

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

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The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Anne DeMartini at 3:30 p.m. Trustees then recessed to closed session for the purpose of discussing the following closed session agenda items:

- 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

The Board of Trustees reconvened to public session at 5:35 p.m. in the YCCD Board Room. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag preceded formal Board action.

Board Members Present      Pat Dean  
   Anne DeMartini  
   Abe Rojas  
   Tom Hallinan (arrived at 5:50 p.m.)  
   Linda Flores  
   Delsie Schrimp  
   Paul Neumann  
   Susan Rudolph (student trustee)

Board Members Absent      None.

Others Present                M. Baker, G. Rose, J. Riggs, B. Scroggins, N. Stavrianoudakis,  
   J. Williams, D. Wirth, C. Martin, M. Miller, S. Stroud, J. Swank,  
   L. Hoile, J. Daly, B. Nadell, W. McCombs, C. Sampson,  
   V. Metcalf, M. Kennedy, M. Otaya, R. Frazier, D. Partridge, M.  
   Newton, B. Michael, B. Sanders, S. Akiona (recorder).

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Report Out From Closed      Trustee DeMartini stated that a report on one item would be  
Session                            deferred to later in the agenda.

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Special Recognition            Trustee DeMartini stated that the special recognition appearing  
   on this agenda will be postponed to a future meeting.

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Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Trustee Neumann and seconded by Trustee Dean, that the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the Board Retreat on March 1, 2006, and the regular meeting of February 15, 2006, as amended.

The motion carried with a vote of 6-0. Trustee Hallinan was not present for this vote.

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Student Activity Reports

Will McCombs, Student Body President ASMJC, reported that students were busy planning for the César Chávez Celebration and Student Elections. He thanked Dr. Williams for attending the Alpha Gamma Sigma statewide convention. He expressed concern, on behalf of the Forensics team, about ensuring adequate funding for their budget and asked that administration look into assisting with that. Trustee DeMartini thanked Mr. McCombs for providing the Board with a written report.

There was no report from Columbia College.

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Academic Senate Reports

Micha Miller, CC Academic Senate President, reported that this was his last meeting as Academic Senate President. Larry Steuben will be taking over next month. The Senate is working on two resolutions regarding Commitment to Distance Education and Staff Development. Mr. Miller suggested a district-wide budget committee be formed to review how the financial distribution of District funds for Central Services, Columbia College and Modesto Junior College is decided. Trustees Neumann and DeMartini mentioned that the Board plans to conduct a study session regarding this topic in the near future. The Board plans to work towards facilitating transparent communication between the three entities regarding financial matters and other issues. Faculty Consultant Dr. Stephen Stroud commented that financial matters need to be communicated transparently and in terms that a layperson can understand. Trustee Rojas reminded the Board and the audience that the Board does not supervise. Its role is to set policy. The mission of the District is carried out by the CEO.

Curtis Martin, MJC Academic Senate President, reported that MJC's Academic Senate is against a proposed law change to increase the part-time percentage from 60% to 80% each semester. Mr. Martin will participate in the statewide vote on the matter at the end of April.

**REPORTS &  
INFORMATION ITEMS**

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**Activities and  
Announcements**

Rogers and York Named  
to Hall of Fame

President Jim Riggs reported that 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 Columbia College, became a new inductee and Richard S. "Duke" York was named Alumnus of the Year for 2006. The Columbia 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.

Columbia Wine Tasting  
Festival

President Jim Riggs reported that the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Columbia College 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.

Occupational Olympics

President Jim Riggs reported that 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.

MJC Celebration of the  
Humanities

Interim President Bill Scroggins reported that MJC is hosting the annual Celebration of the Humanities awards ceremony tonight at 7:00 p.m., in the Music Recital Hall. Following the Board of Trustees meeting, everyone is 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 exhibit, which runs through April 21, will showcase drawings, paintings, and other artwork by MJC students.

- MJC 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Powwow Interim President Bill Scroggins reported that 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. If it rains, the event will be moved to the West Campus Mary Stuart Rogers Student Center. 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.
- MJC Nurses Pinning Ceremony Interim President Bill Scroggins reported that 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.
- MJC's "Study Spanish in Mexico" Program Interim President Bill Scroggins reported that MJC is again offering "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. This program is being coordinated by professors Dan Onorato and Marcos Contreras.
- Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. Presentation Rescheduled Interim President Bill Scroggins reported that MJC'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 can still be purchased at the Box Office, (209) 575-6776.
- MJC Alumni Day Interim President Bill Scroggins reported that 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 held at the West Campus Mary Stuart Rogers Student Learning Center. Dr. Scroggins also thanked Bob Nadell and Jim Johnson for their efforts on the Spring Fling.

