

AGENDA
YOSEMITE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FIVE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH REGULAR MEETING
September 12, 2007

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

CLOSED SESSION AGENDA:

- Discussion:
1. Pursuant to G. C. Section 54957
Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Appointment
 2. Pursuant to G.C. Section 54956.9(b)
Significant Exposure to Litigation: Three Cases
 3. Pursuant to G.C. Section 54956.8 – Property Negotiator
Conference with real property negotiators
 4. Pursuant to G. C. Section 54957.6 - Conference with Labor Negotiators
District Representatives: D. Wirth, T. Scott, G. Rose
Employee Organizations: CSEA & YFA

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

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

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Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Report out from Closed Session (if any)

Approval of the Minutes

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting on August 8, 2007.

I. REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS

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

1. YCCD Staff Recognition

Richard Majtenyi, YCCD Campus Security Officer, was recently recognized in the July/August 2007 issue of the California School Employees Association magazine, *Focus*. The cover story was entitled "Watchful Eyes – Keeping Schools Safe and Secure." Majtenyi was one of five individuals highlighted in the story which focused on classified employees who keep students and the campus community safe.

2. MJC Women's Soccer Team Recognition

The MJC Women's Soccer team opened the season ranked 5th in the National Soccer Coaches of America Association poll. This is the highest ranking for the Lady Pirates, who made it to the Nor-Cal semifinals for the last two years, and finished 19-2-2 last season.

3. Modesto Area Partners in Science (MAPS) and Science Colloquiums

The Science, Math and Engineering Division will monthly Modesto Area Partners in Science (MAPS) programs and weekly Science Colloquiums this Fall. The first MAPS presentation "California's Dinosaurs", features Sierra College Professor Dick Hilton, speaking on Friday, September 28, 7:30 p.m., East Campus, Forum 110. The Science Colloquiums will be held on Thursdays, from 1:00 – 1:50 p.m., East Campus, Science 213. Topics and presenters include "Science That Matters", by MJC Biology Professor Richard Anderson on September 6; "Stress Physiology of Juvenile Chinook Salmon" by Norm Ponferrada, UC Davis on September 13; "Modesto's Energy Future" by Mike Zweifel, M.I.D., on September 20; and "Zoology Marvels" by Teri Curtis and her students on September 27. A full Fall line-up is available online at www.mjc.edu/news/MJCCalendarofEvents.pdf. These events are free to the public.

4. MJC Nursing Alumni Fundraiser

The MJC Nursing Alumni Association is holding a "Join Hands with the Future" Pasta Dinner Fundraiser on Saturday, September 29, 5:00-9:00 p.m. in the Mary Stuart Rogers Student Learning Center on West Campus. Proceeds will be used to purchase equipment for the MJC Nursing Skills Lab. Dinner will be catered by Angelina's Restaurant, and the evening will include live entertainment, vendor tables, and drawing prizes. Tickets are \$20 general, \$15 for senior citizens and \$10 for children and can be purchased through the MJC Foundation Office or by contacting Kendis Bettencourt in the Allied Health Office at 575-6569 or via e-mail: bettencourtk@mjc.edu.

I. REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS

C. Activities and Announcements

5. MJC Civic Engagement Fall Film Series

The MJC Civic Engagement Film Series will feature five thought-provoking film presentations during the Fall semester. The films will be shown on the first and third Thursdays in October and November and the first Thursday of December at 7:00 p.m. in Forum 110 on East Campus. The films include *China Blue* on October 4, *The Iron Wall* on October 18, *Mine Your Own Business* on November 1, *An Inconvenient Truth* on November 15 and *With God on Our Side* on December 6. The films are free, open to the public and each will be followed by a discussion.

6. MJC Speech Night

The MJC Forensics Team will demonstrate a variety of competitive speeches and debate during the Fall Speech Night set for October 10, 7:00 p.m., in the Gymnasium on East Campus. Over 800 students enrolled in speech communications courses at MJC and are expected to attend this event. Tickets will be available in advance for \$5 and at the door for \$7. Proceeds from Speech Night are used to cover expenses for the Team to compete in speech tournaments throughout California.

