

**MINUTES**  
**YOSEMITE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**FIVE HUNDRED AND FIFTY- FOURTH REGULAR MEETING**  
**April 13, 2011**

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The meeting was called to order by Chair Linda Flores at 3:30 p.m. in the Dogwood Forum, Columbia College. Trustees recessed to Closed Session in the Manzanita Conference Room for the purpose of discussing the following Closed Session Agenda items:

**CLOSED SESSION AGENDA:**

- Discussion:
1. Pursuant to G. C. Section 54957  
Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Appointment
  2. Pursuant to G. C. Section 54957.6 - Conference with Labor Negotiators  
District Representatives: D. Wirth, G. Rose  
Employee Organizations: CSEA, YFA
  3. Pursuant to G.C. Section 54956.8 – Property Negotiator  
Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Stanislaus APN: (072-046-001)
  4. Pursuant to G.C. Section 54956.9(a) – Litigation  
Case: Carpenters Work Preservation Committee and Augie Beltran vs. YCCD.  
No. 656242

The Board of Trustees reconvened to Open Session at 6:30 p.m. in the Dogwood Forum of Columbia College. Chair Flores reported there were individuals coming on a bus to attend the Board meeting and address an item on the Agenda. The Board meeting would proceed as usual until they arrive. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag preceded formal Board Action.

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

Board Members Absent      Lloyd Templeton (Student Trustee)

Others Present                J. Smith, T. Scott, D. Wirth, G. Rose, G. Loewenstein, R. Jones, N. Stavrianoudakis, G. Molina, C. Chavez, D. Low, K. Smith, C. Martin, D. Gervin, C. Craven, S. Akiona, M. Adams, R. Juarez, S. Pierstorff, E. Andal, W. Hesse, N. Bull, K. Schultz, V. Metcalf, J. Whalen, M. Breyette, M. Anglin, P. Mendez, J. Spurlock, M. McKinnon, P. Bettencourt, M. McBride, S. Suarez, J. Berg, C. Cooper, G. Wend, P. Rabing, I. Nunez, R. Coffman, C. Garcia, K. Tabacco, L. Sammis, B. Adams, M. Kennedy, R. Martin, E. Creighton, S. Glynn, D. York, R. Nedom, R. Hill, J. Pourchot, R. Gritz, K. Glick, B. Westcott, R. Roach, M. Bryette, C. Brown, G. Segerstrom, A. Rogers, S. Jordison, T. Brumlow, J. Earl, R. Swank, D. Yarnal, S. Muniz, L. Adams, N. Brooks, M. Robles, J. Borden, A. Seegers, E. Schuber, P. Wallace, A. Salcedo, J. Swank, R. Green, C. Fernandez, T. Nesmith, G. Whitfield, G. Womble, J. Mathies (Recorder)

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Report Out From Closed  
Session

There was no report out from closed session.

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Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Trustee Hallinan and seconded by Trustee Rojas to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on March 9, 2011.

Faculty Representative Sam Pierstorff requested that in order to avoid any confusion, the official record show that the Board did not consider his suggestion to add language to Resolution #10-11/07. Trustee Hallinan commented that he would accept that suggestion.

The motion carried with a vote of 7-0 to accept the Minutes of March 9, 2011, regular meeting as amended.

**REPORTS AND  
INFORMATION ITEMS**

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Constituency Reports  
Student Activity Reports

ASCC Vice President Robert Divinagracia reported a very eventful year at Columbia College. At the beginning of the year ASCC had two blood drives, a food drive, and the annual giving tree where 84 children received gifts. A Christmas party was given for the children at the center. There was a candidates' forum, voter registration, and 27 students attended the March in March and a meeting with the legislators. In February, ASCC moved to the new Student Center and earlier today they held an open house for the student center serving approximately 300 students. Potential candidates for student trustee were interviewed, and elections will be held on April 18 and 19. ASCC will also be assisting with graduation. In response to a question from Trustee DeMartini, Mr. Divinagracia reported they had five or six applications for student trustee. He also reported the students are very happy with the Student Center.

Yosemite Faculty  
Association (YFA)

Gene Womble, Vice President for Columbia College YFA and Curtis Martin from YFA, Representative at large for MJC, reported on behalf of YFA President Jillian Daly. Mr. Womble reported the last several days were spent at the hearings in Modesto for faculty members who have been laid off. The decision from the hearings will be given in late May. Negotiations continue on the layoffs' effects on faculty, and YFA is scheduled to meet with the District on April 22. Other negotiation items are coaching stipends for the MJC faculty and counseling work load. Mr. Womble also commented he would like to reiterate the reassignment issue of Craig Johnson that is on the Board Agenda. Past practice is that faculty reassignment normally requires a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Last weekend

the Executive Board of YFA participated in the CCCI Conference in Sacramento where the budget impact, system wide, was discussed. Mr. Curtis Martin reported he is presenting a proposal on behalf of YFA for reductions that are meant to serve as an alternative to President Loewenstein's plan. This proposal addresses far more than the \$1.4 million in cuts that were taken from instruction. Mr. Martin asked that the Board consider the savings the plan offers as an alternative to closing programs to students. He spoke to employee morale, the changing of administrative leadership, and the recent decision to discontinue instructional programs. You have received the budget proposal. YFA would like to call the Board of Trustees this week and next week and discuss personally with you our proposals. This is not the venue. We presented the proposal partially to our President. We did not present the portions for the Board of Trustees which are political decisions done at a different level than the college.

