

**MINUTES**  
**YOSEMITE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**FIVE HUNDRED AND SIXTH REGULAR MEETING**  
**April 11, 2007**

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The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Pat Dean at 4:05 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  
Appointment of Public Employee: Chancellor
  2. Pursuant to G.C. Section 54956.8 – Property Negotiator  
Conference with real property negotiators
  3. Pursuant to G. C. Section 54957.6 - Conference with Labor Negotiators  
District Representatives: D. Wirth, T. Scott, G. Rose  
Employee Organizations: CSEA & YFA

The Board of Trustees reconvened to public session at 5:34 p.m. in the YCCD Board Room, Yosemite Community College District. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag preceded formal Board action.

Board Members Present            Pat Dean  
   Anne DeMartini  
   Abe Rojas  
   Linda Flores  
   Desirree Abshire  
   Paul Neumann  
   Tom Hallinan  
   Will McCombs (student trustee)

Board Members Absent            None

Others Present                    S. Hodges, J. Smith, D. Wirth, G. Rose, T. Scott, R. Rose, L. Steuben, D. Baggett, N. Stavrianoudakis, T. Nesmith, J. Swank, J. Daly, C. Martin, L. Steuben, J. Lanchester, D. Gervin, L. Hoile, B. Nadell, R. Hurst, E. Mo, B. Crow, D. Campbell, R. Salazar, M. Kennedy, M. Newton, R. Roberts, A. Cavagnaro, K. Schultz, E. Hall, L. Kropp, J. Kropp, M. Otaya, J. Howen, C. Bradford, G. Boodrookas, T. Hollimon, G. Railey, L. Molina, M. Anglin, C. Mical, J. Sahlman, D. Partridge, M. Sundquist, D. Onarato, and S. Akiona (recorder).

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Report Out From Closed Session            Chair Dean reported that, regarding the Chancellor appointment, a site visit will occur later this week and the Board will report out at a special meeting next week.

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*Unagendized Item*                    Richard Colla, director of MJC's Chamber Singers, and several chamber singers performed two numbers for the Board and audience. The Board thanked them for coming and sharing their talent. Mr. Colla reported that the Chamber Singers perform at local high schools and have outreach activities planned. Board Chair Dean thanked the students for their

performance and attendance at the Board meeting. Trustee DeMartini stated she attended an event at the Stanislaus Arts Council where Rich Colla and his wife were recognized and extended her congratulations.

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Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the March 2, 2007 Board retreat was pulled by the Board and will be placed on the next agenda for approval.

A motion was made by Trustee DeMartini, seconded by Trustee Neumann, that the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 14, 2007.

The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

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Student Activity Reports

ASMJC President Maria Quijalvo reported that ASMJC has co-sponsored various events including "MJC Reads", Cesar Chavez Day and Human Services events. Student elections have been held and Ms. Quijalvo has been re-elected as president; Maricruz Abraham, Vice President of Senate; Binnara Yoo, Vice President of Inter-Club Council; Sonia Moctezuma, Treasurer; Marc Ipsen, Director of Political Development; Elsa McCoy, Director of Events; Julie Inman, Commissioner of Events; the secretary position is currently vacant. Ms. Quijalvo thanked the Board and MJC for their support of the upcoming Red Nations Pow Wow on April 15. Graduation lunch tickets are on sale for \$10, the lunch will be on April 27 in the Mary Stuart Rogers Student Center.

ASCC's report was given by Academic Senate President Larry Steuben. ASCC held their elections this week. A mentoring program for new officers is being developed. There is student interest in starting new clubs. The Student Art Exhibit is now on display in the Rotunda.

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Academic Senate Reports

Larry Steuben, Columbia College Academic Senate President, reported that a second retreat was held for College Council to work on college goals and strategies. There was also discussion of designating a non-smoking gathering location. There was discussion on student withdrawals. Demetri Keriotis provided a presentation on Baker station. Larry Steuben and Kathy Schultz attended a Region A Academic Senate meeting in Fresno. At the Region A meeting, a resolution was discussed recommending that a minimum of two faculty members be included on accreditation teams. In response to inquiry from Trustee Abshire, Mr. Steuben stated that counseling services are available to assist and encourage students who withdraw from classes.

