

**MINUTES**  
**YOSEMITE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIXTH REGULAR MEETING**  
**August 10, 2005**

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The meeting was called to order by Board Vice Chair Anne DeMartini at 12:02 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  
Update on Presidential Search  
CEO Evaluation  
Legal Representation
  2. Pursuant to G. C. Section 54956.9(a) – Existing Litigation  
Case: ACE v. YCCD, Case #306771
  3. Pursuant to G.C. Section 54956.9(b) – Anticipated Litigation  
One Case
  4. Pursuant to G.C. Section 54956.95 – Liability Claim  
Claimants: CSEA and Kevin Tillery  
Agency claimed against: YCCD
  5. Pursuant to G. C. Section 54957.6 - Conference with Labor Negotiators  
District Representatives: J. Williams, T. Scott, D. Wirth  
Employee Organizations: CSEA

The Board of Trustees reconvened to public session at 5:33 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  
   Linda Flores  
   Delsie Schrimp  
   Tom Hallinan  
   Paul Neumann  
   Abe Rojas  
   Susan Rudolph (student trustee)

Board Members Absent     None

Others Present  
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Report Out from Closed Session     Board Chair Linda Flores reported that the Board voted in closed session to deny the claim filed by CSEA and Kevin Tillery, pursuant to the Government Code. District Personnel are directed to provide notice of denial of the claim.

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Approval of the Minutes     A motion was made by Trustee Dean and seconded by Trustee DeMartini that the Board of Trustees approve the minutes, as amended, of the regular meeting of July 13, 2005. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

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Student Activity Reports

William McCombs, ASMJC President, reported that the ASMJC Fall Calendar is in production. ASMJC will be co-hosting the new faculty reception on August 22 with the Chancellor and Board of Trustees at the new Mary Stuart Rogers Student Center. A "Fun Day" is being planned. Club training and a club fair to draw membership are scheduled. ASMJC will be involved with the homecoming event.

There was no report from Columbia College.

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Academic Senate Activity Reports

Curtis Martin attended and reported to the Board that this is his first meeting as the new MJC Academic Senate President. He expressed his enthusiasm for the upcoming year and looks forward to working with the Chancellor and the Board of Trustees.

Micha Miller, CC Academic Senate President, reported that Columbia College has hired 11 new faculty and a new faculty orientation is scheduled for new faculty and mentors. A Faculty Retreat has been scheduled. Columbia College's self-study is now available on the college website.

## **REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS**

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Activities/Announcements

Institute Days

President Jim Riggs reported that Columbia College will hold an in-service day on August 25 for all staff and faculty. Morning breakout sessions and afternoon division and senate meetings are scheduled.

Interim President Bill Scroggins reported that MJC will hold its Fall Institute Day on August 26 on East Campus. Awards will be given during the morning program, and breakout workshops are scheduled for the afternoon.

New Staff and Faculty Orientations

Interim President Bill Scroggins and Academic Senate President Curtis Martin reported that a three-day new faculty orientation is scheduled for August 22-24, 2005. Orientations will include tours of the East and West Campuses and presentations by Central Services staff.

President Jim Riggs reported that a new employee orientation is scheduled at Columbia College for August 24, 2005. The orientation will include a campus tour, general college and District information, lunch and a focused session for new faculty and mentors on college and District procedures in the afternoon.

Summer School Enrollment

Dr. Scroggins reported that MJC added 60 more summer sections, with an enrollment increase of 9.25%. MJC generated approximately 140 FTES.

Dr. Riggs reported a 14% enrollment increase which meets the required FTES rollback for Columbia College. Dr. Riggs reported a conservative growth projection of 2-3% for Columbia College.

Leadership Team Retreat Chancellor Jim Williams reported that a Leadership Team Retreat is scheduled for August 17-18 at Tulloch Lake. Dr. Williams stated that this is a needed activity as many of the District interim positions in administration have now been filled with permanent staff. Topics to be included at the retreat include risk management, team building, the upcoming classification study, various human resources topics, strategic conversations and planning.