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

Interim President Bill Scroggins reported that 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.

Commencement Ceremonies

Interim President Bill Scroggins reported that MJC'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.

President Jim Riggs reported that the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Columbia College Commencement Ceremony 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.

Leadership Turlock

Interim President Bill Scroggins reported that 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.

Legislator in Residence Program

Chancellor Jim Williams reported that on April 21, 2006, California State Assemblyman Dave Cogdill will be visiting Modesto Junior College from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. as part of the YCCD Legislator in Residence Program. At 11:00 a.m., Assemblyman Cogdill will take a tour of the Ag Department and its facilities. At 11:45 a.m., he will speak in Sierra Hall, Room 137. A tour of Allied Health and the nursing program will follow. Students, staff, and the public are all invited to attend.

Press Conference –  
Congressman Cardoza at  
MJC

Chancellor Williams reported that 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. The turnout was excellent.

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Presentations/Updates  
Bond Update

Chancellor Williams reported that Measure E Project Committees have made selections from the pre-qualified pool of architects at MJC for the Campus Planner, Ag Complex Architect, and Allied Health Architect. At Columbia College, selections have been made for the Campus Planner, Child Development Architect, and the Science Natural Resources Architect. The selected firms have been asked to provide fee proposals. YCCD staff and Kitchell representatives will negotiate contracts. Regarding construction, Chancellor Williams reported that 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.

At 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.

At MJC, plans for the MJC Auditorium Project are anticipated to be approved by the Division of State Architect in April 2006. Current estimates indicate 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. Mark Newton, Kitchell representative, explained that they are working to find any savings or reductions without changing the scope of the project. If the scope is changed, then YCCD risks losing state monies for the renovation. Dr. Scroggins reported that the MJC Measure E Committee voted 7-2 to recommend that the District cover the shortfall and the recommendation has been forwarded to College Council. Trustee Schrimp voiced concern about staying within budgets that are set on bond projects. Maria Baker, Director of Facilities Planning & Operations explained that the auditorium project is a unique situation that is being partially funded by a statewide bond. The State has allocated \$16 million towards this project and if the District is unable to come up with the \$7 million shortfall, the State will take back its funds. The project started nearly seven years ago, and the final plan for the auditorium was approved in 2002. The State has recognized that the numbers for the project are significantly low. The agreement with the State is set to the scope of the project, therefore the scope cannot be changed. Value engineering will not change the project scope and while savings will be seen, they will likely be minimal. Trustee Rojas commented that the auditorium is widely used by the community. Renovation of this facility will make the community proud to have their events on campus. This renovation is an important community issue. Chancellor Williams reminded the Board that while the current shortfall is \$7 million, the actual shortfall is \$14 million. It was decided long ago that \$7 million would be taken from Central Services projects to offset the shortfall.

Trustee Schrimp expressed concern on bond project shortfalls that as time passes, additional funding will be needed to complete projects and those funds will not be available from the District. Kitchell Representative Mark Newton stated that the goal is not to deliver projects until funding runs out, but rather to fit education program needs into the scope of the planned projects.

Dr. Williams reported that the 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 an 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. Trustee Neumann commented that he attended the festive event. He was pleased with the turnout from the Patterson community and its leaders.

The Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee held a meeting in Patterson on April 5 and their next meeting is scheduled for July 5, 2006. The first one-year term of some members has been fulfilled. It is anticipated that 2-3 new members will need to be appointed for the next one-year term.

A Bond Expenditure Report was previously provided to the Board. Kitchell representative Mark Newton mentioned that future expenditure reports would be provided on a quarterly basis.

MJC Presidential Search

Chancellor Williams reported that the MJC Presidential Search Committee, Board of Trustees, and himself 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 Dr. Williams to review. The finalists were 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; and 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 respond to questions from the forum attendees. The forums were open to the public.