Curtis Martin, MJC Academic Senate President, read a statement from the Academic Senate that was sent via email to faculty members at MJC. This statement expressed the concern of the Senate regarding the hiring process for the Vice President of Instruction position at MJC. Senate has formally requested that the Chancellor investigate what is believed to be interferences from the President's Office, Director of Human Resources and a member of the search committee. Mr. Martin stated that since the publishing of the statement, he and President Elect Jim Sahlman have met with the Chancellor and are satisfied with the investigative action and review of the hiring process that the Chancellor proposed.

Mr. Martin reported that changes to Title V propose that a student may obtain a maximum of three "W"s (withdrawals). The Academic Senate may be making a recommendation to the Board in the future regarding District policy on this issue. Academic Senate has received funding for the first time in five years for professional development for faculty and are beginning to develop programs.

## **REPORTS & INFORMATION**

### **ITEMS**

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#### **Activities and Announcements**

30<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of the Humanities

President Rich Rose reported that MJC's 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of the Humanities will be held Wednesday, April 11, from 4:30-8:30 p.m. in the MJC Art Gallery. The Awards Ceremony begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Music Recital Hall and a reception follows at 8:30 p.m. on the Art Patio.

Celebrate MJC Athletics

President Rich Rose reported that the "Celebrate MJC Athletics" Wine and Gourmet Food Tasting fundraiser sponsored by the MJC Foundation will be held on Friday, April 13, 6:30 - 9 p.m. in the MJC Gymnasium. The \$25 tickets will be available at the door and proceeds benefit the 21 intercollegiate sports in the MJC Athletics Program.

MJC Pow Wow

President Rich Rose reported that MJC's 9th Annual Native American Pow Wow will be held on Sunday, April 15, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the Quad at Modesto Junior College's East Campus. The intertribal Pow Wow features Native American singing, dancing and drumming and is free to the public. Arts, crafts, jewelry and food will be for sale.

MJC Nurses Pinning Ceremony

President Rich Rose reported that the MJC Associate Degree Nursing Program, celebrating the graduation of 68 students, will hold a Nurse Pinning Ceremony on April 26, 6:30 p.m. at Big Valley Grace Community Church, 4040 Tully Road in Modesto.

<p>MJC Commencement Ceremony</p>	<p>President Rich Rose reported that MJC's Commencement Ceremony will be held on Friday, April 27, at 6 p.m. in the Stadium. The program will feature a keynote address by Superintendent of Schools/Office of Education Tom Changnon, a student speaker and presentation of Dr. Curtis Grant as the 2007 Distinguished Alumnus. Approximately 500 graduates are expected to participate. A Graduation Luncheon will be held on April 27, in the Mary Stuart Rogers Student Learning Center. Lunch tickets are \$10.</p>
<p>MJC "Study Spanish in Mexico"</p>	<p>President Rich Rose reported that MJC is offering the opportunity to "Study Spanish in Mexico." Participants will live with a Mexican family in Cuernavaca, from June 15 to July 14, 2007, while studying at the Spanish Language Institute. Cost is approximately \$2,100, and information is available from Professor Emeritus Dan Onorato at 526-5436 or Professor Laura Manzo at 575-6462.</p>
<p>Columbia College Hall of Fame</p>	<p>President Joan Smith reported that Dr. S. Todd Stolp, the late Terry Hoff, and Dirk Travis were named as the newest members of the Columbia College Foundation's Hall of Fame at the 17<sup>th</sup> annual celebration on April 5. Dr. Stolp, Tuolumne County's public health officer, was recognized for his years of service to the college and most recently, for his role as campus medical director of health services and chairperson of the medical advisory board for the school's diabetes management program. Terry Hoff, one of the first female professors at the college, was recognized for her dedication in teaching dance and efforts in establishing the college's dance program, which evolved into a highly respected performing arts troupe in the area. Alumnus of the Year, Dirk Travis, currently owns a successful Sonora portrait photography studio and is active in many community organizations. Since his graduation from Columbia in 1986, he has provided numerous photographic services for the college and in 1992, initiated the Travis Art Scholarship to aid serious art students with financial need.</p>
<p>Middle College Partnership at Columbia College</p>	<p>President Joan Smith report that as a result of the partnership between Sonora Union High School District and Columbia College, a cohort of about 30 high school students will begin their Middle College experience at Columbia College this Fall. Sonora High instructor Anastasia Conlin will teach the high school portion in the mornings and students will attend college classes in the afternoons. The Columbia Middle College is designed to help students earn a high school diploma, accumulate college credits, make a strong connection with a community of learners, and increase motivation, maturity and independence in a college campus setting.</p>
<p>Columbia College Commencement</p>	<p>Columbia College's 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Commencement will be held on Friday, April 27, 6:30 p.m. in the Oak Pavilion. A reception</p>

