

**MINUTES
STUDY SESSION
YOSEMITE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SECOND ADJOURNED MEETING FROM THE 552ND REGULAR MEETING
March 2, 2011**

The Study Session was called to order by Chair Linda Flores at 3:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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Public Comments

Jason Gross

Mr. Gross stated to the Board that he is a second semester student at MJC stating he is visually impaired, being blind since birth. He is involved with the Alternate Media program which provides text books and adaptive computer technology for disabled students. He expressed concern that this program might be eliminated and wanted to state his position to the Board on why it should not be cut. Mr. Gross stated this program provides assistance to a large number of disabled students who are viable members of the educational community. He comments that there is nowhere else in the county for them to find this kind of help and no one else who knows the program like Nancee Carrillo.

Harry Mell

Mr. Mell reports he has been part of the mental health system in Stanislaus County for twelve years, having challenges with depression. It was through TeleCare Corporation that he was encouraged to go to college. He was enrolled in the disability program and reports it has completely changed his life. As a peer to peer mentor, he is an advocate for the Alternate Media program at MJC and believes the program and Nancee Carrillo are really needed.

Adam Webber

ASMJC President Adam Webber reported to the Board that he was not coming in his own behalf, but for many disabled students who could not be with him. He reported that in one semester Nancy Carrillo had converted 42,000 textbooks for the disabled. She is the only person in the County who has the ability to do this. Mr. Webber comments he is concerned many students will not be able to complete their courses at MJC with the program and the assistance of Ms. Carrillo. This one person serves so many students and is the only one who can teach the type of classes so many disabled students need. With priority registration coming in a month, these students are unsure what they are going to do.

Mike Adams

Modesto Junior College Academic Senate President Mike Adams reported that he was representing the Faculty Constituency requesting that the Board change the location of

the March 9 Board Meeting from Columbia College to Modesto Junior College.

Chair Flores reported to Mr. Adams that the Board had received many request for a change of location and they would do their best to accommodate everyone, sending a notification as soon as a location was confirmed.

Trustees Adjourned 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

The Board of Trustees reconvened to Public Session at 6:05 p.m. - YCCD Board Room, Yosemite Community College District.

Board Members Present Linda Flores, Board Chair
Lynn Martin
Don Viss
Anne DeMartini
Abe Rojas
Tom Hallinan

Board Members Absent Mike Riley, Vice Chair

Others Present T. Scott, D. Wirth, G. Rose, G. Loewenstein, J. Swank, B. Crow, N. Stavrianoudakis, G. Molina, C. Fernandez, S. Akiona, K. Severin, B. Wilkinson, S. Yanagi, D. Ballam II, D. Higoood, K. Rapisura, Michelle Leyva, T. Westfall, S. Kerr, C. Womack, Melissa Leyva, N. Sill, S. Miller, S. Stevens, D. Partridge, C. Reischman, K. Pond, T. Mediri, M. Zuckerberg, V. Metcalf, M. Adams. A. Webber, H. Mell, J. Gross, J. Mathies (Recorder)

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Wednesday, March 9, 2011. Closed session will begin at 3:30 p.m. and open session at 5:30 p.m. at Modesto Junior College Auditorium, 435 College Avenue, Modesto, California.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Linda Flores, Chair
YCCD Board of Trustees

Joan E. Smith, Ed.D., Secretary
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