Trustee Riley commented he is always looking for data on which to base his decisions, and that he has seen most of the items listed. The item that was new to him was "to cut underenrolled part-time overload sections." Mr. Martin responded that with the previous President, YFA went over some of the issues and were able to eliminate many of the underenrolled overloads. The reason there is not a number there is faculty does not have access to that information at this point. It is something that could be directed by the President or Chancellor to look into the facts. Some of the numbers are there and in some they are not, as faculty does not have access to information, but they are areas worth considering.

California Schools  
Employees Association  
(CSEA)

Wendy Hesse, First Vice President of CSEA Chapter 420 presented on behalf of CSEA President Rosanne Faughn who was unable to attend. Ms. Hesse commented that Ms. Faughn's request was very brief: "Please take to heart the stories that you will hear tonight and understand the devastation we are feeling."

Faculty Representative to  
the Board of Trustees

Mr. Sam Pierstorff reported that he read a poem at the Desmond Tutu event. Quite a few people requested the poem so he worked with Graphic Arts Technician Sherri Potts to put the poem on a poster. They have now started an "Ubuntu Creative Writing Scholarship Fund" and the posters are \$5 each which goes to the Foundation. The donation is tax deductible, and so far they have raised over \$800 in less than a week. Each Board Member received a poster as a gift. Mr. Pierstorff gave a talk on the word compromise and the seeming elusiveness of it asking that we find more middle ground, not taking one side or another but taking the best of both. He stated this is the strength of leadership we need right now and that is compromise.

Academic Senate Activity  
Report (ASMJC)

Modesto Junior College Academic Senate President Mike Adams thanked the Board for all of their service during a most difficult time. You have received much advice from many different groups and none of them agree. Mr. Adams spoke to the Board regarding tenure, the laying off of tenured faculty, the faculty hearings and the administrative law judge. Faculty may take legal action if the Board decides to go against the judge's decision and mutual agreement is not reached. An example of the stringent requirements is the hearings that were held yesterday and this morning at YCCD.

Columbia College Academic Senate President Raelene Juarez reported there were questions at Columbia College regarding how they would weather the challenge ahead, how would they maintain, effectively plan and how many more years could they handle cuts. It would be through collaborative planning – District and college government structures. There would have to be a psychology shift – budget keeps, not cuts. Faculty, staff, administrators and students focus is – core values, mission and shared governance. She reported Columbia College is back to basics – offering essentials and preserving the core. Planning is going on at the campus to start creative activities to build morale on campus. Trustee DeMartini commented she appreciated the comment on “budget keeps.” Trustee Riley reported he spent 20-30 hours reading the Columbia College Self Study Draft regarding how to approach the future, program review, budget, and integrated planning – a great write up packed full of information and seems to be working very well. Trustee Flores thanks Ms. Juarez for providing a positive plan of what Columbia College is doing and also for her personal positive attitude.

Leadership Team Advisory  
Committee (LTAC)

LTAC President Rhonda Green reported the full roster of officers for LTAC; President Rhonda Green, Treasurer Amy Bethel, and Recorder Carrie Sampson. LTAC is planning with Vice Chancellor Diane Wirth and the Human Resources Department a training to refresh and revitalize the group. There will be a Leadership Team Retreat on May 19 at the Gene Bianchi Center in Oakdale. She is hoping for a high rate of participation. Ms. Green reported that Researcher Shawna Dean was taking on the project to update the Leadership Team Handbook. There are concerns about what is happening on campus. A survey was put together for LTAC, and the results were shared with the Chancellor and Diane Wirth. The problems start with a lack of funding, and there is concern on campus about cuts continuing in 2012 and 2013. Trustee DeMartini complimented Ms. Green for her demeanor when it is Leadership Team that is being most affected.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Public Comment.

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**DISCUSSION ITEM**

**Reduction in Force -  
Classified**

Chair Flores thanked everyone for attending the meeting, commenting that due to persons wishing to speak to Agenda Action Item II. B.3.– Reduction in Force – Classified, the item would be moved up to this point in the meeting. She instructed each individual requesting to address the Board to complete a speaker request form. Speakers were given a time limit of three minutes per person for their comments, and the Board would allow up to one to one and one-half hours for public comment on this item. Chair Flores read a statement regarding civility and opened the Public Comments period for those wishing to address the Board on the Reduction in Force item.

Wendy Hessie, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice  
President of CSEA  
Chapter 420 YCCD

Ms. Hessie requested the Board reconsider the elimination of so many people and programs and delay acting on Resolution 10-11/09. She commented that cooperation and study could yield a resolution that does not undo what took 90 years to build.

Michael Ray CSEA Labor  
Relations

Mr. Ray reported that CSEA is ready and willing to mitigate and requested they come to the table – decisions should always be made mutually.

