

**AGENDA**  
**YOSEMITE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**FOUR HUNDRED NINETY-FOURTH REGULAR MEETING**  
**April 12, 2006**

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**3:30 P.M.** Open Session - Call meeting to order in the YCCD Board Room, adjourn to closed session in YCCD Conference Room B

**CLOSED SESSION AGENDA:**

- Discussion:
1. Pursuant to G. C. Section 54957  
Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Appointment  
MJC Presidential Terms of Contract  
Columbia College Presidential Search Update
  2. Pursuant to G.C. Section 54956.8 – Property Negotiator  
Conference with real property negotiators
  3. Pursuant to G.C. Section 54956.95 – Liability Claim  
Claimants: Tan Phan  
Agency claimed against: YCCD, et al.
  4. Pursuant to G. C. Section 54957.6 - Conference with Labor Negotiators  
District Representatives: J. Williams, T. Scott, D. Wirth  
Employee Organizations: CSEA & YFA

**5:30 P.M.** - Reconvene to open session – YCCD Board Room

**Public Comment on Agenda Action Items:** Persons who want to address the Board of Trustees on an agenda action item (Section II) may do so after being recognized by the Chair of the Board and before Board discussion. All speakers should complete a Speaker Request form in advance and give it to the Board stenographer. Individuals will be allowed a maximum of five (5) minutes per topic.

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Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Report out from Closed Session (if any)

Special Recognition

Approval of the Minutes

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the Board Retreat on March 1, and the regular meeting on March 8, 2006.

**I. REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS**

- A. Student Activity Reports
- B. Academic Senate Activity Reports
- C. Activities and Announcements

1. Rogers and York Named to Hall of Fame

A retired Columbia College Biology Professor and the Tuolumne County Deputy Director of Public Works were introduced as the latest members of Columbia College's Hall of Fame at the annual celebration on April 6 in the Manzanita Rotunda. Blaine Rogers, who retired in 2003 after teaching for 31 years at the College, became a new inductee and Richard S. "Duke" York was named Alumnus of the Year for 2006.

The College Foundation also recognized Dr. Harvey Rhodes for his outstanding contributions as its founding President. Dr. Rhodes is known for his visionary leadership, dedicated service to the community, and as a source of inspiration to students, faculty and staff. Dr. Rhodes has been selected as the first recipient of the newly established Educational Leadership Award, named in his honor. These qualities will be among the standards for selecting future Dr. Harvey "Dusty" Rhodes Educational Leader Award winners.

2. Columbia Wine Tasting Festival

The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Columbia Wine Tasting Festival will take place on Sunday, April 23, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in Columbia State Historic Park. More than 40 wineries throughout the state and numerous local food purveyors will participate, including the Columbia College Hospitality Management Department. Tickets are \$45 each and proceeds will benefit the College's Culinary Arts Program. For reservations call 588-5089.

3. Occupational Olympics

Over 200 Tuolumne and Calaveras County high school students competed in the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Occupational Olympics on March 16 at Columbia College. Categories included automotive technology, child development, computer business applications, computer-assisted drafting, digital photography, food services, floral design, health services, law enforcement and welding technology. The event was collaboratively conducted by the Partners in Education, Tuolumne County Office of Education, Calaveras County Office of Education, and Columbia College.

**I. REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS**

**C. Activities and Announcements**

**4. MJC Celebration of the Humanities**

MJC will host the annual Celebration of the Humanities awards ceremony on Wednesday, April 12, at 7:00 p.m., in the Music Recital Hall, and following the Board of Trustees meeting, you are invited to attend the reception in the Art Patio behind the Art Gallery which begins at 8:30 p.m. Both are crowning events of a campus-wide student competition consisting of more than 20 contests in the categories of art, theater, film/video, photography, dance, speech, music, and writing. The awards ceremony will include performances and recitations, and over \$6,000 in cash prizes will be awarded. The fine arts exhibit in the MJC Art Gallery will be open during the reception. The exhibit, which runs through April 21, will showcase drawings, paintings, and other artwork by MJC students.