for the graduates and their families will follow immediately after the ceremonies in Carkeet Park. Currently, 225 students are potentially eligible for graduation and among them, 32 with distinction, 30 with honors and 82 with certificates.

#### Leadership Turlock

Trustee Abe Rojas thanked MJC for hosting the Turlock Chamber of Commerce's 2007 Class of Leadership Turlock, on April 18. Trustee Rojas and President Rose participated in tours of MJC. This event is provided as an opportunity for local leaders to become more familiar with the variety and quality of MJC programs and services.

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#### Presentations/Updates Enrollment Update

Dean of Instructional Services George Railey reported that MJC expects to be flat in Spring. Currently, MJC has 5,974 FTES. It is anticipated that MJC will reach last Spring's FTES count of 6,122. Students are still enrolling for Summer Early Start. Trustee Neumann inquired on enrollment for Weekend College. Mr. Railey reported that it is off to a good start and MJC believes it will be a successful program.

Columbia College President Joan Smith reported that FTES are stable, though headcount is down 7% and course sections are down 5%. Only 30 FTES are needed in early summer in order for Columbia College to show growth of 2.5%.

#### YCCD Procedures Update

External Affairs Director Nick Stavrianoudakis reported to the Board the current status of the District-wide procedure revision process. The process began soon after District policies were revised in 2004. Since then, the procedure review committees have met with varied progress, due primarily to extensive turnover in leadership over the past two years. Only five (5) procedures have been implemented to this point. However, with the current window of stability and a consolidation of the Policy & Procedure Review Committee, an additional sixty-four (64) procedures are being implemented by the Chancellor, bringing the total to sixty-nine (69) revised procedures. Of the current 208 YCCD Policies, 116 have been identified to require accompanying procedures. The 47 procedures that remain are in varying stages of the review process. After these procedure revisions are finished, the consolidated District's Policy & Procedures Committee routinely will begin updating all existing Policy and Procedures. Trustee DeMartini commented that the ongoing review by the consolidated committee was an effective way to stay current on policy and procedures. Mr. Stavrianoudakis reported that reviews will be done quarterly to keep up with new laws and regulations. Interim Chancellor Hodges thanked Nick. Stavrianoudakis and Shelley Akiona for their continuing efforts to bring current all

District policies and procedures. Once this large review process is completed, policies and procedures will be posted on the District website in a format that is simple and user friendly.

Public Comment

*Taken out of agendized order*

YFA President Jillian Daly spoke on behalf of YFA expressing that YFA is happy to move forward toward ratification of the tentative bargaining agreement with the District. She reported that the team used an Interest Based Bargaining approach towards negotiations and that it was successful. Approximately 123 hours were spent on contractual language changes and adjustments to the salary schedule. The language on the sabbatical process was revised and clarified and, overall, good and useful changes were made to the contract.

MJC Sabbatical Presentations

Jillian Daly introduced instructors RoseLee Hurst and Eileen Hale to the Board. These instructors recently returned from sabbatical leaves and presented PowerPoint presentations to the Board on their accomplishments.