Rose Roach, CSEA District  
Representative

Ms. Roach reported to the Board that we are in a budget crisis and she does not believe the trustees are at fault. We are in a budget crisis that is manufactured, that our children, elderly, and students don't matter. Public is not allowed to decide for themselves how they feel about education – education costs money. CSEA is in this fight for our children and communities, and they are ready to work with the trustees to turn this tide.

Lisa Adams, Columbia  
College Library Media  
Technician

Ms. Adams reported to the Board she was reading a letter from coworkers and that cutting the position of a financial aid recruiter who goes into the high schools to recruit students seems contradictory. This position exists to assist students with applications, guide with classes, and assess needs.

Nancy Brooks, Columbia  
College Library Media  
Technician

Ms. Brooks finished reading the letter of her coworkers that Lisa Adams began reporting the Start Smart program was also cut this year and that this is disappointing because the students who have gone through this program rank higher in success than those who have not gone through it. Ms. Brooks requested the Board not allow damage to the consistency of the program and possibly consider a separate outreach recruiter in a 10-month program.

Shawn Jordison, Columbia  
College Alternative Media  
Access Specialist

Mr. Jordison reported he started his service at Columbia College as a student worker right out of high school. He is now an alternative media access specialist and converts books to different media for student with disabilities. He has converted over 60 books from physical to digital. The number of students served

since November has nearly doubled.

Sherri Suarez, California  
Schools Employee  
Association Negotiating  
Team

Ms. Suarez asked all the classified staff in attendance to stand so the Board of Trustees could see how many were in attendance and she reported that she was drawing a line in the sand; that CSEA realizes they have to take their fair share and are willing to do that, but not more than that. CSEA is looking at almost 50 layoffs. She reported they will sit at the table and be collegial with the District to mitigate as much as possible stating they do not have the luxury of March 15 layoffs, but at anytime can receive 45 day notices. They cannot continue to absorb 150 to 200 positions. Staff will have to know what they can and cannot do as it is a physical impossibility to do all the work that will be left.

There was no more public comment.

### **BOARD DISCUSSION**

Trustee Hallinan commented there is no pleasure in this decision, and the last speaker made a good point – if this decision is not made, more will be on the back of CSEA and that isn't fair. Vice Chancellor Diane Wirth reported that the Reduction In Force – Classified item, page 12 of the Agenda, should read Central Services and Modesto Junior College effective June 30, 2011. Also on Resolution No 10-11/09 the second paragraph should also reflect Central Services and Modesto Junior College and the Job Class of Bookstore Assistant should read 1.00 under the FTE column (not 0.60). Trustee Mike Riley commented he appreciated the respectful and civil tone that everyone took. He commented the foundation for the future is mutual respect and that he heard what they said, as did the whole Board. They are always in a mode of continued improvement. He reported the perspective he is taking is that these are not temporary difficult times. He expressed his appreciation for the comments made. Trustee Rojas commented that he echoed the same sentiments, having always strongly supported CSEA. He congratulated them on their professional approach to the situations and that he would continue to listen. He expressed hope that things could be rectified in the future, so it would not fall on the shoulders of CSEA. Trustee Viss made a motion to adopt the Resolution No. 10-11/09, as amended. Trustee DeMartini commented that the Board appreciates all that the classified employees do and are sorry that the budget does not allow for keeping them all. Chair Flores offered her thanks to all who had come to the meeting and how unfortunate it is that YCCD is in this kind of budgetary situation.

The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

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Activities and  
Announcements  
Modesto Junior College

President Gaither Loewenstein deferred from oral report and called the Board's attention to the following:

Perpetual Sweepstakes Award

The MJC Speech and Debate Team was presented with the California Community College Forensics Association's prestigious Jim Miller Perpetual Sweepstakes Award at the State Championship Tournament held March 17-20 in Woodland Hills. Individual MJC awards included 1<sup>st</sup> Place in After Dinner Speaking by Maggie Rolicheck; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in Informative by Danielle Raymus; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in Prose by Paris Player; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in Impromptu by Mostafa Aniss; and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in Extemporaneous by Nathaniel Walden, who also partnered with Maggie Rolicheck to capture 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in Parliamentary Debate. These five members of MJC's team have qualified for the Phi Rho Pi National Tournament in April.

Honors Research Symposium

Three MJC students in the Honors Program have been accepted to present at the Community College Honors Research Symposium at Stanford University on May 7. The Symposium celebrates student excellence by providing selected Honors Students an opportunity to present their original research. Tina Curiel will be presenting on *The Spiritual Marriage of Mary Oliver and Jane Hirshfield*; Johnathan Homrighausen will present his research on *Neuroscience and the Universal Nature of Mystical Experience*; and Rebecca Wilkinson's presentation will be *Paper, Plastic or a Reusable Bag: The Selling of How to Reuse, Recycle and Reduce Through Good Old-Fashion American Capitalism*.

Earth Day Celebration

MJC will hold a free Earth Day Celebration on Thursday, April 14, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the East Campus Quad. The theme for this year's event is "Living Healthy - Living Local" and the displays, demonstrations, and information tables will be targeted at heightening environmental awareness and educating students, staff, and the greater community on green and sustainable practices.

