staff recognition lunch May 4. Faculty is being encouraged to participate in this year's Summer Sonata. (Discussion is ongoing regarding placing SLOs on the Course Outline of Record and Summary Report from Professor Shelley Circle is forthcoming regarding the implications of a Winter Intersession). Standing committees continue to meet regularly, currently addressing planning issues. End of year evaluations regarding the committees will be conducted.

Anne Cavagnaro, Columbia College Academic Senate President, reported the following Senate election results : President Elect – Raelene Juarez; Representative at Large – Brian Greene; and Curriculum Chair – Randy Barton. The following faculty has been recommended for Tenure: Randy Barton, Joe Doherty, Dr. Tim Elizondo, Dr. Brian Jensen, Raelene Juarez, Nate Rien, Don Smith, and Adrienne Webster. These professors will be honored at the first annual Recognition of Tenure dinner on March 19th. An invitation was extended to the Board of Trustees to attend. Two resolutions are currently being considered: Senate process for faculty, hiring proposals (a more collaborative approach) and recognition of awarding degrees and certificates (considering separate recognition ceremonies). Over two hundred courses have been assigned disciplines and all of the courses developed by the cohort of online developers associated with the Title III grant have been through our Distance Education approval process. Erik Andal and Anne Cavagnaro will be attending the Area A State Senate meeting on the 27th of March at San Joaquin Delta College and the Spring Plenary Session in April. Regarding Budget/ Planning: Unit plans are being updated and will be tied to program review data. The unit planning tool and program review data are available via the intranet from the Institutional Researcher's webpage.

Modesto Junior College	President Rich Rose called the Board's attention to the following activities listed in the agenda:
Valley/Sierra Career Technical Education Collaborative	The Valley/Sierra Career Technical Education Collaborative, composed of Modesto Junior College, Columbia College, San Joaquin Delta College and Merced College has received a \$400,000 grant for developing a Renewable Energy Pathway, and a \$250,000 grant for a Workforce Innovation Partnership in Renewable Energy. The grants will assist in the development of an education-to-work pathway and career ladder training programs in the energy and utilities industry sector.
2009 Women of Distinction	The YCCD/MJC Chapter of the American Association for Women in Community Colleges (AAWCC) will hold the 2009 Women of Distinction Recognition Reception on March 12, at noon in the Auditorium Lobby of the MJC Performing and Media Arts Center. Congratulations to this year's honorees: Claudia Ramirez and Lori Sammis (classified); Barbara Adams and Cherri Llewellyn (faculty); Linda Hoile (management); Tricia Yarnal (student) and Bryan Justin Marks (Male Mentor).
MJC Theatre presents "Oklahoma"	The MJC Theatre Department will present the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "Oklahoma!" on March 20, 21, 27 and 28 at 7:30 pm and March 22 and 29 at 2 pm, in the Auditorium of the Performing and Media Arts Center. The production is directed by Professor Michael Lynch. General admission is \$15 and student/senior tickets are \$12.
Accreditation Celebration Day	MJC is planning an Accreditation Celebration Day on Thursday, March 26, that will kick off with a Breakfast Review at 8:30 a.m., followed by an Accreditation Forum at 10 a.m. ASMJC will host a Student Barbecue on the Quad, 12 – 3 pm, and the celebration will conclude with a Pirate Party, 4-7 p.m. in the Mary Stuart Rogers Center.
Taste of International Culture and Cuisine	Students who have come to Modesto Junior College from all parts of the world will share a taste of their international culture and cuisine during the Annual International Dinner on Saturday, March 28, at 6 pm, in the Social Hall of Emanuel Lutheran Church, located at the corner of College and Stoddard Avenues. Festivities will include foods from around the world, singing, dancing and other entertainment by the members of MJC's International Club and cultural displays featuring artifacts from the students' home countries. Tickets must be purchased in advance and are \$10 each, \$5 for children under 10.
ASMJC – AIDS/HIV Awareness Day	The Associated Students of Modesto Junior College will hold an AIDS/HIV Awareness Day on Wednesday, April 1, on East Campus. The event includes an information fair, 10 am - 2 pm on the Quad, with local prevention and treatment providers participating. At 7 pm in the Auditorium, there will be a presentation by Jeanne White-Ginder, whose 13-year-old hemophiliac son Ryan contracted AIDS from a contaminated blood treatment and died in