Report out of Closed Session

Chair DeMartini reported that a three-year contract was successfully negotiated with Dr. Richard Rose at an annual salary of \$150,000 per year. Dr. Rose was in the audience, and was introduced by Chair DeMartini. Dr. Rose addressed the Board and audience, thanking them for the opportunity to serve Modesto Junior College and its community. He is excited to be joining the MJC team on July 1, 2006.

**ACTION ITEMS**

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Consent Agenda  
Purchase Orders

A motion was made by Trustee Rojas and seconded by Trustee Flores, that the Board approve the purchase orders issued from



February 1, 2006 through February 28, 2006. Trustee Paul Neumann excused himself from the Board Room for the vote on purchase orders due to a conflict of interest with Wiley Electric.

The motion carried with a vote of 6-0. Trustee Neumann was not present for this vote.

Consent Agenda  
Remaining Items

A motion was made by Trustee Rojas and seconded by Trustee Hallinan that the remaining Consent Agenda Items be approved. Trustee Linda Flores excused herself from the board room for the vote on the remaining Consent Agenda items due to a conflict of interest on a personnel hiring matter.

Project Applications/  
Amendments

Authorize the Yosemite Community College District to submit the following project applications/amendments **(Report #2193)** 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

Acceptance of Gifts

Accept with appreciation the following gifts:

- 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.

Notice of Completion of Contract

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.

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Personnel Items

Faculty Emeritus Status

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:

**Darlene Freeman**, Professor of Office Administration, retired May 16, 2002, 37 years of service; **L. Henry Hahn**, Professor of English, retired May 16, 2002, 45 years of service; **Margo Elliott**, Professor of Psychology, retired April 28, 2004, 13 years of service; **E. William Wilson**, Professor of Computer Science, retired April 29, 2005, 27 years of service; **Paul Lockman**, Dean of Special Programs, retired June 30, 2005, 24 years of service; **Steve Murov**, Professor of Chemistry, retired April 28, 2006, 27 years of service; and **Michael O'Connor**, Professor of Chemistry, retired December 16, 2005, 28 years of service.

The Board of Trustees granted "emeritus" status to the above-listed faculty retirees retroactive to their retirement date.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Approve the probationary appointment of **Lolanda Carson** to the position of Library/Media Technician III, Learning Resources, Modesto Junior College, effective April 13, 2006.

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.

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.

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.

Approve the probationary appointment of **Anna Pearl** to the position of Custodian, Facilities Planning & Operations, Yosemite Community College District, effective April 3, 2006.

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.

Approve the probationary appointment of **Yolanda Avila** to the position of Secretary III, Media Services, Modesto Junior College, effective April 17, 2006.

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.

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.

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.

Accept the resignation of **Brett Herren**, Professor of Mathematics, Science, Mathematics & Engineering, Modesto Junior College, effective December 16, 2006.

Accept the resignation of **Vicki Nelson-Hollis**, Professor of Nursing, Allied Health, Modesto Junior College, effective July 3, 2006.

Accept the resignation of **Megan Guenther**, Support Service Aide (60%), Workforce Training Center, Modesto Junior College, effective February 28, 2006.

Accept the resignation of **Barbara Tinney**, Admissions & Records Technician II, Admissions, Modesto Junior College, effective June 22, 2006.

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

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

Short-Term Appointees

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

The motion carried with a vote of 6-0. Trustee Flores was not present for this vote.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

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CCCT Board of Directors  
Election - 2006

Chancellor Williams reported that 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.

A motion was made by Trustee Dean and seconded by Trustee Neumann 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.

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

Chancellor Williams reported that 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. Chair DeMartini opened the floor for public hearing, there were no comments from the public.

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Shakespeare Academy  
London Trip, Summer  
2006

Interim President Scroggins reported that 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. There is a \$1400 base cost to participants which can rise up to \$2100 depending on added activities.

A motion was made by Trustee Rojas and seconded by Trustee Schrimp that the Board approve the Shakespeare Academy London Trip for Summer 2006 for Modesto Junior College.