7. Constitution Day Presentations

The MJC Civic Engagement Committee hosts Lee Lundrigan, Stanislaus County Clerk-Recorder and Registrar of Voters, speaking on "The Constitution, Elections & Voting." The event is being held in recognition of Constitution Day and is scheduled for Thursday, September 20 at 7:00 p.m. in Forum 110 on East Campus. The lecture is free and open to the public.

On Constitution Day, September 17, 2007 at Columbia College volunteers will distribute free of charge 570 copies of *The U.S. Constitution and Fascinating Facts About It* to students on campus. Volunteers will staff booths at various locations on campus and will include members of the student leadership, staff, faculty and administrators.

8. Columbia Middle College Program

A group of 30 high school students make up the first class of Columbia Middle College, which started on August 22. A joint partnership between the Sonora Union High School District and Columbia College, created this new program designed to help students earn a high school diploma, accumulate college credits, and make connections with a community of learners. Participants take required high school courses, Mondays through Fridays mornings, in the Manzanita Conference Room and Columbia College courses in the afternoons.

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9. Columbia College Foundation Board Retreat

Members of the Columbia College Foundation attended a retreat on August 16 in the community education classroom. A presentation on fundraising development was made by Judith Lanning, Acting Executive Director of the MJC Foundation and Interim Dean of Science, Math and Engineering at MJC. Special thanks are extended to Ms. Lanning for the presentation and to Dr. Rich Rose for his support of the collaboration. The following members were appointed to the Foundation Board: Mike Heuton (first term), Dr. Dennis Gervin (first term), Gene Womble (first term), Ida Ponder (second term) and Bill Dunlavy (third term).

10. Family Fun Nights for Claim Jumpers' Women's Volleyball

This season Columbia College will be admitting students with valid school IDs to all their women's volleyball home games for free. The no charge for student admission is part of the Lady Claim Jumpers' Family Fun Nights and is intended to attract larger crowds of families to the Oak Pavilion for an inexpensive evening of fast-paced college-level sports. Others will be charged the standard \$4 per seat for games with a special discount price of \$2 for those 55 and older.

11. Columbia College Lakeside Jazz & Wine

Lakeside Jazz & Wine will be hosted for the fourth year along the shores of Columbia College's campus lake on Saturday, October 13, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Enjoy a relaxing afternoon of jazz, wine and culinary delights. This year's new program additions include an art show, silent auction and 39-foot long cake in anticipation of the college's 40th anniversary, which will be celebrated in 2008. Cost is \$30 per person and advance reservations can be made through the President's Office.

I. REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS

D. Presentations/Updates

1. Enrollment Update

Columbia College President Joan Smith and Modesto Junior College President Rich Rose will provide the Board of Trustees with an update regarding student enrollment at both colleges.

2. CPS Update

Vice Chancellor of Human Resources Ms. Diane Wirth will provide the Board of Trustees with an update regarding the Classification Study and the Salary Survey Report.

3. YFA Sabbatical Presentation

Modesto Junior College ESL professor Ruth Luman will be reporting on her year-long sabbatical taken during the 2005-2006 academic year. During that time, professor Luman lived and traveled in East Africa for ten months, wrote two original textbooks/coursepacks for courses she and others teach at MJC, completed a masters thesis in educational technology at CSU, Stanislaus, and intensively studied a foreign language (Swahili) in the target culture.

4. Bond Update

Kitchell representative Mr. Mark Newton will provide the Board with an update on the progress of current Bond projects.

Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee: Later in this agenda, the Board will be asked to approve a recommendation to appoint Jayme Johnson to fill the vacant Columbia College student member position. At-large member Dr. John H. Keiter submitted his resignation from the YCCD Measure E Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee on August 15, 2007. The next scheduled meeting of the Committee is October 3, 2007, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the YCCD Board Room, 2201 Blue Gum Avenue, Modesto.

Columbia College: *Pinyon:* Project is complete and has been re-occupied. *Child Development Center:* Project continues in design and is scheduled to be submitted to the State for approvals in December. Project is scheduled to bid in the Spring 2008. *Science and Natural Resources:* Project is scheduled to be submitted to the State in June 2008, and bid at the end of the year. *Public Safety Center:* Project was submitted to the State for approvals on August 17, 2007, and will begin construction in February 2008. The *Madrone* project has been submitted to the State for approval and is scheduled to begin construction in January 2008.