Eileen Hale teaches in MJC's Allied Health program. During her sabbatical, Eileen enrolled at MJC and studied Spanish and attended a Spanish Language Institute in Mexico. She also served as a volunteer nurse practitioner at Modesto's Gospel Mission and at other locations. Eileen took several trips to the Madera Children's Hospital to research the possibility of MJC nursing students obtaining clinical experience at that location. While the distance is not feasible for regular travel for clinical experience, nursing students will visit Madera Hospital every semester to view what that facility offers its patients and nursing staff. Eileen has returned from sabbatical and continues to work on becoming fluent in Spanish. She also continues to volunteer regularly, serving the community at the Gospel Mission in Modesto. She thanked the Board for the gift of providing sabbaticals to faculty, and expressed her deep appreciation for the opportunity and enrichment she received.

RoseLee Hurst teaches in MJC's Literature & Language Arts department. During her sabbatical, Ms. Hurst focused on the youth violence. She focused on learning and understanding why youth join gangs. She noted the elements including protection, rules and structure, love, power, family, parties, money, drugs and excitement. Ms. Hurst has had personal experiences with close family members being involved in gangs and knows the damage and pain that it causes not only to the youth, but to their family and friends. She attended many trainings and sessions sponsored at the local, state and national level. Ms. Hurst has made strong relationships with gang prevention organizations and is conducting presentations

at MJC. RoseLee is integrating gang awareness information into her current curriculum, developing a pilot program with learning communities, and is writing a personal novel entitled "Mothers You Will Cry & I Will Tell You Why."

Board Chair Dean thanked the faculty members for sharing their sabbatical experiences with the Board.

#### Bond Update

Mark Newton, Kitchell representative, reported on Bond progress to the Board. *Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee* met on April 4. The quarterly Bond Expense Report was presented along with a current status of the Auditorium Project.

**Modesto Junior College:** *Campus Master Planning* Committee is meeting on a weekly basis and has approved a plan that represents future growth at both campuses. A schedule of meetings will be posted on the college website. *Agricultural Complex* - Housing is in design and will go out to bid this month. Modular units are being brought in. Construction will begin in the summer and move in is scheduled for December. The *Pavilion* cost model shows the project over budget. The project includes laboratory spaces, banquet and other support spaces that may require deletion or modification to bring the project back in budget. *Allied Health's* cost model is now within budget. The committee is doing excellent work. There will be dedicated labs and two classes that will hold approximately 100 students. The *Parking Structure* planning committee continues to meet. The *Auditorium* project is within budget and ahead of schedule.

**Calaveras Educational Outreach Facility:** The property owner for the land adjacent to the County Board of Education property has been contacted to prepare a proposal for this additional land.

**West Side Center:** Preparation of the proposed map to separate the 30 acres for donation continues by the land donor's engineer. Approval by the city is anticipated in July.

**Columbia College:** *Science and Natural Resources-* the committee is meeting on a regular basis to resolve programming of the lab tech support spaces. *Public Safety Center* - the project is in schematic design. *Madrone-* the project is in design development.

*Child Development Center* – Chief Operations Officer for Columbia College, Ms. Connie Mical, introduced Architect Paul Roberts to the Board to discuss the schematic design prior to the start of the construction drawings. Ms. Mical stated that Columbia staff have been working tirelessly toward designing a

“sustainable and green” facility design that will maximize the development of students and support children and families. The current design will double the capacity of children Columbia now serves. Columbia College has also received a First 5 grant for \$50,000 towards construction costs.

Architect Paul Roberts made a PowerPoint presentation to the Board. The Child Development Training and Family Care Service center is being designed in a village style of small “residential feel” buildings around a natural environmental courtyard area. This will exemplify the character of Columbia College’s setting in the Sierra Foothills. One of the goals is design with a plan to save trees in the areas. The interior and exterior project design is child centered; i.e, lower ceilings and windows and outdoor child activity zones. Material selection is also child centered; i.e., no toxins in products like paint and adhesives, durable and washable materials, and avoidance of child height hazards. Mr. Roberts commented that the planning process have has extraordinary with Columbia College staff, the Facilities Department, the District and Kitchell. Design Development is the next step. It is anticipated that construction will begin in summer 2008.