MJC Homecoming Celebration Interim President Bill Scroggins reported that for the first time in many years MJC will hold a Homecoming Celebration on Saturday, September 17, beginning at 4 p.m. on the Softball Field next to the Stadium with a "bring your own" pre-game picnic and live music by California Zephyr. The MJC Pirates Football Team will take on the Merced College Blue Devils at 7 p.m. MJC's 1980 National Championship Football Team will be recognized during half-time activities. Concert/Game tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for students, \$3 for students with an MJC activity sticker and \$2 for children 7-10 years old.

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**Presentations/Updates**

Bond Update

Chancellor James Williams reported that the next Citizens' Oversight Committee will be held October 5, 2005 from 6-7:00 p.m. at Columbia College. A tour of the Calaveras Center at 5:00 p.m. will precede the meeting. No changes have been made to the latest project priority list presented to the Board at the March Board meeting. A list of "quick start" projects are being considered at Columbia College and include Emergency Road Exit, 73-Space Parking Lot, and Additional Disabled Parking Lot. President Jim Riggs reported that Columbia College is moving ahead with these projects and has begun working with surveyors, architects, engineers and District staff. The Board of Trustees at their Annual Board Retreat visited the top two sites being considered for an MJC West Side Educational Center in Patterson.

High Sierra Station –  
Baker Station  
Presentation

President Jim Riggs thanked Executive Vice Chancellor Teresa Scott and Director of Facilities Planning & Operations Maria Baker for their assistance in finalizing the Baker Station Project. Dr. Micha Miller, Professor of Biology at Columbia College, gave a PowerPoint presentation of the historic site of Baker Station. Dr. Miller reported that Baker Station began as a hotel built in 1929. Ownership transferred to CalTrans, then to the Forest Service, who used the location for research. Baker Station sits at 6200 feet on the Sonora Pass and, because of its unique location, is recognized by the National Science Foundation as a research asset. Similar facilities are normally run by four-year colleges and student access is limited. Dimitri Keriotis, MJC English instructor, spoke of his

inspiring experience as an instructor at Baker Station. Students are interested in unique learning opportunities provided at Baker Station. Course offering would include, but not be limited to, back country tracking, photography, biology and geology. Trustee Neumann is seeking entrepreneurs to help raise funds to sustain and operate the Baker Station.

#### State Budget Update

Executive Vice Chancellor Teresa Scott reported that the 2005-2006 State Budget passed on July 7, 2005. California Community Colleges received \$5.8 billion through the State Budget. An estimated 10.46% of Proposition 98 has been given and is the highest amount received since 1991-1992. Some of the Proposition 98 funds are to pay a portion of the state's contributions to the State Teachers Retirement System (STRS). The Budget modification relieves local school districts from an additional 2% contribution to STRS. A 4.23% COLA and 3% growth has been allocated. Columbia College will meet its growth target, and Ms. Scott is hopeful that MJC will hit their target as well. The State budgeted \$31.4 million in PFE funds and there will be an augmentation to the District Budget of \$470,000. \$30 million in equalization has also been included in the State Budget. Property tax shortfalls have affected community colleges statewide. K-12 and community colleges will receive backfills in the amount of \$33 million which will hopefully offset this shortfall. A new line item in the Budget allocates \$10 million to be used to provide additional support for nursing program enrollment and equipment needs. Ms. Scott will present a final District Budget to the Board for its review and approval at the September Board meeting.

#### Valley Insurance Program Joint Powers Agency 2004 Annual Report

Jeff Johnston, Risk Control Manager for Bickmore Risk Services, presented the Valley Insurance Program Joint Powers Agency (VIP/JPA) 2004 Annual Report (**Report #2172**) and reported on its "Make the Right Move" campaign which focuses on campus safety. The VIP/JPA's mission is to provide comprehensive, cost-effective risk management programs which protect the District's human and financial resources. The members of the JPA include Yosemite, Merced, State Center and West Hills Community College Districts.

Executive Vice Chancellor Scott thanked Mr. Johnston and reported that the District has made great strides forward in risk management with his help. Chancellor Williams reported that the District Council requested the organization of a District-wide safety committee. The committee has been formed and is already meeting regularly to address safety concerns.