990. Ryan became a national HIV poster child and his story was aired in 1989, ABC's TV movie "The Ryan White Story."

25th Annual Hispanic Education Conference

Trustee Abe Rojas announced that the Hispanic Education Conference will take place on Saturday, April 4, 8:30 am - 2 pm, in the Performing and Media Arts Center. Keynote speakers will be Juan Alvarez, Founder of the Hispanic Education Conference and performance artist David Garibaldi's Rhythm and Hue. The purpose of the conference is to expose Hispanic and Latino high school students to higher education and to various careers and occupations. Students will attend a series of career workshops to be presented by Hispanic professionals in a field of their choice. Approximately 800-1,000 participants are anticipated to attend.

Unagendized MJC Announcements

President Rose also announced that the MJC Speech & Debate Team received 2nd place overall in a Community College Northern California competition and have advanced to the State Competition.

President Rose attended the Association of California Community College Administrators (ACCCA) Annual Conference where the Harry Butterman Award is presented. YCCD Chancellor Emeritus, Dr. Tom Van Gronigen, was also recognized as the first Harry Butterman Award recipient.

Columbia College

President Joan Smith called the following activities to the Board's attention:

Columbia Wine Tasting

The 33rd Annual Columbia Wine Tasting will again be held at Columbia State Historic Park on Sunday, April 19, from 1 to 4 pm. The popular event is a benefit for the Columbia College Culinary Program and is sponsored by the Columbia College Foundation. Proceeds will go toward culinary student scholarships and purchases of essential program materials.

Spring Review

As part of Columbia College's 40th year celebration, a public reading of the *Spring Review* for 2009 was held at the campus library in Tamarack Hall on February 26. The *Spring Review*, which receives partial funding from the Columbia College Foundation, is an attractively designed and printed 100 page cross-curriculum collection of poetry, fiction, non-fiction, art and photography – all student produced. The review's moderator and editor is Columbia College English Professor Meryl Soto.

Student on National Panel

A proposal by Columbia College student Agnieszka "Sigil" Blackwolf was selected for presentation at the 2009 Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association National Meeting from April 8-11 in New Orleans. Blackwolf will be one of five presenters on a 90-minute panel at the conference, which will host over 2,000 participants and consists of seven regional organizations: Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, South, Midwest, Far West, Southwest/Texas, and Oceanic.

American Culinary
Federation (ACF)
Accreditation Visit

An accreditation team from the American Culinary Federation (ACF) visited the Columbia College campus during the week of February 23 for an on-site visit of the college's culinary and pastry arts department. The ACF is the national accrediting commission for culinary and pastry education at post-secondary institutions and secondary programs. Founded in 1929, it has more than 18,000 members in 240 chapters across the country and is considered the authority on cooking in America. Chancellor Darnell and Trustee Dean were in attendance.

*Unagendized Columbia
College Announcements*

President Smith also announced the "It's a Jungle Out There" exhibition. She reported that over 3000 community members and K-12 students visited the college during the exhibition. She thanked Doralyn Foletti, Coni Chavez, Mike Torok, Guy Van Cleave, and the numerous college and district staff who made the event a huge success.

President Smith thanked Mr. Jeff Whalen for his continuous and successful efforts in bringing affordable textbook options to Columbia College Students.

The ribbon cutting ceremony for the Public Safety Building is scheduled for April 10th, and President Smith invited Trustees to attend the first annual faculty tenure dinner on March 19th.

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Presentations/Updates
Chancellor's Update

Chancellor Darnell announced that the Board Spring Retreat will be held in Oakdale on April 15. At the regular April Board meeting, Trustees will receive additional Board policies for first reading and several policies will be returning for third reading. Chancellor Darnell shared information regarding changes to accreditation standards in California. He mentioned that as of January 2009, 22 California community colleges have received some form of sanction from the accrediting commission.