Trustee DeMartini thanked the presenters and commented to Kitchell representatives that this style of reporting for Bond Updates is more proactive than what was done in the past. She hopes to see more reports like this. Mrs. DeMartini also requested that more proactive information be shared with local newspapers regarding the progress of Bond projects throughout the District.

**ACTION ITEMS**  
**Consent Agenda**  
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Executive Vice Chancellor Teresa Scott reported that an error was discovered in the purchase orders appearing in the agenda for review. She provided the Board with the corrected purchase orders issued February 1, 2007 through February 28, 2007.

A motion was made by Trustee Rojas and seconded by Trustee Hallinan, that the Board approve all items appearing on the Consent Agenda as follows:

Purchase Orders

Approve purchase orders issued from January 1, 2007, to January 31, 2007.

Acceptance of Gifts

Accept with appreciation the following gifts:

- a. Camera from Ted Gertz for use in the Art Department at Columbia College.
- b. Various books on the subject of ceramics from Carole Pfoutz for use in the Art Department at Columbia College.



- c. \$30 from Deanna Lamb for use in supporting the Civic Engagement Project at Columbia College.
- d. Geil Kiln Model DL 30F from the Department of Parks and Recreation for use in the Art Department at Columbia College.
- e. Electronic Allen digital organ from Oscar & Ginny Hollis to be used in the Music Department at Modesto Junior College.
- f. Musical equipment from Edith Wheeler to be used in the Electronic Music program at Modesto Junior College.
- g. 1988 Nissan Sentra from John & Charlotte Simons to be used in the Auto Body program at Modesto Junior College.
- h. IDEXX lab equipment to include a QBC, an electrolyte and a chemistry analyzer from Sylvan Veterinary Hospital to be used in the Vet Tech program at Modesto Junior College.
- i. Precision measuring tools from Fastenal to be used in the Machine Tool Technology program at Modesto Junior College.
- j. Starrett 6" dial caliper from Lee Precision Products to be used in the Machine Tool Technology program at Modesto Junior College.
- k. \$2,000 from the Holmes Family Foundation to be used for the improvement of the Art Department Gallery at Modesto Junior College.

Project Applications/  
Amendments

Authorize the Yosemite Community College District to submit the following project applications/amendments **(Report #2216)** and to enter into a contract with the appropriate donor agencies when the projects are selected for funding:

- a. National Endowment for the Humanities - CC  
Agency share: \$ 125,000  
Proposer share: \$ 375,000
- b. California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office,  
Economic Development Workforce Preparation  
Division – CC  
Agency Share: \$ 249,410  
Proposer Share: \$ 24,941 (10%)
- c. California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office,  
Economic Development Workforce Preparation  
Division – MJC  
Agency Share: \$ 50,000  
Proposer Share: \$ -0-
- d. Packard Foundation – Child Development Training  
Consortium / YCCD  
Agency Share: \$ 500,000  
Proposer Share: \$ -0-

Grant retirement emeritus status to **Ellen Stewart**, Professor of Speech and Drama, Columbia College, effective December 31, 2007 and officially commend her for 31 years of valuable service to the District.

Grant retirement emeritus status to **Larry Weese**, Professor of Architecture, Science, Mathematics and Engineering, Modesto Junior College, effective June 1, 2007 and officially commend him for 35 years of valuable service to the District.

Grant retirement emeritus status to **John Petersen**, Autobody Professor, Technical Education, Modesto Junior College, effective May 1, 2007 and officially commend him for 24 years of valuable service to the District.

Approve the temporary appointment of **Leanne Bartels** to the position of Instructor of Nursing, Nursing Consortium, Allied Health Department, Modesto Junior College, effective for the 2007-2008 academic year.