#### Classification Study Update

Vice Chancellor Diane Wirth reported that the District has requested proposals for the classification and salary study of the classified bargaining unit and leadership team positions. A committee is being formed that will include District, CSEA, and Leadership Team members. The charge of the committee will be to review proposals, select finalists, interview consultants, and select a firm. It is projected the study will begin about September 26, 2005.

**ACTION ITEMS**

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**Consent Agenda**

Purchase Orders

A motion was made by Trustee Rojas, and seconded by Trustee Hallinan that the Board of Trustees approve the following Consent Agenda Items:

Purchase Orders

Purchase Orders issued from June 1, 2005 through June 30, 2005.

Notice of Completion of Contract

Accept the work performed by Acme Construction Company, Inc., on the Mary Stuart Rogers West Campus Student Learning Center at Modesto Junior College, Bid #03-1529, as having been completed in accordance with the plans and specification and authorize final payment of \$727,100.88 to be made.

Resolution Authorizing Acquisition of Federal Surplus Property

Adopt Resolution 05-06/01 stating the Board's authorization of the attached representatives to acquire federal surplus property from the California State Agency for Surplus Property under the Terms and Conditions stated on SASP Form 201-A 3/92.

Curriculum Review – Columbia College

Review and approve curriculum additions, deletions, and modifications as indicated in the annual report from Columbia College for the year 2004-2005 (**Report #2173**). The report was previously provided to the Board of Trustees.

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**Personnel Items**

Approve the appointment (first year contract) of **Noah Hughes** to the position of Instructor of Earth Science, Science, Mathematics and Engineering, Modesto Junior College, effective Fall Semester 2005.

Approve the appointment (first year contract) of **Donna Louie** to the position of EOPS Counselor, Counseling/Special Programs, Modesto Junior College, effective Fall semester 2005, contingent upon funding.

Approve the appointment (first year contract) of **Elizabeth McInnes** to the position of Instructor of Biology, Science, Mathematics and Engineering, Modesto Junior College, effective Fall semester 2005.

Approve the appointment (first year contract) of **Dale Phillips** to the position of Instructor of Computer Science, Business, Behavioral and Social Sciences, Modesto Junior College, effective Fall semester 2005.

Approve the appointment (first year contract) of **Burt Shook** to the position of EOPS Counselor, Counseling/Special Programs, Modesto Junior College, effective Fall semester 2005, contingent upon funding.

Approve the appointment (first year contract) of **Charles Mullins** to the position of Instructor of Speech, Arts, Humanities & Communications, Modesto Junior College, effective Fall semester 2005 only.

Approve the appointment (first year contract) of **Donald Smith** to the position of Instructor of Computer Science, Columbia College, effective Fall semester 2005.

Approve the appointment (first year contract) of **Dennis Thorpe** to the position of Instructor of Architecture, Science, Mathematics and Engineering, Modesto Junior College, effective Fall semester 2005.

Approve the appointment (first year contract) of **Jeremy Wilson** to the position of Instructor of Engineering, Science, Mathematics and Engineering, Modesto Junior College, effective Fall semester 2005.

Approve the temporary appointment of **Jose Nunez** to the position of Instructor of Child Development, Family & Consumer Sciences, Modesto Junior College, effective for the 2005-2006 academic year only.

Approve the extension of contract of the interim administrative appointment of **Laurie Prusso** to the position of Dean of Allied Health/Family & Consumer Sciences, Modesto Junior College, effective August 1, 2005 to December 1, 2005.

Approve the appointment of **Linda Menge** to the position of Assistant Director, Fiscal Programs, Child Development Training Consortium (CDTC), Allied Health, Family & Consumer Sciences, Modesto Junior College, effective August 1, 2005, contingent upon funding.

Approve the promotional appointment of **Lori Williams** to Administrative Secretary, Business, Behavioral & Social Sciences, Modesto Junior College, effective August 1, 2005.