MAPS Lecture

The Modesto Area Partners in Science will present "Deep Drilling Across the San Andreas Fault" on Friday, April 15, at 7:30 p.m. in Forum 110. Presenter Diane Moore, Ph.D., is a senior research geologist for the Earthquake Science Center at the U.S. Geological Survey in Menlo Park. She studies core samples collected from the San Andreas Fault drill hole to improve our understanding of the physical and chemical processes that control faulting and earthquake generation. The event is free and open to the public.

Native American Powwow

MJC's 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Native American Powwow will be held on Sunday, April 17, from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the East Campus Quad. The intertribal Powwow features Native American singing, dancing and drumming. Arts, crafts, jewelry, and food will be for sale. (In the event of rain, the Powwow will be moved to the Mary Stuart Rogers Student Learning Center on West Campus.) The event is free and open to the public.

Choral Ensembles Spring Concert	MJC's three choral ensembles will join together in concert to present "An American Choral Landscape" on Tuesday, April 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Performing and Media Arts Center on East Campus. A broad array of works by American composers will be presented by the college's Concert Choir, Chamber Choir and Masterworks Chorus. Tickets will be available at the door: general admission \$5 and students \$4.
Nurses Pinning Ceremony	MJC Associate Degree Nursing Program will hold a Nurse Pinning Ceremony on Thursday, April 28, at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Performing and Media Arts Center on East Campus for the 58 students celebrating their graduation.
89 <sup>th</sup> Commencement Ceremony	MJC's Commencement Ceremony will be held on Saturday, April 30, at 2:00 p.m. in the Stadium. The program will feature an address by a student speaker and presentation of the 2011 Distinguished Alumni Award to Cheryl Dell, President and Publisher of the Sacramento Bee. MJC will award approximately 1,200 Associate Degrees during the 2010-11 academic year, and an estimated 400 graduates are expected to participate in Commencement. A reception in the Student Center will follow the ceremony. A Graduation Luncheon will be held on April 29 at 12:00 noon, in the Mary Stuart Rogers Student Learning Center, and tickets are on sale for \$10 in the East Campus Bookstore.
Evening of Poetry and Music	The MJC Music Department will present An Evening of Poetry and Music on Thursday, May 5, at 7:30 p.m. in the Music Recital Hall on East Campus. The program will feature Philadelphia Poet Michele Belluomini and MJC Professor of Music Anne Martin presenting original poetry and improvised music on violin and viola. The event is free, with donations accepted.
Stanislaus Transitional Age Youth Leadership Conference	MJC will host the Stanislaus Transitional Age Youth (STAY) 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Youth Leadership Conference on Saturday, May 7, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Auditorium on East Campus. Performance artist David Garibaldi will highlight the program with the keynote presentation entitled "Learning the Art of Leadership." Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. for this free conference targeted at 12 – 20 year olds.
<b>Columbia College</b>	Interim President Richard Jones welcomed everyone to Columbia College and reported recognitions and awards received by Columbia College staff, faculty and students. Dr. Jones called the Board's attention to the following:
42 <sup>nd</sup> Commencement Ceremony	Columbia College's 42 <sup>nd</sup> Commencement will be held on Friday, April 29, at 6:30 p.m. in the Oak Pavilion. A reception will be held immediately following the ceremony for graduates, their families, friends, and guests in Carkeet Park next to the pavilion. Members of the YCCD Board of Trustees are invited to attend both events.



Scholarship Ceremony The Columbia College Scholarship Celebration will be held on Friday, April 22, beginning at 4:00 p.m. in the Dogwood Forum. This year, 134 scholarships will be awarded. Selected highlights planned for the ceremony include recognition of this year's scholarship recipients, an opportunity to showcase student talents with instrumental preludes and songs while artwork is displayed around delicious hors d'oeuvres, all created by scholarship recipients. This year's Scholarship Celebration is, again, a combined effort between the Columbia College Financial Aid/Scholarship Office Director Marnie Shively and the Foundation Office Director of Development Beccie Michael.

Mother Lode Business Summit On May 10 Columbia College will host the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Mother Lode Business Summit presented by the Chambers of Commerce of Tuolumne and Calaveras Counties with the Historic and Twain Harte Chambers, in collaboration with Mother Lode Job Training. The Business Summit theme is "GPS for Success: Charting Your Course Through a Tough Economy" and includes a full day of practical seminars geared toward local business managers and entrepreneurs.

Community Chorus Performance On Saturday, April 16, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 17, at 3:00 p.m. the Columbia College Community Chorus will proudly present, as part of their Spring 2011 concert series, Elijah, an oratorio by Felix Mendelsson. Columbia College Music Professor John Carter will be conducting with the Sonora Master Chorale performing. Featured artists will be Richard Colla, Baritone, and Gary Toops, Organ. The concert will be held at the Seventh Day Adventist Church located at 40 North Forest Road in Sonora. There is a \$10 suggested donation – proceeds go to support the Columbia College Community Chorus. For more information, call (209) 586-5965.