I. **REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS**

D. Presentations/Updates

4. ☆ Bond Update, Continued

Modesto Jr. College: *Ag Modular Housing:* All three phases (demolition, manufacturing of modular units and site improvements) have bid and the project is currently on budget. The *Ag Multi-Use Pavilion* committee has met to discuss revised budget and scope. The architect is developing a revised floor plan and cost estimate based on the new budget. *Allied Health:* The project is proceeding in the design development phase. The *Parking Structure* cost estimate has been prepared for the schematic design package. The cost estimate is being reviewed by Kitchell and the District. The *Auditorium* project is 55% complete and proceeds on schedule and within budget. *Softball Complex:* A kick off meeting has been scheduled with the college committee and the architect. *Science Community Center:* The committee has interviewed and ranked four of the pre-qualified architects. Kitchell and the District will negotiate a contract with the top ranked firm of Lionakis Beaumont.

Calaveras Outreach Site: An analysis of comparable sales has been prepared by the Measure E team, as a predecessor to the recommendation for acceptance or a counter offer to the land owner. **Oakdale Outreach Site:** An analysis of the educational program needs is being completed by Columbia College. The Measure E team is determining cost of leasing facilities in Oakdale. **West Side Outreach Site:** Project is scheduled for close of escrow September 30. **Turlock Outreach Site:** Various properties are being considered for a future location.

Quarterly Expenditure Report: The Measure E Quarterly Expenditure Report is attached and reflects expenditures through June 30, 2007 (end of fiscal year 2006-2007).

II. ACTION ITEMS

A. Consent Agenda

1. ☆Purchase Orders

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve the purchase orders issued from July 1, 2007, through July 31, 2007.

2. Acceptance of Gifts

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

- a. Donation of precision measuring tools from Robert Denning to be used in the Machine Tool Technology program at Modesto Junior College.

3. ☆Project Applications/Amendments

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

- a. San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control – YCCD
Agency share: \$411,846.90
Proposer share: 20% of invoice
- b. Industry Driven Regional Collaborative Grant (IDRC) - MJC
Agency share: \$281,886.00
Proposer share: \$290,000.00

4. Special Appointment – Rose

Modesto Junior College President Rich Rose has been selected to serve as a member of the ACCJC evaluation team visiting the Salvation Army College.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Dr. Rich Rose to serve as a member of the ACCJC evaluation team visiting the Salvation Army College on October 15-18, 2007.

5. Columbia College Curriculum Report 2006-2007

Columbia College has prepared its Curriculum Annual Report for 2006-2007. A copy of that report was previously provided to the Board for review.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve curriculum additions, deletions, and modifications as indicated in this annual report for Columbia College for the year 2006-2007.

II. ACTION ITEMS

B. Personnel Items

1. Retirement – Academic

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees grant retirement emeritus status to **Hilda Sielicki**, Health Services Coordinator, Health Services, Modesto Junior College, effective August 20, 2007 and officially commend her for 15 years of valuable service to the District.

2. Appointment – Academic

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of **Brian Greene** to the position of Faculty Librarian, Columbia College, effective Fall 2007.

3. Temporary Appointment – Academic

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve the temporary appointment of **Vanitha Swaminathan** to the position of Instructor of English, Literature and Language Arts, Modesto Junior College, effective for the Fall 2007 semester only.

4. Temporary Appointment – Academic

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve the full-time temporary appointment of **Tina Troiler** to the position of Instructor of Psychology, Columbia College, effective for the Fall 2007 semester only.

5. Temporary Appointment – Academic

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve the temporary appointment of **Jeffrey Beebe** to the position of Auto Body Collision Instructor, Ag, Environmental Science & Technical Education, Modesto Junior College, effective for the 2007-2008 academic year only.

6. Temporary Appointment – Academic

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve the temporary appointment of **Tania Adkins** to the position of Instructor of Nursing, Nursing Consortium, Modesto Junior College, effective for the 2007-2008 academic year only.

