

**MINUTES**  
**YOSEMITE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**FIVE HUNDRED AND FIRST REGULAR MEETING**  
**November 8, 2006**

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The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Anne DeMartini at 2:45 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  
Chancellor Search Update  
Executive Vice Chancellor/Vice Chancellor/Assistant Chancellor  
- Terms of Contract
  2. Pursuant to G.C. Section 54956.8(a) – Existing Litigation  
Case: ACE v. YCCD, Case #306771
  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: T. Scott, D. Wirth, G. Rose  
Employee Organizations: CSEA & YFA

The Board of Trustees reconvened to public session at 5:30 p.m. in the YCCD Board Room. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag preceded formal Board action.

Board Members Present	Pat Dean Anne DeMartini Abe Rojas Tom Hallinan Linda Flores Delsie Schrimp Will McCombs (student trustee)
Board Members Absent	Paul Neumann
Others Present	S. Hodges, J. Riggs, D. Wirth, R. Rose, L. Steuben, D. Baggett, N. Stavrianoudakis, L. Hoile, J. Daly, G. Railey, C. Mical, D. Campbell, A. Johnson, J. Brophy, R. Green, G. Whitfield, F. Osnaya, M. Kennedy, D. Partridge, G. Boodrookas, R. Martin, J. Pombo, M. Robles, D. Abshire, D. Shrock, L. Kropp, and S. Akiona (recorder).
15,440 Report Out From Closed Session	Chair DeMartini reported that during closed session, it was decided by the Board to expel a student.
15,441 Special Recognition	Board Chair DeMartini presented Trustee Delsie Schrimp with an award in recognition of her 18 years of service to the District. Trustee Schrimp is retiring and this is the last meeting she will

be attending. Trustee Rojas extended his congratulations to Ms. Schrimp on her retirement. MJC President Richard Rose presented Ms. Schrimp with an award on behalf of MJC as an expression of gratitude and appreciation. He further recognized Ms. Schrimp and her husband for their contributions to students throughout the state. President Jim Riggs, on behalf of Columbia College, presented Ms. Schrimp with gifts of appreciation at the retirement reception which preceded this meeting. The Board looks forward to a continued relationship with Ms. Schrimp as she will continue to serve on the advisory committee for the Oakdale Center.

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Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Trustee Rojas and seconded by Trustee Flores that the Board of Trustees approve the addendum to the minutes of the September 13, 2006 meeting and the minutes of the regular meeting on October 11, 2006.

The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

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Student Activity Reports

The newly appointed ASMJC president, Ms. Maria Quijalvo, congratulated Trustee Schrimp on behalf of ASMJC and the students of MJC. She also congratulated Ms. Dean and Desirree Abshire as the unofficial winners of the November elections for seats on the District Board. ASMJC has appointed new officers: Jacquelin Pombo, Vice President; Laura Rojas, Treasurer; and Don Bunce, Secretary. Recent activities conducted by ASMJC include a voter registration drive, vendor drive, Haunted House (with over 1000 attendees), and a fundraising concert featuring Dead Punk which raised money for an animal shelter. A statewide senate meeting was recently held and the State Associated Students voted to support the Community College Initiative (CCI). The ASMJC Executive Board attended a leadership conference in Los Angeles, topics included Conflict Resolution, the Brown Act, Sexual Harassment, and Event Planning. This information will be shared with clubs on campus. The \$1 Health Fee increase is supported by ASMJC and students. A petition is currently being circulated on campus to request that the cafeteria in MSR be opened as soon as possible, that evening hours be provided, and that it be in operation when the weekend college program begins. Activity stickers are being offered during registration at the cost of five dollars. A negative check-off system has been instituted, whereby students must check a box declining to purchase an activity card.

There was no report from Columbia College.