Jazz Series Performance The Columbia College Jazz Series is proud to present the Mario Flores Latin Jazz Band on Saturday, April 23, at 7:00 p.m. The incomparable Mario Flores has been a longstanding supporter of the Columbia College Jazz Program. Columbia College Instructor of Music Dr. Rod Harris will emcee this event. Reserved seating tickets to each concert are on sale beginning two weeks prior to the event at the College Manzanita Bookstore and at the Mt. Bookshop in the Junction Shopping Center. For tickets by phone, call the college bookstore at (209) 588-5126.

**Yosemite Community College District**

Chancellor Joan Smith announced the following:

Leadership Turlock On April 14, 2011, YCCD and MJC will be hosting the Turlock Chamber of Commerce 2011 Class of Leadership Turlock. Trustee Rojas, Chancellor Joan Smith, and President Gaither

Loewenstein will address the group as they tour MJC's East and West Campuses and learn about program offerings. This event is provided as an opportunity for local leaders to become more familiar with the variety and quality of MJC programs and services.

Annual Staff Recognition  
Dinner

YCCD's annual Staff Recognition Dinner honoring retirees and employees with 25 years of service will be held on Saturday, April 16, 2011, at the Gene Bianchi Community Center, 110 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Oakdale, California.

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**Presentations/Updates**

**Chancellor's Update**

Chancellor Joan Smith reported this is her second Board meeting as Chancellor, and it has been a very challenging time due to the State budget. She has been sending out budget reports and staying in touch with Sacramento and the Community College League State Chancellor's Office as well as weekly phone conferences with statewide CEOs talking about the budgets at the community colleges. Chancellor Smith reports one reason the District is in such a critical position is there are not enough reserves, but believes things will get better. The District has planned for the worst case scenario. She commented she believes in participatory processes and that together, things can be worked out. She talks frequently with the Trustees and reports they ask for a lot of information and are not making uninformed decisions. They consistently ask how this will best serve students. Chancellor Smith reports that as Chancellor she must trust the presidents as her job requires her to work with Sacramento and meet legislators, explaining why funding is needed and how it should be directed. Systemwide, \$800 million was the worst case scenario, and now projections are \$1.1 billion. She expressed appreciation for Executive Vice Chancellor Teresa Scott for her creativity and her fiscal prudence which have helped the District greatly. Chancellor Smith is very sorry that there are those who will receive pink slips. She plans to have meetings regarding building reserves and building the District fiscally to achieve a strong fiscal base. When money starts coming back, there will be places for people to come back and work for the District again.

**Accreditation Update**

Dr. Loewenstein reported the budget will impact the Self-Study. He asked the Academic Senate to join in looking at the draft and making possible revisions, making certain the document still meets all the accreditation standards. Dr. Loewenstein recognized Dr. Karen Walters Dunlap for her work on accreditation over more than four years.

Dr. Dennis Gervin and Raelene Juarez thanked everyone who has helped with the accreditation process and for the collaboration between faculty, administration and staff.

Bond Update

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the YCCD Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) will be held on Wednesday, July 6, 2011. Open Session will begin at 6:00 p.m., in the Community Education Room, Columbia College, 11600 Columbia College Drive, Sonora, California. A tour of bond projects for CBOC members may precede the general meeting.

Kitchell representative Mr. Matt Kennedy was available for questions from the Board. In response to questions from Trustees DeMartini and Riley, Mr. Kennedy reported that work on the Ag Pavilion is progressing well with all panels complete at this time. The subcontract problems have been worked out, and there is a new project manager. The project is late, but near completion.

**Modesto Junior College:** *Allied Health:* Work on project interior continues on schedule. *Infrastructure/MJC West Roads Project - Phase II:* The project has started construction. *Softball/Restroom Concession Stand:* The project is currently working on concrete block walls. *Agricultural Multipurpose Pavilion:* Roofing and wall panels are complete. *Science Community Center & GVM:* Steel erection continues. *Student Services:* The building exterior work is underway. *Founders Hall:* Project is under construction and on schedule. *High Tech Center:* Is working on preparing the Department of State Architect submittal.

**Columbia College:** *Science and Natural Resources:* The steel frame, roof, and second floor decks are complete. Work has started on the exterior enclosure and interior finishes.

**Current Modesto Junior College Projects**

PROJECT	STATUS	START CONSTRUCTION
Agriculture Beef and Sheep Unit	Closeout	August 2009
Agriculture Multipurpose Pavilion	Construction	August 2009
Allied Health	Construction	August 2009
Infrastructure Increment I	Complete	January 2010
Infrastructure Increment II	Construction	February 2011
Science Community Center & GVM	Construction	July 2010
Student Services	Construction	April 2010
Softball/Restroom Concession Stand	Construction	January 2011
Founders Hall	Construction	September 2010
High Tech Center	Construction Documents	May 2012

**Current Columbia College Projects**

Science and Natural Resources	Construction	July 2009
Pathways Project	Programming	Tbd

**Current Educational Outreach Facilities**

Calaveras	Programming	Tbd
Oakdale	Property Search	Tbd
Turlock	Property Search	Tbd
Patterson	Cost Estimate	Tbd

**ACTION ITEMS**  
**Consent Agenda**  
**Fiscal Services**

Trustee DeMartini requested that Item II. B.4 be pulled for a separate discussion. Trustee Rojas read the names of the retirees for special recognition and appreciation for their service. Vice Chancellor Diane Wirth noted one change on the Personnel Transaction List/Retirements – Sandra Uyeshiro is from MJC (not CC).