Fiscal Services Update

Executive Vice Chancellor Teresa Scott reported that she and members of her staff met with representatives of the Stanislaus County Treasurer's office to discuss the effect of the State's payment deferrals. Ms. Scott was glad to report that the District continues to remain fiscally sound and that cash flow will not be affected during the deferred payment months.

Bond Update

Kitchell representative Mr. Mark Newton provided a Power Point presentation on Columbia College's Science & Natural Resources building project, with a focus on sustainability.

The Board received the following update on Bond projects:

Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee – The next regularly scheduled meeting of the CBOC will be held on April 1, 2009, Yosemite Community College District Board Room. Quarterly Expenditure Report for the period ending January 31, 2009.

Modesto Junior College: CEQA Compliance: Mitigation measures have been agreed to with the DTSC for environmental issues on the West Campus. Testing of an anomaly discovered in the original testing protocol is being scheduled; all effected project schedules have been modified accordingly. *Allied Health:* DSA approval is anticipated for March. *Parking Lot* construction has begun. *Softball Complex:* The project has been submitted to the Depart of State Architect (DSA) for review and approval. *Science Community Center & GVM:* 50% construction documents have been submitted to the College and the Measure E team for review. *Student Services:* A revised cost estimate and value engineering exercise are pending.

Columbia College: Child Development Center: Construction beginning. *Science and Natural Resources:* The construction documents have been submitted to the DSA for review and approval. The project is scheduled to start construction July of 2009.

Current Modesto Junior College Projects

PROJECT	STATUS	START CONSTRUCTION
Auditorium	Complete	September 2006
Agriculture Beef and Sheep Unit	DSA	May 2009 *
Agriculture Housing	Bidding	May 2009 *
Agriculture Multi-Use Pavilion	DSA	May 2009 *
Allied Health	DSA	May 2009 *
Parking Lot	Under Construction	February 2008
Science Community Center/GVM	Construction Documents	November 2009
Student Services	Schematic Design	November 2009
Softball Complex	Construction Documents	May 2009 *

**Pending DTSC testing resolution*

Current Columbia College Projects

PROJECT	STATUS	START CONSTRUCTION
Child Development Center	Under Construction	November 2008
Madrone Building	Under Construction	June 2008
Public Safety Center	Under Construction	April 2008
Science and Natural Resources	DSA	July 2009

Current Educational Outreach Facilities

PROJECT	STATUS	START CONSTRUCTION
Calaveras	Property Acquisition	tbd
Oakdale	Property Search	tbd
Turlock	Property Search	tbd
West Side (Patterson)	DSA Review	Spring 2009

ACTION ITEMS

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Consent Agenda, Fiscal Services

A motion was made by Trustee Rojas and seconded by Trustee Hallinan that the Board approve the Consent Agenda Items, as amended, and as follows:

Purchase Orders

Approve the purchase orders issued from January 1, 2009, through January 31, 2009.

Notice of Completion of Contract

The following project contracts have been completed and inspected. A recommendation is made that the Board 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
08-1598	Heater Replacement	CC	Champion Industrial	\$388,091	\$379,936.24
09-1613	Sewer Pipe Replacement	MJC	Donniker Construction	\$39,670	\$ 42,648.92

Grant Project Application/ Amendments

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 (**Report #2279**):

AGENCY	Coll	Agency Share	Proposer Share
California Community Colleges System Office, Economic & Workforce Development Program	MJC	\$107,816.00	\$16,926.00

Acceptance of Gifts

Accept with appreciation the following gift(s):

Donor	Gift	Coll	Program
John Turner	Photography equipment	MJC	Art Department
Hidden Valley Dairy	\$1,000.00	MJC	Ag Mechanics ¼ scale competition
J.M. Equipment	\$500.00	MJC	Ag Mechanics ¼ scale competition
John Nicewonger	Breeder ram "Nito"	MJC	Ag Sheep Program

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Personnel Items

Approve the Personnel Transaction list below:

PERSONNEL TRANSACTION LIST

Name	Position	Department	College	Effective
Retirements:				
Preston Birdwell (27 years of service)	Fire Station Manager	Fire Station	CC	6/30/09
Jessie Pearson (18 years of service)	Reprographics Operator III	Instructional Materials Center	CC	6/30/09
Appointment – Educational Administrator:				
Melissa Raby	Dean of Student Services	Student Services	CC	5/1/09