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Academic Senate Reports

Larry Steuben, CC Academic Senate President, reported that the students hosted a successful Fall Festival and BBQ and that

students are serving on college committees. Mr. Steuben attended a plenary session of the State Academic Senate in Newport Beach. Fifty-six resolutions were considered. Among those were the Basic Skills initiative to ensure student success, compressed calendar, and the new English and Math requirements. Retired faculty member Phylis Greenleaf will be on campus for the release of her new book. The textbook committee and the bookstore advisory committee are currently looking at the option of offering customized textbooks as an alternative to help bring down the cost of textbooks.

There was no report from MJC.

## **REPORTS & INFORMATION ITEMS**

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### **Activities and Announcements**

Education Expo at  
Columbia College

President Jim Riggs reported that Columbia College held its first ever Education Expo which combined the College & University Transfer Day activities which were held on the ground floor level of the Oak Pavilion. On the Pavilion's second level, local employers provided information on job opportunities at the College's Career Faire. In addition, the Vocational Education Department hosted open houses in classrooms and labs throughout the campus. Along with the general public, over 500 high school and college students attended the event.

Iron Chef Award

President Riggs reported that Jeff Gullotto, adjunct culinary instructor at Columbia College, took first place at the Sysco Corporation's 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Central California Chef's Culinary Competition on October 4 at the Fresno Convention Center. The one-on-one iron chef contest pitted six of the top rated chefs from Sacramento to Fresno, who competed in preparing a beef entrée in 45 minutes. Sysco markets and distributes food service products with annual sales exceeding \$30.3 billion. The culinary contest was part of their regional exhibit and show. Jeff now moves on to the next level of the competition.

Columbia College  
Debaters Win at Santa  
Rosa

President Riggs reported that under the tutelage of Dr. Tim Elizondo, the Columbia College debate team of Trevor Wittke and Zach Macbeth took the championship title among 35 teams at the Santa Rosa Speech and Debate Invitational on October 13-15. In addition, the team of Taureanna Shimp, Brittany Pugh and Caitlin Ellis captured a close third place finish. The competition included teams from both two and four-year universities.

Student Art Exhibition at  
MJC Gallery

President Rich Rose invited Trustees, staff and the public to the the MJC Art Gallery to view the 2006 Student Art Exhibition on display through November 28. The exhibited work includes paintings, drawings, ceramics and more. The MJC Gallery is located on East Campus and is open Monday through Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and admission is free.

9<sup>th</sup> Annual Nursing Career  
Faire & Open House

Dr. Rose reported that MJC will hold the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Nursing Career Faire & Open House on Friday, November 17, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in John Muir Hall, Room 265, on the West Campus. The event provides an opportunity to learn more about MJC's nursing program, how to obtain a degree in nursing, and employment opportunities. Nurses from various fields will be available to answer questions. Representatives from local hospitals and health care facilities are participating and will provide additional information about the health care industry. Door prizes, activities and refreshments will be offered. The event is free and open to the public.

Dr. Rose also recognized MJC's nursing program as having the highest pass rate in the state for the licensing exam at 96.26%. This is the highest pass rate for both two-year and four-year institutions. He commended the staff and faculty for its quality instruction in MJC's nursing program.

MJC Fall Music  
Performances

Dr. Rose reported that the MJC's Music Department has scheduled the following Fall performances: *High School Orchestra Day*, November 9, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Downey High School Auditorium, free; *Fall Concert, MJC Concert Choir, Chamber Choir and Opus Handbell Ensemble of Trinity United Presbyterian Church*, November 10, 7:30 p.m., Trinity United Presbyterian Church, 600 Carver Road, Modesto, \$5 general, \$3 students/seniors; *Electronic Music Concert*, November 14, 7:30 p.m., MJC Music Recital Hall, free; *Fall Sing, MJC Concert Choir and High School Choirs*, November 15, 3:30-6 p.m., Downey High School Auditorium, free; *MJC Masterworks Chorus presents "It's Nothing Serious – Show Tunes, Folk Tunes & Lighter Lieder,"* November 18, 8 p.m., First Christian Reformed Church, 2620 College Avenue, \$5 general, \$4 students/seniors; *Day and Evening Jazz Bands Fall Concert*, November 20, 7:30 p.m., MJC Music Recital Hall, free; and *MJC Community Orchestra Fall Concert*, November 21, 7:30 p.m., Modesto High School Auditorium, \$3 general, \$1 students/seniors.