Trustee Rojas made a motion to accept all Consent Items A through D as amended, with the exception of pulled Item B4 (Sabbaticals). Trustee Hallinan seconded the motion.

**Purchase Orders**

The Board of Trustees approved the purchase orders issued from February 1, 2011, through February 28, 2011.

**Acceptance of Gifts**

The Board of Trustees accepted with appreciation the following:

<b>Donor</b>	<b>Gift</b>	<b>Coll</b>	<b>Program</b>
Lizzie Grolle	Articulated Skeletons	CC	Biology Courses
Modesto Parts Distributors	Automotive Batteries	MJC	Automotive Technology
Maria and Kurt Laubhan	Seed Packets	CC	Child Development Center
Phil and Gail Brumley	\$250	MJC	Crop and Fruit Science Program
San Joaquin-Stanislaus Cattlemen's Association	\$500	MJC	Livestock Judging Team
Coy Hoof Trimming	\$100	MJC	Young Farmers Animal Science Club
3-D Trucking	\$125	MJC	Young Farmers Natural Resources Club Logging Team
Nancy Rosasco	\$100	MJC	Young Farmers Natural Resources Club Logging Team
Nancy Gottschall	\$20	MJC	Young Farmers Natural Resources Club Logging Team
Jewel Baker	\$25	MJC	Young Farmers Natural Resources Club Logging Team
Lindsay Riddle	\$125	MJC	Young Farmers Natural Resources Club Logging Team
Gino and Sandy Farinelli	\$100	MJC	Young Farmers Ag Mechanics Quarter Scale Tractor Club
Craig and Roseann Miller	\$150	MJC	Young Farmers Ag Mechanics Quarter Scale Tractor Club
C. Janell White	\$100	MJC	Young Farmers Ag Mechanics Quarter Scale Tractor Club
Bill Rommel Construction	\$250	MJC	Young Farmers Ag Mechanics Quarter Scale Tractor Club

Donor	Gift	Coll	Program
Oakdale Irrigation District	\$500	MJC	Young Farmers Ag Mechanics Quarter Scale Tractor Club
NB Farms	\$250	MJC	Young Farmers Ag Mechanics Quarter Scale Tractor Club
Albert Mendes Dairy	\$250	MJC	Young Farmers Ag Mechanics Quarter Scale Tractor Club
Zylstra Auto and Hardware	\$50	MJC	Young Farmers Ag Mechanics Quarter Scale Tractor Club
Yamshon Ranch	\$50	MJC	Young Farmers Ag Mechanics Quarter Scale Tractor Club
Erb Brothers	\$100	MJC	Young Farmers Ag Mechanics Quarter Scale Tractor Club
Napa Auto and Truck Parts	\$300	MJC	Occupational Olympics

Grant Project Applications/  
Amendment

The Board of Trustees authorized the Yosemite Community College District to submit the following grant project applications/amendments and to enter into a contract with the appropriate agencies when the projects are selected for funding:

Agency	College	Agency Share	Proposer Share
US Department of Labor, Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training Grant	MJC	\$20,000,000 over three years (Year #1, \$8,000,000) (Year #2, \$6,000,000) (Year #3, \$6,000,000)	-0-
US Department of Labor, Trade Adjustment Assistance Act Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT) Program	CC	\$2,500,000	-0-
US Department of Education, Hispanic Serving Institutions Science, Technology, Engineering, Math and Articulation Programs (HSI-STEM Articulation)	MJC	\$4,125,000 (\$825,000 per year for five years)	-0-

Notice of Completion of  
Contract

The following project contracts have been completed and inspected. The Board accepted the work performed as having been completed in accordance with the plans and specifications and authorize final payment of 10% of the contract amount.

Bid #	Project Name	College	Contractor	Amount
09-1620	New Animal Science Beef and Sheep Unit Buildings	MJC	MC Dairy Construction, Inc.	\$1,552,229.52
10-1642	MJC Gymnasium HVAC Replacement	MJC	Hometown Construction, Inc.	\$603,456.00

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Rejection of Claim

The Board of Trustees rejected the following claim and referred it to the District's claims administrator:

Name	Amount of Damages	Description of Incident	Date of Incident
Gabriel Santos	Unspecified	Alleged slanderous statements made by YCCD employee	11/17/2010

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**Consent Agenda  
Personnel Items**

The Board of Trustees approved the following personnel Transaction Items:

**PERSONNEL TRANSACTION LIST**

Name	Position	Department	Coll	Effective
<b>Retirements:</b>				
George Blumer, 12 years of service	Maintenance Specialist	Facilities Planning & Operations	CS	6/3/11
Mary Christine Groth, 9 years of service	Professor of Office Administration	Business, Behavioral & Social Science	MJC	5/1/11
Terry Hartman, 36 years of service	Professor of Art	Arts, Humanities & Communications	MJC	7/1/11
Dale Hoagland, 31 years of service	Professor of Administration of Justice	Business, Behavioral & Social Science	MJC	5/1/11
Kathleen Smith, 30 years of service	Director of Admissions & Records	Admissions & Records	CC	6/3/11
Sandra Uyeshiro, 30 years of service	Professor of Physiology	Science, Mathematics and Engineering	MJC	5/1/11
<b>Appointment - Management:</b>				
Dina Humble	Dean	Business, Behavioral & Social Sciences	MJC	5/1/11
Linda Lorena Dorn	Dean of Counseling & Student Services	Student Services	MJC	4/18/11
Nadia Vartan	Director of Media & Information Technology	Library & Information Technology	MJC	4/14/11
<b>Promotional Appointment – Classified:</b>				
Patricia Wallace	Instruction Office Specialist	Instruction Office	MJC	4/18/11
<b>Probationary Appointment – Classified:</b>				
Marco Bettencourt	Maintenance Assistant	Facilities Planning & Operations	CS	4/14/11
Carol Garcia	Custodian	Facilities Planning & Operations	CS	4/14/11

Name	Position	Department	Coll	Effective
<b>Reassignment – Academic:</b>				
Craig Johnston	Reassignment from Academic Achievement Coordinator to Professor of English	Arts & Sciences	CC	7/1/11
<b>Voluntary Reduction in Assignment:</b>				
Carol LaRosa	Program Technician, from 12 to 11 months	Specials Programs, DSPS	MJC	6/1/11 - 6/30/11
<b>Temporary Increase in Assignment:</b>				
Scotty Gonser	Instructional Support Assistant, from 10 to 12 months	Allied Health	MJC	5/1/11 - 6/30/11
Kim Jordan	Program Technician, from 10 to 11 months	Special Programs, DSPS	MJC	6/1/11 - 6/30/11
<b>Resignations:</b>				
Chrys Day	Instructional Support Technician - 20%	Health & Human Performance	CC	5/31/11
Jeffrey Menge	Interim Internal Auditor/Budget Analyst	Fiscal Services	CS	4/15/11
<b>Elimination of Position - Academic:</b>				
Academic Position	Academic Achievement Coordinator	Arts & Sciences	CC	7/1/11

Short Term Appointees: The Board of Trustees approved the following list of short-term appointees, in accordance with state law (AB500-Goldberg).

Name	Classification	Department	Coll	Start Date	End Date
<b>Seasonal</b> – hired to cover high peak periods associated with the academic calendar such as registration, bookstore rush.					
Kathleen Bello	Farmhand I	Ag & Environment Sciences	MJC	5/2/11	6/30/11
Alonzo Hernandez	Farmhand I	Ag & Environment Sciences	MJC	5/2/11	6/30/11
John Traini	Farmhand I	Ag & Environment Sciences	MJC	5/2/11	6/30/11
<b>Intermittent</b> – creates pool of eligible employees available on an “on-call” basis. Typically used for critical areas such as security or to cover for mandated positions such as child care.					
Kim Zubek	Program Technician	Student Services	CC	4/14/11	6/30/11

Reduction in Force Projected reductions to community college budgets have created the need for a reduction in program staff at Modesto Junior College effective June 30, 2011.

The Board of Trustees approved **Resolution No. 10-11/09**, Classified Reduction in Staff, authorizing a reduction in classified personnel and appropriate timely notice to affected staff.

Sabbaticals Leave  
Requests 2011-2012

Trustee DeMartini commented that if faculty did not present Sabbaticals, they could save one or two positions using this as a budget option. In addition, the Board was assured that no sabbaticals would be brought to them without a great deal of rigor of proposal. The Trustees expressed concern over the MJC math teacher's sabbatical application. According to the Faculty Contract, sabbaticals are a privilege, not an earned right.

Trustee DeMartini made a motion that the Board approve 2011-2012 Sabbatical Leaves Applications of YCCD academic employees, with the exception of Jacqueline Faris.

**Academic Year 2011-2012**

Bill Anelli - MJC  
Dr. Tim Elizondo - CC  
Bobby Hutchison - MJC  
Linda Kropp - MJC

**Spring Semester - 2012**

~~Jacqueline Faris - MJC~~  
Deborah Gilbert - MJC  
Laurie Sylwester - CC

Trustee Viss seconded the motion.

Trustee Riley commented that last year the District was also having financial difficulties, and he was surprised to see sabbaticals on the Agenda again this year. Dr. Loewenstein was supportive, and the faculty in favor of giving approvals. Looking at these two factors, Trustee Riley commented he will respect their judgment, the growth of faculty being important even in difficult times. He commented he supported Trustee DeMartini's recommendation. Trustee DeMartini reported that by granting a sabbatical to the math teacher, there would be an expense of \$40,000 to \$50,000 plus the adjunct at \$18,000. Gene Womble commented that he was not aware of any time previously where Sabbaticals were not approved as a whole – that none had been singled out to remove, there being a process through a committee and colleagues decide who goes forward. Trustees commented that they have not singled out any application before, but a few years ago they noted a lack of rigor and that the Board would not support sabbaticals if rigor was missing. Chair Flores commented there was also a concern that these were lower division classes and the Trustees needed to make a decision. Trustee Viss requested Chair Flores call for the question. Chair Flores called for the vote. Discussion ensued by Sam Pierstorff. Trustee Viss commented there is a motion on the floor, and the question has been called.