**5. MJC 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Powwow**

MJC's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Native American Powwow will be held on Sunday, April 16, from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the Quad at Modesto Junior College's East Campus. The intertribal Powwow is free and open to the public. The program includes traditional Native American dancing and drumming, and activities begin with Gourd Dancing at 10:30 a.m. and the Grand Entry at 11:00 a.m., featuring the traditional opening ceremony and honor guard. Authentic Native American arts, crafts, jewelry, Indian fry bread and Indian Tacos will be for sale at the event.

**6. MJC Nurses Pinning Ceremony**

Modesto Junior College Allied Health and Family and Consumer Sciences Division will hold a Nurse Pinning Ceremony on Thursday, April 27, 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Turlock Auditorium (Community Theater), 1574 E. Canal, Turlock. You are invited to attend as we celebrate the graduation and pinning of 63 students from the MJC Associate Degree in Nursing Program. For information call 575-6362.

**7. MJC's "Study Spanish in Mexico" Program**

MJC is again offering the opportunity to "Study Spanish in Mexico." Participants in the Spanish program will live with a Mexican family in Cuernavaca from June 16 to July 15, 2006, while they study at the Spanish Language Institute and immerse themselves in Mexican culture. Cost to participants is approximately \$2,000 and more information is available by calling Professor Dan Onorato at 575-6161 or Professor Marcos Contreras at 575-6186.

**I. REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS**

**C. Activities and Announcements**

8. Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. Presentation Rescheduled

Modesto Junior College's presentation of attorney, author and environmental activist Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. has been rescheduled to Saturday, April 22, at 7:00 p.m. in the MJC Gymnasium on East Campus. His speech on "Our Environmental Destiny" will now coincide with Earth Day 2006. Additional tickets with the new date are now available for purchase at the Gymnasium Box Office, Monday through Friday, noon to 5:00 p.m. General admission is \$10 and tickets for students and senior citizens are \$8. A very limited number of VIP tickets are also still available for \$100, which include premium seating and a private reception with photo and book signing opportunity. Tickets may also be purchased by calling the Box Office at (209) 575-6776.

9. MJC Alumni Day

On April 4, 2006, the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors and Modesto City Council approved official proclamations proclaiming April 8, 2006, as "MJC Alumni Day." The proclamations highlighted Modesto Junior College's integral role in higher education in Stanislaus County for 85 years. MJC is recognized as a specialist not only in transfer, but also high-quality technical education and job training. MJC provides open access to higher education, is a leader in embracing diversity, and above all, is being recognized for breadth of academic programs and educational excellence. Many members of the MJC Foundation were present to accept the proclamations. On April 8, an MJC Alumni Breakfast was at the West Campus Mary Stuart Rogers Student Learning Center.

10. MJC's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual ADA Award Ceremony

MJC's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual ADA Award Ceremony was held on Monday, April 3, at the Fireside Lounge on East Campus. This event honors staff, students and community members that have made an effort to improve the lives of people with disabilities. The award recipients were nominated by staff or students and were recognized by the MJC community as an individual who has pursued the spirit of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Trustee Abe Rojas, various MJC administrators and staff were among the list of award recipients.

**I. REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS**

**C. Activities and Announcements**

**11. Commencement Ceremonies**

Modesto Junior College's 84<sup>th</sup> Commencement Ceremony will be held on Friday, April 28, at 6:00 p.m. in the College Stadium. The graduation program will feature a student speaker and a presentation of the 2006 Distinguished Alumnus. Approximately 500 graduates are expected to participate. A graduation luncheon will also be held on April 29, at noon in the MJC Cafeteria. Tickets are on sale for \$10 in the Pirate's Bookstore on East Campus.

The 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Columbia College Commencement will be held on Friday, April 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the Oak Pavilion, which will be followed immediately by a reception in Carkeet Park. More than 275 students are eligible to graduate, 17 with distinction and 32 with honors. Of the total, 71 will receive certificates.