Approve the temporary appointment of **Danise Rapetti** to the position of Instructor of Nursing, Nursing Consortium, Allied Health Department, Modesto Junior College, effective for the 2007-2008 academic year.

Approve the temporary appointment of **Gladys Schmitt** to the position of Instructor of Nursing, Nursing Consortium, Allied Health Department, Modesto Junior College, effective for the 2007-2008 academic year.

Approve the temporary appointment of **Dawn Stout-Fernandez** to the position of Instructor of Nursing, Nursing Consortium, Allied Health Department, Modesto Junior College, effective for the 2007-2008 academic year.

Approve the appointment of **Rebecca Crow**, Director of MJC Campus Security and YCCD Employee Safety; effective April 1, 2007.

Approve the appointment of **Alexandra Campbell**, Director of Institutional Research and Planning, Columbia College, effective May 1, 2007.

Approve the promotional appointment of **Peggy Amarante**, Executive Secretary, Facilities Planning & Operations, Yosemite Community College District, effective April 1, 2007.

Approve the promotional appointment of **Tiffnie Akiona** to the position of Program Representative II, Grants Office, Yosemite Community College District, effective April 16, 2007.

Approve the probationary appointment of **Sonja Palmer** to Outreach Recruiter, Welcome Center, Student Services, Modesto Junior College, effective March 26, 2007.

Approve the probationary appointment of **Mary Kay Reid** to Museum Technician III (70%), Science, Mathematics & Engineering/Great Valley Museum, Modesto Junior College, effective April 12, 2007 (11 month work year).

Approve the appointment of **Lawrence Montoya**, Maintenance III/Locksmith, Facilities Planning & Operations, Yosemite Community College District, effective April 2, 2007.

Approve the lateral transfer of **Yolanda Avila**, Secretary III, from Media Services, Modesto Junior College to Facilities Operations, Yosemite Community College District, effective April 16, 2007.

Approve a temporary increase in assignment for **Yia Vang**, Library Media Technician I, Learning Resources, Modesto Junior College, from 60% to 100% effective March 17, 2007 to May 15, 2007.

Approve a temporary increase in assignment for **Kim Jordan**, Program Rep II, DSP&S, Modesto Junior College, from 10 months to 12 months per year, effective July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008.

Approve a temporary increase in assignment for **Kathy Diener**, Master Teacher, Columbia College Child Care Center from 10 months to 12 months per year, effective May 1, 2007 through June 30, 2007.

Approve a temporary increase in assignment for **Cathy Gray**, Master Teacher at the Columbia College Child Care Center from 10 months to 12 months per year, effective May 1, 2007 through June 30, 2007.

Approve the reassignment of **Eva Rivera-Jara** from first year contract Work Experience to first year contract, Counseling Faculty, Modesto Junior College, effective January 1, 2007.

Accept the resignation of **Linda Menge**, Assistant Director, Fiscal Programs, Child Development Training Consortium, Yosemite Community College District, effective March 23, 2007.

Accept the resignation of **Charles Oldfather**, Campus Operations Manager I, Facilities Planning & Operations, Columbia College/Yosemite Community College District, effective March 9, 2007.

Accept the resignation of **Douglas Cromwell**, Skilled Craft Technician HVAC, Facilities Planning & Operations, Columbia College/Yosemite Community College District, effective March 30, 2007.

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 7-0.

*Unagendized Item*

Vice Chancellor of Human Resources Diane Wirth introduced Ms. Rebecca Crow, new Director of Safety and Security to the Board. Ms. Crow gave the Board her greetings from Spokane, Washington, as she has recently moved to Modesto. She is excited to serve the District and has extensive background in law enforcement, Air Force and community colleges.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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CCCT Board of Directors  
Election -2007

Interim Chancellor Stan Hodges reported that the voting period for the California Community College Trustees Board of Directors takes place between March 10 and April 25. There are 18 candidates for ten two-year vacancies and one one-year vacancy on the Board. A list of candidates and biographical sketches were previously provided to Trustees.