The motion carried 7-0 to accept the Sabbatical Leave Requests of 2011-2012 with the exception of Jacqueline Faris. Gene Womble commented he would take to YFA the possibility of savings going directly to save faculty jobs. Trustee DeMartini commented they would have to add up the cost of adjuncts.

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**Consent Agenda**

**Student Travel**

MJC Animal Science  
Sheep Program – Reno,  
Nevada Trip

The Board of Trustees approved the Animal Science Program participation in the All-Breed Invitational Sheep Show and Sale trip for Modesto Junior College in Reno, Nevada, from June 1-5, 2011.

Shakespeare Live –  
Ashland, Oregon, Trip

The Board of Trustees approved the Shakespeare Live Ashland, Oregon, trip for Columbia College from May 3-8, 2011.

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**Consent Agenda**

**Curriculum Actions**

The Board of Trustees approved curriculum changes as indicated for Columbia College April 2011.

The motion carried with a vote of 7-0

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**Discussion Items**

CCCT Board of Directors  
Election - 2011

Trustee Rojas made a motion to accept Discussion Item #1 – CCCT Board of Directors Election – 2011. Trustee Riley seconded.

The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

Naming of the MJC Allied  
Health Building –  
Glacier Hall

Trustee DeMartini commented she would like the name to be Allied Health/Glacier Hall. Trustee Hallinan commented they have not used the Sierra theme for four buildings. Dr. McKinnon of Allied Health reported they want the building to be named Glacier Hall. Trustee Hallinan made a motion for the Board of Trustees to approve Glacier Hall as the name for the MJC Allied Health Building. Trustee Rojas seconded.

Motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

Categorical Program  
Flexibility – Public  
Hearing

Chair Flores conducted a public hearing. There were no comments. The public hearing was closed. Executive Vice Chancellor Teresa Scott reported this was given last year. If the Board adopts the Categorical Program Flexibility, some of the reporting would be relieved while in tight fiscal times.

Trustee DeMartini made a motion to adopt the Categorical Flexibility Provisions of Assembly Bill X4 2. Trustee Rojas seconded.

Motion carried with a vote of 7-0

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**COMMENTS**

From the Board of Trustees

Trustee Martin reported she attended the budget meeting for all staff at Columbia College, the presidential search, the Desmond Tutu event, and the Tuolumne Parent Leadership Academy. Trustee Viss expressed his appreciation for the demeanor of the meeting. He reported he attended the Desmond Tutu event, had breakfast with the Chancellor, and he and his wife attended Pirates of Penzance. Trustee Demartini reported attending the tenure ceremony at MJC. Four people received tenure. The Minutes from March omitted Dr. Layla Yousif and she also received tenure. Trustee DeMartini reported she is the Board representative to the Association of Stanislaus County School Board. The County School Board went to John Allard school in Turlock to visit the Stanislaus Military Academy which serves as a last resort for students. Trustee DeMartini reported this is like a military program, with much structure for the students and it is turning them around. She also attended the Student Center opening at Columbia College. Trustee Riley reported he attended the Mendocino College Hall of Fame dinner where his son was inducted for basketball. Trustee Riley met with the President and Trustees and discussed their situation in these budget times. They have built up large reserves which some are calling a stabilization fund, which more accurately describes what it is. He reported attending the Ag plant sale, and the MJC athletic fund raiser. He met with the new Director of the MJC Foundation George Boodrookas, hearing his ideas to supplement the revenue stream. He reported reading the Columbia College Self Study and is looking forward to the report from MJC. He reported attending the Tenure Ceremony, the Finance Committee meeting for the MJC Foundation, and the MJC Foundation Board Meeting. Trustee Hallinan had no report. Trustee Rojas reported attending the Hispanic Educational Conference where Chair Flores was a speaker, and 700 students participated in the program. He also attended the Valley Museum Committee meeting, the Ag event for recognition awards and accomplishments. Trustee Rojas reported that Dr. Loewenstein and himself were appointed to California State University, Stanislaus Advisory Committee. Trustee Rojas also attended the health screening by Blue Shield, the Community Block Grant Awards, and served at the Turlock Unified School District Strategic Planning Committee. Chair Flores attended the Student Center Open House at Columbia College, the Hispanic Education Conference for high school students, the Cesar Chavez luncheon and the faculty reception at MJC.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Board of Trustees adjourned to the Board Study Session of April 20, 2011.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on

Wednesday, May 11, 2011. Closed session will begin at 3:30 p.m. and open session at 5:30 p.m. in the Columbia College Dogwood Forum, 11600 Columbia College Drive, Sonora, California 95370.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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Linda Flores, Chair  
YCCD Board of Trustees

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Joan E. Smith, Ed.D, Secretary  
YCCD Board of Trustees