The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

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MJC Dairy Cattle Judging  
Team Scotland Trip

Interim MJC President Bill Scroggins reported that the MJC Dairy Cattle Judging Team has once again qualified to compete in the Scottish Royal Highland International Dairy Judging Contest in Edinburgh, Scotland. Mr. Hobby, MJC Dairy Judging Team Coach, is planning the trip on June 13-25, 2006. In addition to the contest, Mr. Hobby and the team will visit dairy and farming operations, along with other significant historical locations, in Holland, Germany, Belgium, France, Isle of Jersey, England, and Scotland. Mr. Hobby is working with AgroTours Inc. of Fredericksburg, Virginia, to organize the trip. The approximate cost of the trip for Mr. Hobby and team members Anne Azevedo,

Brian Fiorini, Dennis Miguel, and Sarah Sousa will be \$15,000. The funds for the trip will be raised by the team. Trustee Dean thanked Dr. Scroggins for providing funding information.

A motion was made by Trustee Dean and seconded by Trustee Neumann to approve the MJC Dairy Cattle Judging Team Scotland trip for Modesto Junior College.

The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

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Baja Field Studies,  
Summer 2006

President Riggs introduced Biology instructor Guy Van Cleave who reported that 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. 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. 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. Cost per student is approximately \$800.

A motion was made by Trustee Hallinan and seconded by Trustee Neumann that the Board of Trustees approve the Baja Field Studies Biology course, Summer 2006, for Columbia College.

The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

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**COMMENTS**  
From the Public

YFA President Jillian Daly reported that the two college senates and the YFA rep council have approved language changes to the position description for the faculty consultant. Dr. Stephen Stroud's term as faculty consultant is concluding and this was scheduled to be his last meeting. However, he has agreed to serve gratis through the summer. Professor Daly anticipates that a new faculty consultant will be selected in September.

From the Board of Trustees

Student Trustee Susan Rudolph reported that she has attended various meetings at Columbia College and has also met with Gary Mendenhall regarding vocational rehabilitation.

Trustee Neumann reported that he attended the celebration donating the Patterson property with Dr. Scroggins and Dr. Williams. There was a large number of people and leaders from the West Side and he was pleased by the turnout. He also attended an event for the West Side at the DeMartini home. Trustee Neumann met with the Director and Associate Director for the Gallo Arts Center and is excited about what the Center has to offer MJC students in the way of employment and internships and other opportunities.

Trustee Rojas attended the FFA event at MJC and was pleased to meet students from various cities including Redding and Bakersfield. He attended the Stanislaus County Occupational Olympics at the Turlock Fairgrounds and MJC had a great showing. There was over 1200 students participating from throughout Stanislaus County. Trustee Rojas attended the Staff Recognition Dinner and enjoyed the evening and atmosphere. Trustee Rojas recognized Nick Stavrianoudakis, External Affairs Director, and his staff member Tawny LaBarbera for excellent planning and presentation of the event. He recognized Ms. LaBarbera for her singing talent that night as well. Trustee Rojas also attended the ADA Awards Ceremony at MJC where he was an award recipient. As a representative of this Board, Trustee Rojas attended the Stanislaus School Board Association event. That Board is closely watching state legislation regarding funding for the California K-12 system.

Trustee Dean reported that she continues to meet with individuals in Calaveras regarding possible land acquisition. She has attended faculty meetings, the Staff Recognition Dinner, and attended MJC presidential candidate forums. Trustee Dean is currently serving on the Columbia College Presidential Search Committee and will be attending an upcoming student scholarship event.

Trustee Flores reported that she was able to attend several of the MJC presidential candidate forums and is please with the selection of the new MJC President.

Trustee Schrimp reported that she also attended several of the MJC presidential forums. Trustee Schrimp rode the PrimeShine Express Shuttle today prior to the Board's closed session.

Trustee Hallinan reported that he was thankful that he was able to attend the Staff Recognition Dinner and it was great to have it on campus. It was a great night and a great event.

Trustee DeMartini attended the Criminal Justice Training Center graduation. She has been able to attend some of the events leading up to the Kennedy presentation, Crimes Against Nature and Reader's Theater Enemy of the People. Trustee DeMartini attended MJC presidential candidate forums and the Staff Recognition Dinner. She and other members of the West Side community have organized an Advisory Council and Trustee DeMartini hosted the first meeting at her home which Trustee Neumann and Dr. Scroggins attended. Trustee DeMartini was able to attend the Transfer Student Celebration at MJC and reported that it was a very positive event and students had the opportunity to recognize teachers that were positive influences in meeting their educational goals.

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**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 YCCD Board Room, 2201 Blue Gum Avenue, Modesto.

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Anne DeMartini, Chair  
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