**12. Leadership Turlock**

On April 19, 2006, YCCD and MJC will be hosting the Turlock Chamber of Commerce 2005-2006 Class of Leadership Turlock. Trustee Rojas and staff will address the group as they tour MJC's West Campus, Beckwith Ranch, and East Campus locations. This event is provided as an opportunity for local leaders to become more familiar with the variety and quality of MJC programs and services.

**13. Legislator in Residence Program**

California State Assemblyman Dave Cogdill will be visiting Modesto Junior College on April 21, 2006, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. as part of the YCCD Legislator in Residence Program. The Assemblyman will speak on issues facing California, hear presentations and tour MJC's Agriculture and Allied Health programs. Assemblyman Cogdill is the Vice Chair of the Assembly Rules Committee and member of the Agriculture Committee. Students, staff, and the public are all invited to attend.

**14. Press Conference – Congressman Cardoza at MJC**

On Monday, April 10, Modesto Junior College hosted a press conference for Congressman Dennis Cardoza announcing the introduction of legislation designating the Ag Science Center as a project of national interest in the National Ag Science Center Act of 2006. The legislation is being co-sponsored with Congressman George Radanovich to highlight California's position as the nation's top agricultural producer and exporter. The event took place on the MJC West Campus, which is proposed to be the future site of the Ag Science Center. Chancellor Williams will provide an update regarding the event.

## I. REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS

### D. Presentations/Updates

#### 1. Bond Update

##### **Architectural Firm Selection:**

Measure E Project Committees have made selections from the pre-qualified pool of architects for the:

- MJC Campus Planner
- MJC Ag Complex Architect  
(Instruction Bldg/Pavilion/Student Housing/Animal Unit)
- MJC Allied Health Architect
- CC Campus Planner
- CC Child Development Architect
- CC Science Natural Resources Architect

Firms will be asked to provide a fee proposal and YCCD staff and Kitchell will negotiate contracts.

##### **Construction Update:**

A Request for Proposal to provide California Environmental Quality Act services for the Bond projects was developed and issued in March. Also, Measure E Signage has been ordered for each site and anticipated for installation soon at both MJC and Columbia College.

##### Columbia College

- Construction of the secondary access (emergency) road is underway. Weather conditions have delayed the project. When the weather improves, the schedule will be updated accordingly.
- Bus & Truck Service Loop design is currently underway.
- Several workshops have been held at Columbia College with an expert in Leadership in Environmental Energy Design (LEED). As a result sustainability standards are being developed for inclusion into construction specification documents for certain projects.

##### Modesto Junior College

- Plans for the MJC Auditorium Project are anticipated to be approved by the Division of State Architect in April 2006. Current estimates indicates that this project is over budget by \$7 million. A value engineering exercise will occur to attempt to realign the project with the budget prior to taking it to the State Chancellor's Office for bid approval. The prequalification process for the contractor will be completed by mid-May 2006.

I. **REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS**

D. **Presentations/Updates**

1. **Bond Update, Continued**

**West Side Center:**

Sperry Road Business Center, LLC, hosted a celebration on March 9, 2006 the day after the Board of Trustees accepted an agreement donating 30 acres of land in Patterson for the development of a MJC West Side Educational Center with conditions of free and clear title, utilities stubbed to the property line, and bonded deferral for an access road to the site. The Board's acceptance of the donation agreement starts the process for State approval, which could take 8-10 months.

**Citizens' Oversight Committee:**

The Citizens' Oversight Committee held a meeting in Patterson on April 5 and their next meeting is scheduled for July 5, 2006.

**Bond Expenditure Report:**

A Bond Expenditure Report was previously provided to the Board. Kitchell Representative Mark Newton will be available to answer questions.

2. **MJC Presidential Search**

The MJC Presidential Search Committee, Chancellor Jim Williams, and Board of Trustees have been working through this long process with the assistance of ACCT search consultant, Dr. Abel Sykes. After an extensive recruitment and national advertising, the search committee reviewed applications and interviewed selected individuals. These interviews were completed March 24, 2006, and the committee forwarded the names of four finalists to the Chancellor for review.