Latina Leadership Network  
Conference

Dr. Rose reported that the Latina Leadership Network (LLN) of the California Community Colleges will hold its 20th Annual Conference in Modesto on March 16 - 17, 2007. The theme for this year's conference, which is being hosted by Modesto Junior

College, is "Many Voices, One Spirit." Approximately 300 participants including trustees, administrators, faculty, staff and students are expected to take part in this event which will be held both on campus and at the Doubletree Hotel in Modesto. The Latina Leadership Network is a statewide organization that promotes higher education and professional development of Latinas at all levels and it is open to anyone who supports the LLN's mission. MJC employees Felicia Osnaya and Martha Robles were selected to co-chair the Conference and an active conference planning committee has been created. Conference sponsorships are currently being sought, and conference registration forms are also available by contacting either of the conference co-chairs.

#### Weekend College at MJC

President Rich Rose reported that Modesto Junior College has designed a program around working students who find it difficult to attend classes during traditional times on weekdays. Beginning in the 2007 Spring Semester, the MJC Weekend College will offer an Associate's Degree and prepare students for transfer to a four-year university in 24 months by attending college classes on Friday night, Saturday and Sunday. Promotion of the new program is underway and a special Weekend College Orientation & Registration Day is set for Saturday, November 18, 9 a.m. in Sierra Hall 132 on West Campus. For additional information visit the Weekend College webpage at [www.mjc.edu/weekend](http://www.mjc.edu/weekend) or call the Weekend College office at 575-6161.

#### Graffiti Bowl

Dr. Rose reported that MJC is hosting the 14th annual Graffiti Bowl football game on Saturday, November 18, 2006, at 1 p.m. in the MJC Stadium. The game will be preceded by free pre-game festivities at 10:00 a.m., including a youth football skills competition, games and contests for kids, food vendors, vintage cars, autographs by former MJC and NFL player Jeff Winans, music, and entertainment by Elvis impersonators. Sponsoring the event again this year is Absolute Loans, Inc., represented by former Modesto area football players Kevin and Billy McGill. The bowl game will air on ESPN Radio 970. Tickets are \$8 on the day of the event or can be purchased for \$6 a week in advance from the MJC Box Office from 12-5:00 p.m. For more information, contact MJC Athletics at 575-6269. The MJC Pirates record is 6-3. If MJC wins its last game, they will be playing in the Graffiti Bowl.

#### Part-Time Instructor/ Adjunct Faculty Job Fair

Vice Chancellor of Human Resources Diane Wirth reported that the District's Office of Human Resources held an adjunct faculty job fair on November 3 at the Mary Stuart Rogers Student Learning Center on MJC's West Campus to recruit part-time instructors for Modesto Junior College and Columbia

College. Adjunct faculty are needed for Spring semester 2007, the new Weekend College program, expansion of course offerings, night classes, summer session and online instruction. Ms. Wirth acknowledged the efforts of Venesse Metcalf, Director of Human Resources, and Pam Gurnari. Twenty-one faculty and administrators from the District participated in the fair and, as a result, 97 potential adjunct instructors were identified, 50 applications were received on the date of the fair, and Human Resources received additional applications by mail.

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Presentations/Updates

Enrollment Update

President Jim Riggs reported that Columbia College expects growth to be up by ½ to 1% from last Fall, FTES are at 980. The number of sections are down, which means efficiency at the College is increasing.

President Richard Rose introduced Dean George Railey to give MJC's enrollment update. Dean Railey reported 6500 FTES for Fall. MJC's FTES are flat for this Fall, the same as last Fall.