PERSONNEL TRANSACTION LIST, Continued

Appointment – Classified Administrator:				
Gina Sandoval	Project Manager	Child Development Training Consortium	YCCD	3/9/09
Temporary Appointment – Academic:				
Laura DeFreitas	Instructor of Nursing	Allied Health	MJC	3/1/09 - 6/30/09
Laura DeFreitas	Instructor of Nursing	Allied Health	MJC	8/1/09 - 12/31/09
Temporary Promotional Appointment:				
Lori Dangerfield	Interim Outreach Specialist	Admissions & Records	MJC	2/17/09 - 6/30/09
Promotional Appointment:				
Stacey Munroe	Reprographic Operator II	Reprographics/Duplicating	MJC	4/1/09
Probationary Appointment:				
David Olaya	Campus Security Officer	Campus Safety/Security	YCCD	3/12/09

Short-Term Appointees

Approve the following list of short-term appointees:

Name	Classification	Department	Coll	Start Date	End Date
Bains, Sandeep	Outreach Recruiter	Pre-College Programs	MJC	3/12/09	6/30/09
Bennett, Geoffrey	Campus Security Officer	Campus Security	CS	3/12/09	6/30/09
Bilbao, Angelica	Support Service Aid	Family & Consumer Sci	MJC	3/13/09	6/30/09
Rhoades, Kurt	Instructional Asst I	Instruction Office	CC	3/12/09	4/28/09
Zubek, Kim	Program Representative I	Health Services	CC	3/12/09	6/30/09

Adjunct Faculty Appointees

Approve the following list of adjunct faculty appointees:

Name	Discipline	Department	Coll	Effective
Hofman, Ryan	English	Literature & Language Arts	MJC	Summer/Fall 2009
MacDonald, Eric	English	Literature & Language Arts	MJC	Summer/Fall 2009
Rickard, Timothy	Welding	Welding	CC	Summer 2009
Roperti, Nicholas	ESL	Literature & Language Arts	MJC	Summer/Fall 2009

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Student Travel

MJC Speech & Debate Team
– Portland, Oregon

Approve travel of Debate Team to Portland, Oregon. The MJC Speech & Debate Team students have qualified for the Phi Rho Pi National Tournament in Portland, Oregon. Professor Todd Guy, MJC Speech & Debate Team coach, is in the process of planning a trip for the team that will span from April 5 -12, 2009. Fourteen students have been selected to compete in this contest. The approximate cost of the trip for instructors and team members will be \$12,514 and will be paid through Speech & Debate Team funds raised at the Fall and Spring Speech nights.

~~MJC Art History Field Study, France~~

~~This trip has been cancelled due to low enrollment, no approval necessary. Approve Art History Field Study to France. The MJC Art Department will offer "Art History Field Study" in France, visiting Paris, St. Germaine-en-Laye, Mont San Michel, Rennes, Quiberon, Amboise, Tours, Chartres, to Fontainebleau and Versailles and other related sites. Instruction will be offered May 31 to June 13, 2009. MJC professor Dr. Richard Serros will teach 3-unit Art courses. The cost of the trip arranged through Voyageur Educational Tours is \$3,999.00 per person and includes airfare, lodging, all breakfasts and three dinners, transportation and tickets to major museums and sites. Study will focus on ancient Prehistoric, Mesopotamian, Egyptian, Greek, Roman, Medieval, Renaissance, Baroque, Rococo, 19th and 20th Century periods. The instructor is paid by the District for one section of Art 165. Estimated enrollment will be 25 students. Apportionment generated will exceed instructor salary cost. No other costs of the trip are the responsibility of the college or District. The instructor (acting as the tour director) receives a discount from the travel agent on the travel package price. Costs for travel are the responsibility of the student.~~

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Sabbatical Leave Applications
2009-2010

Columbia College and MJC Sabbatical Leave Committees submitted recommendations for 2009-2010 sabbatical leave recipients. The recommendations were reviewed and approved by the College Presidents. The Education Code requires that employees who are granted sabbatical leaves post a bond in an amount equal to the salary received during the leave period, or enter into an agreement with the Board of Trustees for the proportional repayment of the amount received during leave if service is not provided to the District in an amount twice the length of the leave (**Resolution No. 08-09/03**).