Approve the probationary appointment of **Margaret Conquest-Gonzales** to Museum Tech III (70%), Great Valley Museum, Science, Mathematics and Engineering, Modesto Junior College, effective August 11, 2005, contingent upon funding (11 month work year).

Approve the promotional appointment of **Sargon Yadegar** to Electronic Technician, Technology Services, Modesto Junior College, effective July 18, 2005.

Approve the reinstatement of **Araceli Zarate** to Program Representative III, Workforce Training Center, Modesto Junior College, effective August 1, 2005.

Accept the resignation of **Linda Ailor**, Administrative Secretary, Instruction, Modesto Junior College, effective July 18, 2005.

That the Board of Trustees accept the resignation of **Margaret Perez-Sesser**, Instructor of Child Development, Family & Consumer Sciences, Modesto Junior College, effective August 10, 2005.

Accept the resignation of **Scott Haskill**, Maintenance III – Locksmith, Facilities Operations, YCCD, effective August 3, 2005.

Approve the termination of probationary employee, Administrative Secretary, Student Learning Support Division, Columbia College, effective July 26, 2005.

Short-Term Appointees

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

The motion carried with a vote of 6-0. Trustee Neumann abstained.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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Board of Trustees' 2005-2006 Special Priorities

The Board of Trustees reviewed, modified and adopted the following Board of Trustees 2005-2006 Special Priorities:

- Support and monitor the progress of the General Obligation Bond Measure Projects.
- Maintain and protect programs, services and staff to the extent possible given the current serious fiscal crisis.
- Sustain commitment to the Excellence, Beyond Tolerance and Student Learning Outcomes Initiatives in order to provide high quality programs that meet the needs of our diverse student body and community.
- Remain informed about the new accreditation standards and ensure that Central Services and the colleges make appropriate progress towards addressing the findings in their respective Self-Studies.
- Support the major implementation and transition to new educational and administrative software and related technology.
- Expand outreach efforts and partnerships in support of economic development.
- Support a careful analysis of the effectiveness of the relationship between Central Services and the colleges.
- Support both ongoing, and the development of new, safety programs district-wide to protect students, faculty, staff and limited financial resources.

A motion was made by Trustee Rojas, and seconded by Trustee Schrimp that the Board adopt the 2005-2006 Special Priorities as amended. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

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West Side Education Center

Director of Facilities and Operations, Maria Baker, and Kitchell Representative, Mark Newton, presented an analysis of the top two sites currently being considered for a West Side Education Center (**Report #2174**). Keystone Corporation presented four possible options, and Golden Eagle Investments presented a land donation with road and parking options. Current estimates exceed the \$5 million budget. Following discussion and comments regarding CEQA compliance, Mello Roos, cost of construction, and building standards, the Board decided to postpone their decision. The

Board requested that staff gather more information on each proposal for further consideration by the Board. The Board thanked Mark Newton, Maria Baker, Bill Scroggins, Marilyn Cleveland, Shawna Cramton, Tawny LaBarbera and Nick Stavrianoudakis for their efforts in preparing the report.

A motion was made by Trustee DeMartini and seconded by Trustee Dean that the Board give further consideration to the proposals, review additional information and postpone their decision.

The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

**COMMENTS**

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Comments from the Public Mimi Cox Draper, a Patterson resident, expressed her support and encouragement to the Board for choosing Patterson for the location of a West Side Center.

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Comments from the Board of Trustees Student Trustee Susan Rudolph thanked the Board for taking the time to include her in the West Side Center Site selection process and for considering student input. Trustee Dean reported that Columbia College is awaiting a proposal for the Angels Camp property and that the Columbia College Foundation is seeking new members. Trustee DeMartini attended the Dedication ceremony for the new Central Valley High School in Ceres. Trustee Rojas attend MJC TRIO awards and graduation ceremonies. It was very inspirational. Trustee Flores attended the YES Company production at MJC. Trustee Rojas informed the Board that Turlock High School is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2006.

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**NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Wednesday, September 14, 2005. 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.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

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Linda Flores, Chair  
YCCD Board of Trustees

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James H. Williams, Secretary  
YCCD Board of Trustees