Bond Update

Kitchell representative, Matt Kennedy, reported that the next scheduled meeting of the YCCD Measure E Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee is January 3, 2007, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the YCCD Board Room, 2201 Blue Gum Avenue, Modesto. Mr. Kennedy reported that MJC architects are developing conceptual plans for the Parking Structure, civil engineering has begun, and the process of selecting traffic engineers to study the ingress and egress points and traffic flows on existing streets is continuing. This project is in the design phase with submission to Division of the State Architect (DSA) in November. Faculty Consultant David Baggett asked about the timeline for the parking structure. Mr. Kennedy reported that the process from now until actual construction will take until at least Spring of 2008. The Allied Health project is in the schematic design phase which follows project committee approval of the programming phase prepared by the Architect. The Ag Housing schematic design has been approved by the Agriculture Department. Designs have begun on the Ag Pavilion project. Weekly construction meetings regarding the MJC Auditorium have been established with the Contractor, Architect and the District to monitor and manage the project during the construction phase. Demolition is underway in both the interior and exterior of the building. A camera will be installed on top of the Morris Building so that staff and students may view the construction. MJC has engaged a consultant to assist in the Educational Master Plan to evaluate needs on future projects.

At Columbia College, the Master Plan Committee evaluated feedback from the open house held at Columbia College in October. The Madrone Project committee is working on an alternate proposal for the expansion of the welding lab and automotive technology based on a predicted budget deficit. In response to inquiry by Trustee Rojas, Mr. Kennedy explained that the committee is trying to control costs and build in the capability for expansion of the project at a later time. The Child Development Project is proceeding to the schematic design phase. The goal is to work around existing topography to maintain as low an impact on the environment as possible. The first cost model of the Science and Natural Resources Project has been completed and a budget reconciliation meeting has been held. The bus turn around project is complete with a punch list being prepared for the Contractor.

Mr. Kennedy reported on the development of the outreach centers and that initial environmental studies have begun. The Educational Master Plan and the Business Plan, including demographics of the West Side Center are being prepared by the college planning committee. Title to the West Side Center property is expected to transfer to the District in April 2007. Two possible sites have been identified for the Calaveras Center and potential development costs have been studied. Mr. Kennedy anticipated that site options will be presented to the Board at the December meeting for review and decision.

Annual Security Report,  
Columbia College

Consistent with the federal *Student Right To Know and Campus Security Act of 1990* and YCCD Board Policy 3900, Columbia College has published its Annual Security Report (**Report #2203**) a copy of which was previously provided to the Board. Connie Mical, Columbia College's Chief Operations Officer, provided the Board with an overview of the Annual Report. Ms. Mical stated that the report was prepared in accordance with the Jeanne Clery Act and gives information regarding Columbia Colleges safety and security procedures. The report also provides information regarding crime statistics at the College for the last three years. The report includes incidents that may have occurred at the residential facilities on campus. Trustee Schrimp inquired about the student housing security, as it is privately owned. President Riggs reported that campus security responds to any disturbances at the housing site. In response to an inquiry regarding staffing by Trustee Rojas, Connie Mical reported that the college employs three full-time security officers whose total work hours encompass a 24-hour period, Monday through Friday; and three part-time security officers whose total work hours encompass a 24-hour period, Saturday and Sunday. Trustees DeMartini and Dean suggested that administration look at other flexible and creative scheduling options, i.e., 12-hour shifts. President Riggs stated that Columbia College would benefit from a security audit.

Classification Study

Vice Chancellor of Human Resources, Diane Wirth, reported that the CPS consultants continue to work with the District on the classification study. CPS has completed and sent out proposed classifications (job titles), draft position descriptions and a response form to Leadership Team members. Leadership Team members were given the opportunity to provide a written response by October 25. Classified staff can expect to receive their results in November. The District Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet with CPS on Tuesday, November 28.