Faculty Name	College	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
David Chapman	MJC	Yes	Yes
Teri Curtis	MJC	Yes	Yes
Barbara Jensen	MJC	Yes	Yes
Nancy Sill	MJC	Yes	Yes
Denise Smith	MJC	Yes	Yes
Stanley Spector	MJC	Yes	Yes
Robert Stevenson	MJC	Yes	Yes
Rick Rivera	CC	Yes	Yes

DISCUSSION ITEMS

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Resolution of Intent to
Dedicate Easement

Chancellor Darnell reported that Education Code 81310 authorizes the Board of Trustees to make a dedication of certain property for the purposes of installation, maintenance and repair of electrical facilities. The Board intends to dedicate easement to Modesto Irrigation District as identified on the Grant of Easement and legal description in Exhibits A & B, attached to

this meeting's agenda, located in the center portion of the two District properties located on Tully Road, Modesto Junior College East Campus. The Board must also set a date for a public hearing regarding the dedication.

A motion was made by Trustee Rojas and seconded by Trustee Dean that the Board of Trustees adopt **Resolution No. 08-09/04**, Intent to Dedicate Easement, as described on the Grant of Easement and Exhibits A & B, to Modesto Irrigation District for the purpose of installation, maintenance and repair of electrical facilities and set April 8, 2009 for the public hearing on the matter.

The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

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Citizens' Bond Oversight
Committee

Chancellor Darnell reported that eleven individuals requested applications and seven submitted applications to serve on the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee to fill vacancies on the committee. The Chancellor forwarded five individuals to be appointed by the Board to fill the vacancies, one of which is an existing member transferring from "At-Large" to "College Support Organization." The District will continue its advertising for applicants as additional vacancies are upcoming, efforts will continue to fill the Columbia College student vacancy.

A motion was made by Trustee Abshire and seconded by Trustee Dean that the Board of Trustees appoint to the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee the following individuals: James West (College Support Organization); Malerie Michael (MJC Student); Billie Taylor (Senior Citizen Organization); Verle Bartels (At-Large Representative); James J. Cherry (At-Large from Sonora), and Tammy Firch (At-Large).

The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

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Resolution Accepting Property
Donation and Authorization to
Acquire Title

Chancellor Darnell reported that Jon Maring, Tamara Maring, Lee Del Don and Debra Del Don propose to donate an approximately 10-acre site for the purpose of constructing the Modesto Junior College Patterson outreach site/learning center. The site is adjacent to the southern boundary of the City of Patterson, near the corner of Ward Avenue and Elfers Road. Acceptance of the donation and acquisition of title is proper at this time as necessary due diligence, environmental review and compliance and other requirements have been completed.

A motion was made by Trustee DeMartini and seconded by Trustee Hallinan that the Board of Trustees adopt **Resolution No. 08-09/05** accepting the donation and authorizing the acquisition of title.

The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

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Resolution Rendering Zoning Ordinances Inapplicable to Subject Property

Chancellor Darnell reported that the existing zoning designation of the property proposed for the Modesto Junior College Patterson outreach site/learning center is A-2-40 (Agriculture) under the Stanislaus County Code. Section 53094 of the Government Code allows the Board, by a vote of two-thirds of its members, to render the zoning ordinances inapplicable to the property and development. Pursuant to Section 53094, staff will notify the County of the action taken to render the zoning ordinances inapplicable.

A motion was made by Trustee DeMartini and seconded by Trustee Rojas that the Board of Trustees adopt **Resolution No. 08-09/06** rendering the zoning ordinances inapplicable to the site.

The motion carried with a vote of 6-0, Trustee Hallinan abstained.

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YCCD Budget Reserve

Chancellor Darnell reported that in an effort to lessen the impact of a potential declining local, state and national economy in future years, the YCCD needs to reevaluate its budget reserve percentage. Currently, the YCCD budget reserve is at the minimum allowable at 5%. (Yosemite Faculty Association) YFA Vice President and Columbia College faculty representative, Mr. Gene Womble, encouraged the Board to work towards increasing the reserve. He assured that YFA would be willing to work with the District and all constituent groups towards this goal, especially in light of the nationwide economic crisis.