The finalists are:

- Dr. Gary Van Kempen, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Lansing Community College, Lansing, MI
- Dr. Allan Hoffman, Vice President for Instruction/Assistant Superintendent, Hartnell College, Salinas, CA
- Dr. Ronald Kraft, President/CEO, Washington State Community and Technical Colleges Alliance for Corporate Education, Bellevue, WA
- Dr. Richard Rose, Vice President of Student Services, San Diego Mesa College, San Diego, CA

Open forums for the finalists were held on March 27, 28, and 29, at the MJC East and West Campuses. Each finalist was given an opportunity to discuss their preparation for the position, their education and leadership philosophy, and responded to questions from the forum attendees. The forums were open to the public. Chancellor Williams will provide an update regarding the selection of the MJC President.

## II. ACTION ITEMS

### A. Consent Agenda

#### 1. ☆Purchase Orders

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve the purchase orders issued from February 1, 2006 through February 28, 2006.

#### 2. ☆Project Applications/Amendments

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees 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:

- a. California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office – MJC  
Agency share: \$449,176  
Proposer share: \$135,000
- b. Stanislaus County Office of Education – MJC  
Agency share: \$295,950  
Proposer share: \$73,897
- c. California Department of Education – MJC  
Agency share: \$112,500  
Proposer share: \$0
- d. California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office – MJC  
Agency share: \$114,284 (two years)  
Proposer share: \$0
- e. California Department of Education – MJC  
Agency share: \$175,000  
Proposer share: \$0
- f. California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office – YCCD  
Agency share: \$350,000  
Proposer share: \$0

## II. ACTION ITEMS

### A. Consent Agenda

#### 3. Acceptance of Gifts

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees accept with appreciation the following gift(s):

- a. \$100 from Oliver Maxwell for use by the Civic Engagement Project at Columbia College.
- b. 24 DVDs holding programs, lectures, presentations and tours of local history and interest from Frank Diggle for use in the library at Columbia College.
- c. MT 2500 scanner with cartridges and a BAR 97 gas cap tester adapter set from Sooter's Automotive to be used in the automotive technology program at Columbia College.
- d. \$1,000 donation from the Sonora Sunrise Rotary Club to be used to purchase children's books for the Columbia College Library.
- e. Equipment and supplies from Robert and Angela Belt to be used in the Biology Department at Columbia College.
- f. Medical supplies from Sonora Oxygen Supply to be used in the Biology Department at Columbia College.
- g. Label stock rolls along with rolls of foil from G-3 Enterprises to be used for the Graphic Communication and Print Shop program in the Technical Education Division at Modesto Junior College.

#### 4. Notice of Completion of Contract

The contract for the Columbia College Propane Upgrade (Phase II), Bid #06-1551, in the amount of \$62,667.74, has been completed and inspected.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees accept the work performed by Meeder/Ransome Manufacturing, on the Columbia College Propane Upgrade (Phase II), Bid #06-1551, as having been completed in accordance with the plans and specifications, and authorize final payment of \$6,266.77 to be made.

## II. ACTION ITEMS

### B. Personnel Items

1. At the direction of the Board, District staff reviewed board agendas from January 2000 to March 2006 to identify faculty retirees who were inadvertently not awarded “emeritus” status at the time of their retirement. The following retirees were identified:

<u>Name, Title</u>	<u>Retirement Date</u>	<u>Service Years</u>
Darlene Freeman, Professor of Office Admin.	May 16, 2002	37
L. Henry Hahn, Professor of English	May 16, 2002	45
Margo Elliott, Professor of Psychology	April 28, 2004	13
E. William Wilson, Professor of Computer Science	April 29, 2005	27
Paul Lockman, Dean of Special Programs	June 30, 2005	24
Steve Murov, Professor of Chemistry	April 28, 2006	27
Michael O'Connor, Professor of Chemistry	December 16, 2005	28

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees grant “emeritus” status to the above-listed faculty retirees retroactive to their retirement date.