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7. Appointment – Classified Management

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of **Michelle Marquez** to the position of Director, Center of Excellence, Workforce Training Center, Modesto Junior College, effective September 4, 2007, contingent upon funding.

8. Promotional Appointment – Classified

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve the promotional appointment of **Kendis Bettencourt** to the position of Support Staff II, Allied Health, Modesto Junior College, effective September 1, 2007, contingent upon funding.

9. Probationary Appointment – Classified

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve the probationary appointment of **Cindy Brown** to the position of Support Staff II, Allied Health, Modesto Junior College, effective September 4, 2007, contingent upon funding.

10. Probationary Appointment – Classified

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve the probationary appointment of **Moises Aguilar** to the position of Electronic Technician, Technology Services, Modesto Junior College, effective August 6, 2007.

11. Probationary Appointment – Classified

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve the probationary appointment of **Stacy Farish** to the position of Custodian, Facilities Operations, Yosemite Community College District, effective August 15, 2007.

12. Probationary Appointment – Classified

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve the probationary appointment of **Tanya Smith** to the position of Admissions & Records Tech II, Admissions & Records, Modesto Junior College, effective September 19, 2007.

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13. Probationary Appointment – Classified

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve the probationary appointment of **Crystal Hinchman** to the position of Admissions & Records Tech I, Admissions & Records, Modesto Junior College, effective September 17, 2007.

14. Probationary Appointment – Classified

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve the probationary appointment of **Janai Carlton** to the position of Admissions & Records Tech II, Admissions & Records, Modesto Junior College, effective September 4, 2007.

15. Probationary Appointment – Classified

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve the probationary appointment of **Sarah Belarmino** to the position of Admissions & Records Tech II, Admissions & Records, Modesto Junior College, effective September 4, 2007.

16. Probationary Appointment – Classified

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve the probationary appointment of **Shawn Smith** to the position of Child Development Center Associate Teacher (73.75%), Family & Consumer Sciences, Modesto Junior College, effective September 1, 2007 (10 month work year), contingent upon funding.

17. Probationary Appointment – Classified

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve the probationary appointment of **Lina Sarhadi** to the position of Child Development Center Associate Teacher (73.75%), Family & Consumer Sciences, Modesto Junior College, effective September 1, 2007 (10 month work year), contingent upon funding.

18. Probationary Appointment – Classified

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve the probationary appointment of **Cheryl Garcia** to the position of General Clerk (47.5%), Counseling, Modesto Junior College, effective September 13, 2007 (10 month work year), contingent upon funding.

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19. Voluntary Temporary Reduction in Assignment - Classified

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve a voluntary temporary reduction in assignment for **Korene Keene**, Account Technician I, Business Services, Yosemite Community College District, from 100% to 80%, effective August 27, 2007 to December 15, 2007.

20. Voluntary Temporary Reduction in Assignment - Classified

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve a voluntary temporary reduction in assignment for **Karin Rodts**, Laboratory Assistant I, DSPS, Columbia College, from 40 hours per week (100%) to 32 hours per week (80%), effective August 27, 2007 to December 14, 2007.

21. Voluntary Temporary Reduction in Assignment - Classified

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve a voluntary temporary reduction in assignment for **Lolanda Carson**, Library Media Technician III, Library, Learning Resources & Technology, Modesto Junior College, from 100% to 75%, effective September 4, 2007 to August 29, 2008.

22. Voluntary Reduction in Assignment - Classified

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve a voluntary reduction in assignment for **Rose Hefley**, Administrative Secretary, Learning Support Services, Columbia College, from 100% (40 hours per week) to 75% (30 hours per week), effective September 4, 2007.

23. Temporary Increase in Assignment - Classified

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve a temporary increase in assignment for **Theresa Stovall**, Lab Assistant I, Literature and Language Arts, Modesto Junior College, from 87% to 100%, effective August 27, 2007 to December 15, 2007.

24. Resignation - Academic

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees accept the resignation of **Shannon Hassett**, Psychology Instruction, Columbia College, effective August 20, 2007.

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25. Resignation - Classified

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees accept the resignation of **Maria Manzano**, Outreach Recruiter, Special Programs EOPS, Modesto Junior College, effective August 2, 2007.