Trustees shared various views, discussed the need to prepare for future unforeseen financial circumstances, a development of plans to target a budget reserve of 7-9% and asked for input. Trustee Rojas, while he agrees with increasing District reserves, would like to postpone the development of this topic until the economy stabilizes. Trustee Rojas stated that, in spite of the economy, the District has been fiscally prudent and the budget remains healthy. Trustee Abshire opined that increasing reserves is a process and planning should begin now. Trustee Riley stated that a larger reserve cushion adds stability to the District. Trustee Riley believes planning for reserve increase should have already begun to help avoid instances where there is a unanticipated financial need that may strain District finances. Trustee Hallinan is pleased that the Board is having a focused discussion on increasing reserves and agrees with moving forward with planning. Trustee Dean supports increasing the reserves and stated that she continues to struggle with last month's Board decision regarding salary increases. Trustee DeMartini would like more information regarding planning proposals and time lines to move towards the goal.

Trustee Rojas reminded the Board that in prior years when there was financial surplus, the District was funding retiree liability, which was a wise and prudent decision. Chancellor Darnell stated that the District can set a goal of increasing its reserve to 7-9% over an extend period of time. Dr. Darnell recommends a balanced approach, working throughout the District, to reach this goal, without impacting programs or service. This approach will take time and planning. Executive Vice Chancellor Teresa Scott stated that the new implementation of cash deferrals from the State is a cause for concern for many community colleges, however, the District remains fine with cash flow. Chancellor Darnell will work with staff to develop planning options and time lines to target a reserve of 7-9%.

COMMENTS

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From the Board of Trustees

This time is for Trustees to report on conferences, meetings, and other activities related to District business. No action will be taken.

Faculty Consultant David Baggett reported that approximately 1600 students are expected to participate in the Ag Field Day on March 28th. A strategic conversation with Board members is scheduled next Wednesday at MJC. Trustees Riley and Dean and Chancellor Darnell attended the "It's a Jungle Out There" Dinner at Columbia College. Trustees Riley, Rojas and Flores attended the Black History Month Luncheon at MJC. Trustee Riley also attended a recent MJC MAPS presentation. Trustee Flores mentioned that the guest speakers at the Black History Luncheon attended the Presidential Inauguration in Washington D.C. Trustee Rojas attended the the VIP/JPA meeting that was hosted at YCCD. He enjoys attending college events that support students and staff and recognized staff for a job well done at the Black History Month Luncheon. Trustee Dean attended Columbia College Foundation meetings, the culinary arts accreditation event, and enjoyed the "It's a Jungle Out There" Dinner which recognized K-12 students. She welcomed Student Trustee Lauren Cisneros to Columbia College and thanked college staff for the tour of Measure E projects. Trustee Hallinan attended meetings with Chancellor Darnell and Kitchell representatives regarding alternative energy sources. Trustee Abshire enjoyed watching the K-12 children tour the "It's a Jungle Out There" Exhibit and commended Columbia College faculty and staff, for an outstanding exhibition for outreach into the community. Student Trustee Lauren Cisneros invited the Board and the college community to attend a Prime Rib Fundraiser Dinner this Sunday at Hungry Hunter in Modesto. Proceeds benefit the MJC Speech & Debate Club.

The Board recessed to closed session at 7:27 p.m.

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Report out of Closed Session

The Board of Trustees by unanimous vote approved a salary schedule for the Executive Team effective March 1, 2009. The contracts for the positions of Vice Presidents, Presidents, Assistant Chancellor and Vice Chancellors will be amended to reflect the new schedule.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on Wednesday, April 8, 2009. Closed Session will begin at 3:30 p.m. and Open Session at 5:30 p.m., Yosemite Community College District, District Board Room, 2201 Blue Gum Avenue, Modesto, California.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Anne DeMartini, Chair
YCCD Board of Trustees

D. Roe Darnell, Secretary
YCCD Board of Trustees