A motion was made by Trustee Rojas and seconded by Trustee Flores, 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.

The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

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Negotiations – CSEA and  
Leadership Team

Vice Chancellor of Human Resources, Ms. Diane Wirth, reported that tentative agreements have been reached with CSEA and the Leadership Team Advisory Committee (LTAC). Both agreements provide for a one-year contract with a 4% increase added to the salary schedules retroactive to July 1, 2006. A one-time retroactive payment will be issued to staff on or before June 30, 2007.

A motion was made by Trustee Hallinan and seconded by Trustee Neumann, that the Board approve the 2006-2007 negotiated agreement with CSEA (**Report #2217**) subject to successful completion of the Association's ratification process, and approve the 2006-2007 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with LTAC (**Report #2218**).

The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

CSEA representative, Ms. Debbi Partridge, thanked the Board for a successful negotiation process and stated that this proves that the District and Board appreciate and recognize the worth of classified staff. She further unofficially reported that the agreement has been ratified. She is proud to be part of the YCCD team.

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Negotiations – YFA

Vice Chancellor of Human Resources Ms. Diane Wirth reported that the District and the Yosemite Faculty Association (YFA) have reached a tentative agreement. The agreement provides for a one-year contract for 2006-2007. A flat rate retroactive payment to July 2006 will be paid to full-time faculty. On July 1, 2007 faculty total compensation will be raised to the median total compensation of our cohort group.

A motion was made by Trustee DeMartini and seconded by Trustee Rojas that the Board of Trustees approve the 2006-2007 negotiated agreement with the Yosemite Faculty Association (YFA) (**Report #2219**) subject to successful completion of the Association ratification process.

The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

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MJC Art History Field Study in  
Italy Trip

President Rose introduced Interim Dean Michael Sundquist to discuss the MJC Art Department offering of “Art History Field Study” in Italy, visiting Rome, Capri, Pompeii, Naples, Sperlonga, Tivoli, Assisi, Siena, Pisa and Florence. Mr. Sundquist reported that instruction will be offered May 21 to June 7, 2007. There is an orientation class before travel and a wrap-up class upon return. MJC Professor. Richard Serros will teach the three unit Art 162, Art 164 and Art 165 courses to approximately 25 students. All associated costs for travel are the responsibility of the student. The cost of the trip arranged through Voyageur Educational Tours is \$4,044 per person and includes roundtrip airfare, lodging, most meals, tour bus transportation, and tickets to sites of interest. Study will focus on ancient Rome, Medieval, Renaissance and Baroque periods.

Trustees expressed appreciation for the additional detailed information that was provided by Mr. Sundquist. Trustee DeMartini suggested that students participating in this field study provide a presentation to the Board upon their return. Chair Dean requested that student travel programs needing Board approval appear on the agenda sooner since this travel will take place approximately 45 days following this meeting.

A motion was made by Trustee Rojas and seconded by Trustee Neumann that the Board of Trustees approve the MJC Art History Field Study, Italy trip for Modesto Junior College.

The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

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MJC Geology Cascades Field Studies– Fall 2007

President Rich Rose reported that MJC is seeking Board approval of the “Volcanoes of the Cascades Province Field Study” for Fall 2007. This is a Geology 171B class, September 20 to 24, 2007 with Instructor Garry Hayes instructing. The southern part of the Cascades Range in California and Oregon contains some of the most striking examples of volcanism to be found anywhere in the world; evidence of relatively calm eruptions to unimaginably large explosions that caused whole mountains to disappear. Students will have the opportunity to understand the cause of these eruptions and their potential for future activity. The students are charged a fee of \$25.00 that covers entrance fees, camping fees, gas and food.

A motion was made by Trustee Abshire, seconded by trustee Flores, that the Board of Trustees approve the MJC Geology Cascades Field Studies trip for Modesto Junior College.