2. Retirement – Academic

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees grant retirement emeritus status to **Daniel Onorato**, English Professor, Literature & Language Arts, Modesto Junior College, effective May 1, 2006, and officially commend him for 37 years of valuable service to the District.

3. Retirement – Classified

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees accept the retirement of **Enza McCormick**, Interpreter III, DSPS, Modesto Junior College, effective September 1, 2006, and officially commend her for 7 years of valuable service to the District.

4. Retirement – Classified

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees accept the retirement of **Danny Layne**, Laboratory Assistant II, Ag & Environmental Science & Technical Education, Modesto Junior College, effective April 28, 2006, and officially commend him for 16 years of valuable service to the District.

5. Promotional Appointment – Classified

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve the promotional appointment of **Esteban Escamilla** to the position of Grounds Maintenance II, Facilities Planning & Operations, Yosemite Community College District, effective April 3, 2006.

## II. ACTION ITEMS

### B. Personnel Items

6. Probationary Appointment – Classified

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve the probationary appointment of **Melinda Dean** to the position of Support Staff I, Business, Behavioral & Social Sciences, Modesto Junior College, effective March 27, 2006.

7. Probationary Appointment – Classified

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve the probationary appointment of **Lolanda Carson** to the position of Library/Media Technician III, Learning Resources, Modesto Junior College, effective April 13, 2006.

8. Probationary Appointment – Classified

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve the probationary appointment of **Kevin Saunders** to the position of Performing Arts Production Specialist (100%), Arts, Humanities & Communications, Modesto Junior College, effective March 22, 2006.

9. Probationary Appointment – Classified

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve the probationary appointment of **Mario Flores** to the position of Grounds Maintenance II, Facilities Planning & Operations, Yosemite Community College District, effective April 3, 2006.

10. Probationary Appointment – Classified

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve the probationary appointment of **Leslie Morales** to the position of Grounds Maintenance II, Facilities Planning & Operations, Yosemite Community College District, effective April 3, 2006.

11. Probationary Appointment – Classified

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve the probationary appointment of **Anna Pearl** to the position of Custodian, Facilities Planning & Operations, Yosemite Community College District, effective April 3, 2006.

## II. ACTION ITEMS

### B. Personnel Items

12. Probationary Appointment – Classified

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve the probationary appointment of **Trisa Harris** to the position of Support Staff II, Community Education, Modesto Junior College, effective April 1, 2006, contingent upon funding.

13. Probationary Appointment – Classified

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve the probationary appointment of **Yolanda Avila** to the position of Secretary III, Media Services, Modesto Junior College, effective April 17, 2006.

14. Permanent Increase in Assignment – Classified

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve a permanent increase in assignment for **Doris Goldson**, Administrative Secretary, Library and Technology, Columbia College, from 40 hours per week, 11 months to 40 hours per week, 12 months effective July 1, 2006.

15. Temporary Increase in Assignment – Classified Management

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve a temporary increase in assignment for **Don Borges**, Director of Agriculture Education Tech Prep, Ag & Environmental Sciences & Tech Ed, Modesto Junior College, from 50% to 100%, effective March 15, 2006 to August 31, 2006.

16. Temporary Increase in Assignment – Classified

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve a temporary increase in assignment for **Robin Frazier**, Registered Nurse, Health Services, Modesto Junior College, from 47.5% to 50%, effective July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007.

17. Resignation – Academic

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees accept the resignation of **Brett Herren**, Professor of Mathematics, Science, Mathematics & Engineering, Modesto Junior College, effective December 16, 2006.

## II. ACTION ITEMS

### B. Personnel Items

18. Resignation – Academic

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees accept the resignation of **Vicki Nelson-Hollis**, Professor of Nursing, Allied Health, Modesto Junior College, effective July 3, 2006.

19. Resignation – Classified

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees accept the resignation of **Megan Guenther**, Support Service Aide (60%), Workforce Training Center, Modesto Junior College, effective February 28, 2006.

20. Resignation – Classified

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees accept the resignation of **Barbara Tinney**, Admissions & Records Technician II, Admissions, Modesto Junior College, effective June 22, 2006.