26. Resignation - Classified

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees accept the resignation of **Jessica Daniel**, Campus Security Dispatcher (40%), Campus Security and Employee Safety, Yosemite Community College District, effective August 5, 2007.

27. ☆Short-Term Appointee List

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

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C. Discussion Items

1. ☆YFA Negotiations Proposal to YCCD

YFA has presented their 2007-2008 negotiation proposal to the District. The Board previously received the District's proposal to YFA and will conduct a public hearing on the District's proposal.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees receive the 2007-2008 negotiation proposal of YFA; schedule a public hearing on the proposal for October 10, 2007; and refer the proposal to administrative staff for review.

2. ☆YCCD Bargaining Proposal to YFA - Public Hearing

On August 8, 2007, YCCD presented its 2007-2008 negotiation proposal to the Yosemite Faculty Association (YFA). Consistent with applicable code sections and District policy, it is necessary for the Board of Trustees to conduct a public hearing on the proposal.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees conduct a public hearing regarding the YCCD 2007-2008 negotiation proposal to YFA.

3. ☆CSEA Negotiations Proposal to YCCD

CSEA, Chapter 420 has presented their 2007-2010 negotiation proposal to the District. The Board previously received the District's proposal to CSEA and will conduct a public hearing on the District's proposal.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees receive the 2007-2010 negotiation proposal of CSEA, Chapter 420; schedule a public hearing on the proposal for October 10, 2007; and refer the proposal to administrative staff for review.

4. ☆YCCD Bargaining Proposal to CSEA, Chapter 420 - Public Hearing

On August 8, 2007, YCCD presented its 2007-2010 negotiation proposal to CSEA, Chapter 420. Consistent with applicable code sections and District policy, it is necessary for the Board of Trustees to conduct a public hearing on the proposal.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees conduct a public hearing regarding the YCCD 2007-2010 negotiation proposal to CSEA, Chapter 420.

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5. Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee

One vacancy exists on the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee regarding the Columbia College student position. The Chancellor is forwarding the name of a student to be appointed by the Board to fill this student position vacancy.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees appoint Jayme Johnson (Columbia College Student), as recommended by the Chancellor.

6. ☆Quarterly Report on the District's Financial Condition

Consistent with prevailing fiscal practices and in compliance with current statute, staff have prepared the quarterly statement of the District's financial condition for the quarter ended June 30, 2007. A copy of the statement is attached. The Board is required by law to hold a public hearing to review the report and direct that it be filed with the Stanislaus County Superintendent of Schools and the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office.

Staff will be available during the September 12 Board meeting to formally present the report, respond to questions and to amplify where necessary.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees:

- a. Conduct a public hearing to review the District's financial report for the quarter ended June 30, 2007; and
- b. Direct staff to submit a copy of the required report to the Stanislaus County Superintendent of Schools and the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office.

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7. ☆2007-2008 Yosemite Community College District Final Budget

On June 13, 2007, the Board of Trustees adopted the 2007-2008 Yosemite Community College District Tentative Budget. The 2007-2008 State of California Budget, which includes the community colleges budget package, was passed by the Legislature on August 21, 2007 and subsequently signed by the governor.

The District's 2007-2008 General Fund Budget is prepared assuming no new enrollment growth over the prior year. This assumption will most likely be modified based on student enrollment at both colleges for the Summer, Fall, and Spring terms. The Columbia College Budget includes an augmentation for FTES growth from the prior fiscal year, 2006-2007. Columbia College actually increased FTES in 2006-2007 by 105.

The District's 2007-2008 General Fund Budget includes a revenue line item representing a 4.53% cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) per the State Budget. A portion of the COLA funding has been allocated to the Colleges and Central Services to cover the cost of step and column compensation increases and estimated medical benefit increases. The COLA balance is held in a District contingency account pending the outcome of negotiations.

A contribution to the Retiree Liability Fund was made in fiscal year 2006-2007 and is budgeted in the 2007-2008 General Fund Budget. The District is currently contracting for a revised actuarial study to identify the appropriate amount that should be transferred to the Retiree Liability Fund.