Textbook Costs

At the request of Trustee Hallinan, the topic of textbook costs and public domain was agendized for discussion at this Board meeting. The rising cost of textbooks has been a growing concern for the students, staff and members of the Board. Rhonda Green, MJC Auxiliary Services Manager, and Gary Whitfield, MJC Chief Operations Officer, provided the Board with written information regarding textbook price comparisons, general information regarding textbook costs, and information regarding textbook bundles. Ms. Green stated that the cost of books at the MJC bookstore are often less than the price offered at nationwide bookstore chains. MJC's marks up books at a standard 25% over cost. MJC also offers a buy back program for used books and resells those at a discounted price. An advisory committee to the bookstore is in place and meets on a regular basis. Ms. Green invited interested persons to attend. Suggestions were made that the bookstore provide training to faculty on how to work with publishers. Faculty can help with this issue as they are in the position to be able to collaborate with publishers and hopefully obtain textbooks at more affordable prices. Interim Chancellor Hodges, at the request of Trustee Hallinan, has directed staff to research public domain access as an aid for students. Dr. Hodges stated that while there is much information available in the public domain, there are some textbooks available, but what is present is often outdated. Trustee Hallinan would like to continue to receive more information on this issue. He commented that other community college district boards have implemented policy on public domain.

**ACTION ITEMS**

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**Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Trustee Schrimp and seconded by Trustee Dean, that the Board approve the Consent Agenda items as follows:

Purchase Orders

Purchase orders issued from September 1, 2006 to September 30, 2006.



Acceptance of Gifts

Accept the following gifts:

- a. Three large easy up tents from Appetez for use as needed by Modesto Junior College.

The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

Project Applications/  
Amendments

Authorize the Yosemite Community College District to submit the following project applications/amendments (**Report #2204**) and to enter into a contract with the appropriate donor agencies when the projects are selected for funding:

- a. Tuolumne County First 5 Commission - CC  
Agency share: \$50,000  
Proposer share: \$500,000
- b. US Department of Education - MJC  
Agency share: \$275,505 (5 years, annually)  
Proposer share: \$0
- c. US Department of Education - MJC  
Agency share: \$250,000 (5 years, annually)  
Proposer share: \$0
- d. California Department of Education - CC  
Agency share: \$3,390  
Proposer share: \$0

Notice of Completion of  
Contract

Accept the work performed by Paul Anderson Construction, on the Columbia College Juniper Building HVAC Replacement, Bid #06-1559, as having been completed in accordance with the plans and specifications, and authorize final payment of \$31,529.76 to be made.

Sabbatical Reports

Accept the 2005-2006 sabbatical leave reports from the following faculty:

**2005-2006 Academic Year**

- Ruth Luman – MJC
- Evelyn Metcalf – MJC
- RoseLee Hurst – MJC
- Eileen Hale – MJC
- Barbara Wells – MJC (added during the meeting by Interim Chancellor Hodges)

**Fall Semester 2005**

- Rebecca Ganes - MJC
- Brian Larson – MJC
- Vonna Breeze-Martin – CC

**Spring Semester 2006**

- Denise E. Smith - MJC

Trustee Rojas commended the faculty, as he felt many of the reports were outstanding.

Personnel Items

Grant retirement status to **Richard Nimphius**, Agriculture Professor, Ag & Environmental Science/Technical Education, Modesto Junior College, effective December 31, 2006 and officially commend him for 26.5 years of valuable service to the District.

Grant retirement emeritus status to **John Nicewonger**, Agriculture Professor, Ag & Environmental Science/Technical Education, Modesto Junior College, effective December 31, 2006 and officially commend him for 27.5 years of valuable service to the District.

Grant retirement emeritus status to **Patricia Harrelson**, English Professor, Columbia College, effective May 1, 2007 and officially commend her for 25 years of valuable service to the District.

Grant retirement emeritus status to **Gary Ard**, Physical Education Professor, Physical, Recreation and Health Education, Modesto Junior College, effective June 18, 2007 and officially commend him for 36 years of valuable service to the District.

Grant retirement status to **Luis Ibarra**, Custodian, Facilities Operations, Yosemite Community College District, effective December 29, 2006 and officially commend him for 29 years of valuable service to the District.