21. ☆Reduction in Force – Classified

Reduction of CARES Project (Stanislaus County Children and Families Commission) funding has created the need for a reduction in program staff at Modesto Junior College effective June 30, 2006.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve **Resolution No. 05-06/08** Classified Reduction in Staff, authorizing a reduction in classified personnel and appropriate notice to affected staff.

22. ☆Reduction in Force – Classified

Reduction of Industry Driven Regional Collaborative (IDRC) grant funding has created the need for a reduction in program staff at Modesto Junior College effective June 30, 2006.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve **Resolution No. 05-06/09**, Classified Reduction in Staff, authorizing a reduction in classified personnel and appropriate notice to affected staff.

23. ☆Short-Term Appointee List

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve the list of short-term appointees, in accordance with state law (AB500-Goldberg).

## II. ACTION ITEMS

### C. Discussion Items

1. ☆CCCT Board of Directors Election – 2006

The voting period for the California Community College Trustees Board of Directors takes place between March 10 and April 25. There are 22 candidates for ten two-year vacancies on the Board. The candidates are listed on the attached sheet. Biographical sketches were distributed previously to Trustees.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees each complete a ballot indicating their preferences for the CCCT Board of Directors. These ballots will be forwarded to the Chancellor for compilation and the completion of a single Board ballot.

2. ☆Yosemite Faculty Association (YFA) Proposal to YCCD – Public Hearing

YFA previously presented its negotiations proposal to YCCD to extend the existing 2004-2006 agreement. Consistent with state law and District policy, it is necessary for the Board of Trustees to conduct a public hearing on the proposal.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees conduct a public hearing regarding the YFA negotiations proposal to YCCD.

3. Shakespeare Academy London Trip, Summer 2006

MJC is seeking Board approval of the Shakespeare Academy “Curtain Time in London” tour for summer 2006. The Shakespeare Academy at MJC is designed to train and inspire budding young actors, writers, and teachers of Drama, Speech and English, and is operated by Academy Co-Director James Beggs. As Tour Coordinator, Dr. Beggs will accompany the group. The tour has a specific itinerary with a few optional excursions. The group will be taking the Oxford/Stratford excursion. Departure is May 29 and return is June 5, from and to San Francisco. The trip is open to the public and the cost of the trip will be paid for by the participants. There is no course credit offered for this trip.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve the Shakespeare Academy London Trip for Summer 2006 for Modesto Junior College.

## II. ACTION ITEMS

### C. Discussion Items

#### 4. Baja Field Studies, Summer 2006

Columbia College is seeking Board approval of the "Baja Field Studies Course" for summer 2006. The 14-day course, which leaves on August 2 and returns on August 15, centers on environmental education and has been a life changing experience for many students. While living in a different culture and large group social setting, many students with a history of low academic performance thrive in this venue of total immersion and relevancy. The course permits hands on and small group teaching at its finest.

The course will be taught by full-time Columbia College Biology instructor Guy Van Cleave. Professor Van Cleave has taught Biology 130 and Biology 151C through Modesto Junior College and has been taking students to Baja since 1985. Transportation will be provided by college vans. Accommodations in Baja will be at a field station owned and operated by Glendale Community College. The station is equipped with necessary living facilities as well as a library, station manager and cook, and instructional and scientific equipment including two research boats.

While in Baja, Professor Van Cleave will also teach a 2-unit biology course for Glendale Community College (class participants will be enrolled at both colleges). This joint offering was initially the only one of its kind in the State and has been featured in workshops on conducting field and international classes.

Dennis Gervin, Vice President for Student Learning at Columbia College, and Guy Van Cleave, Biology instructor at Columbia College, will be available for questions.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve Baja Field Studies Biology course, Summer 2006 for Columbia College.

### III. **COMMENTS**

#### A. Comments from the Public

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#### B. Comments 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.

### IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Wednesday, May 10, 2006. 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, 2201 Blue Gum Avenue, Modesto, California.