Also presented are the District's Capital Project Fund and the General Obligation Bond Fund for fiscal year 2007-2008.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees:

- a. Conduct a public hearing regarding the 2007-2008 Final Budget for the Yosemite Community College District;
- b. Adopt the District's 2007-2008 Final Budget; and
- c. Authorize staff to prepare and file the necessary annual Financial and Budget Report (CCFS-311) with the required agencies.

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8. MJC Accreditation Progress Report

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting on January 11-13, 2006, reviewed the institutional self study report and the report of the evaluation team which visited Modesto Junior College in October of 2005. The Commission took action to reaffirm accreditation with a requirement that the college complete a Progress Report. The report will be followed by a one-day visit by a team of two members, typically the chair of the comprehensive evaluation team familiar with the recommendations and a member from the Commission or Commission staff in October 2007. A copy of the report was previously provided to the Board.

The Progress Report requires that the institution provide information, evidence, and analysis regarding the resolution of the recommendations to which it was directed by the Commission's Action Letter. The Progress Report must be reviewed by the Governing Board prior to its submission by October 15, 2007.

The Progress Report is under review by the Academic Senate and any substantive changes will be presented at the Board meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees accept the Modesto Junior College Accreditation Progress Report.

9. Columbia College Accreditation Progress Report

The Board of Trustees is requested to approve the Columbia College Accreditation Progress Report which is scheduled to be submitted October 15, 2007, pending Board approval. A copy of the report was previously provided to the Board.

Columbia College was informed by the Accreditation Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACCJC), via letter dated January 31, 2006, that its accreditation had been reaffirmed per the October 2005 visit, with a requirement that the college complete a Progress Report and submit it to the ACCJC by October 15, 2007. It was also noted that the report would be followed by a visit by Commission representatives.

The report was discussed in many venues such as College Council and Academic Senate meetings and was written over the summer months, addressing the five recommendations made by the Commission after their October 2005 visitation. The Progress Report was placed on the Columbia College website for the entire college community to review and provide comments to the College President's office. All comments will be collected and will be shared with the visiting team upon their arrival to the site visitation, on a date which is still to be determined.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees accept the Columbia College Accreditation Progress Report.

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10. MJC Dairy Cattle Judging Team Out of State Trips

MJC is seeking Board approval of the Dairy Cattle Judging Team competition in Madison, Wisconsin. The MJC Dairy Cattle Judging Team has once again qualified to compete in the World Dairy Expo Dairy Cattle Judging Contest from September 28 to October 2, 2007. The cost of the trip for the coach and five team members is approximately \$3,200. The funds for the trip will be paid through VTEA, Departmental Travel and/or Dairy Club funds.

MJC is also seeking Board approval of the Dairy Cattle Judging Team competition in Viroqua, Wisconsin. The MJC Dairy Cattle Judging Team has once again been invited to compete in the Accelerated Genetics Intercollegiate Dairy Cattle Judging Contest from September 14 to 17, 2007. The cost of the trip for the coach and five team members is approximately \$2,800. The funds for the trip will be paid through VTEA, Departmental Travel and/or Dairy Club funds.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approve the MJC Dairy Cattle Judging Team trips to Madison and Viroqua, Wisconsin.

III. COMMENTS

A. Comments from the Public

Persons who want to comment on Agenda Information Items or Board business issues not included on the agenda can do so as part of this section of the agenda. All speakers should complete a Speaker Request form in advance and give it to the Board stenographer. Individuals will be allowed a maximum of five (5) minutes per topic.

Other guidelines may apply. See Board Policies #7345 and #7346.

B. Comments from the Board of Trustees

This time is for trustees to report on conferences, meetings, and other activities related to District business. No action will be taken.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. The Board of Trustees will adjourn to a Board Retreat on September 14, 2007, at 8:30 a.m. to be held in the Park Avenue Room, On Broadway, 153 S. Broadway, Turlock, California. There will be a closed session followed by an open session.
- B. The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Wednesday, October 10, 2007. Closed session will begin at 3:30 p.m. and open session at 5:30 p.m. at Yosemite Community College District, District Board Room, 2201 Blue Gum Avenue, Modesto.