The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

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MJC Honors Program

President Rich Rose introduced MJC faculty member Eva Mo to present to the Board the newly created MJC Honors Program. In support of academically high-achieving students, MJC wishes to join its other statewide community colleges in providing this opportunity to its students. Trustees were previously provided with a packet outlining details of the program.

Ms. Mo reported that local high schools requested that MJC create a program to attract top students. The program will begin this fall, with a pilot in the summer. However, full program implementation will be done over four phases, and be fully implemented in six years. Tracks will be developed in various disciplines, capstone course will be added, transfer agreements will be negotiated for these students, and students will be encouraged to become life-long learners and provide service to their community. Part of the goal of a community college is to prepare students to transfer to a four-year institution. An honors program can facilitate that preparation by officially recognizing excellence in student achievement, creating a program that encourages excellence in academics, establishing “sister” connections to four year colleges for automatic acceptance and transfer, and establishing greater

opportunities toward scholarships through honors recognition. An honors program will promote a rise in standards across the college by exemplifying excellence in education and encouraging a dialogue on academics. About half of California Community Colleges offer honors programs.

In response to inquiry by Trustee DeMartini, Ms. Mo reported that 50% reassigned time was given to develop the program. Trustee DeMartini expressed concern with the documentation packet provided to the board and stated that she expects to see a more professional quality, polished product from faculty developing the program. In response to inquiry by Board Chair Dean, Ms. Mo report that she is recommending that stipends be given to faculty members who work with the pilot program in the summer. Trustee Neumann commented that enhanced education programs does increase faculty workload, however, these types of programs are a great marketing tool to attract high school student. Ms. Mo reported that some marketing has begun, and approximately 20 high school students are interested in participating. Trustee Hallinan thanked faculty for developing the program and believes they should be compensated for the extra time and work involved. In response to inquiry by Trustee Hallinan, Ms. Mo reported that community service requirements will encourage students to apply new knowledge and learning in a community setting. Trustee Abshire also thanked faculty as she recognized that this type of program will prepare MJC students to be successful at the U.C. level. Ms. Mo thanked Vice President Bob Nadell for his support in developing this program.

A motion was made by Trustee Abshire, seconded by Trustee Hallinan, that the Board of Trustees approve an Honors Program for Modesto Junior College.

The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

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**COMMENTS**

From the Public

There were no additional comments from the public.

Executive Vice Chancellor Teresa Scott introduced the new District Grants Director, Ms. Celise Bradford to the Board.

From the Board of Trustees

Trustee Abshire reported that she attended the Cesar Chavez event at MJC and noted that students, grandparents, community members spanning the generations were present. Trustee Abshire met with the new UC Merced Chancellor and is excited about the opportunities for the District to partner with UC Merced. Trustee Flores reported that she also attended the Cesar Chavez event, the Hispanic Leadership Event, and an event hosted by El Concilio where she also met the new UC

Merced Chancellor. Trustee DeMartini reported that she attended the Latina Leadership Network Annual Conference held at MJC, Trustee Abshire also attended. Trustee DeMartini attended an awards event hosted by the Stanislaus Art Council, she noted that MJC employees Richard Colla, Michael Lynch and former MJC students were recipients of various awards. She congratulated those individuals and MJC on excellent achievement in the local Arts community. Trustee Rojas attended MJC parking planning committee meetings with Trustee Neumann and also attended the forums for the two finalists for the Chancellor position. Trustee Neumann also attended a facilities master planning meeting at MJC. Trustee Dean is serving on the chancellor selection committee, is exciting about the upcoming nurses pinning ceremony at MJC, and attended the Columbia College Hall of Fame event. She expressed her congratulations to Abe Rojas for the recognition he recently received from the Turlock Community and congratulated the students who completed the nursing program at MJC. Student Trustee Will McCombs attended the MJC Ag luncheon which was well attended by community members.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Wednesday, May 9, 2007. Closed session will begin at 3:30 p.m. and open session at 5:30 p.m. in YCCD Board Room, 2201 Blue Gum Avenue, Modesto.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Pat Dean, Chair  
YCCD Board of Trustees

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Stan Hodges, Secretary  
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