Approve the promotional appointment of **Aurelia Gonzalez** to the position of Program Representative II, TRIO-Upward Bound, Modesto Junior College, effective October 16, 2006, contingent upon funding (11-month work year).

Approve the promotional appointment of **Santiago Uvina** to the position of Program Representative II, TRIO-Educational Talent Search, Modesto Junior College, effective October 16, 2006, contingent upon funding (11-month work year).

Approve the promotional appointment of **Todd Mathias** to the position of Instructional Assistant I (50%), Business, Behavioral & Social Sciences, Modesto Junior College, effective November 14, 2006 (10-month work year).

Approve the probationary appointment of **Janai Carlton** to the position of Admissions & Records Tech I, Admissions & Records, Modesto Junior College, effective November 1, 2006.

Approve the probationary appointment of **Shirley Conner** to the position of Support Staff II, Child Development Training Consortium, Yosemite Community College District, effective October 23, 2006.

Approve the probationary appointment of **Laura Trover** to the position of Custodian, Facilities, Planning & Operations, Yosemite Community College District, effective November 13, 2006.

Approve **Resolution No. 06-07/02** Requesting Employment Extension for Abbpetty "Alfie" Johnson. Mr. Abbpetty "Alfie" Johnson, who retired from the District on December 30, 2002, has been serving as Interim Director of Campus Security and Employee Safety. The District has concluded its search for the position of Director of Campus Security and Employee Safety and this search was unsuccessful. Mr. Johnson is expected to reach the maximum number of hours allowed by PERS before the District is able to conduct a second search and fill the position permanently. Due to the unique demands of the Office of Campus Security and Employee Safety, the District will need to request a one-time exemption from the PERS limit in order that Mr. Johnson can continue working to no later than April 1, 2007, if needed.

Accept the resignation of **Rebecca Michael**, Director of Grants, Fiscal Services, Yosemite Community College District, effective November 3, 2006.

Accept the resignation of **George Retamoza**, Director of MJC Foundation, Modesto Junior College, effective March 1, 2007.

Accept the resignation of **Christina Valenti**, Support Staff I, Health Services, Modesto Junior College, effective October 5, 2006.

Accept the resignation of **John Marriott**, Campus Security Officer, Campus Safety, Yosemite Community College District, effective October 15, 2006.

Accept the resignation of **Brian Brazil**, Campus Security Officer, Campus Safety, Columbia College, effective October 28, 2006.

#### Short-Term Appointees

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

The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS

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CSEA Negotiations  
Proposal to YCCD

Vice Chancellor of Human Resources, Diane Wirth, reported that the current YCCD/CSEA Tentative Negotiated Agreement expired on June 30, 2006. The agreement provides

that either party may reopen negotiations for a subsequent term. CSEA has presented its proposal to the District. The next step in the process is the scheduling of a public hearing.

A motion was made by Trustee Rojas, and seconded by Trustee Flores that the Board of Trustees receive the CSEA proposal to YCCD and conduct a public hearing at the December 13, 2006 Board Meeting.

The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

A public hearing will be conducted at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting on December 13, 2006.

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YCCD Negotiations  
Proposal to CSEA

Ms. Wirth further reported that the District has presented its proposal to CSEA, and this also requires the next scheduling of a public hearing.

A motion was made by Trustee Flores and seconded by Trustee Dean that the Board of Trustees approve the attached YCCD proposal to CSEA.

The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

A public hearing will be conducted at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting on December 13, 2006.

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2007-2008 Academic  
Calendars

Interim Chancellor Hodges reported that the 2007-2008 academic calendar for Columbia College and the Fall 2007 calendar for MJC are before the Board for review and consideration for approval. Columbia's fall and spring terms allow for the full-time faculty obligation of 171 instruction days and four flex days, two of which are identified as Institute/In-Service Days. Summer term 2007 is structured for 15 weeks. Beginning and ending dates for summer sessions will vary in order to maximize flexibility. Modesto Junior College's Spring 2008 and Summer 2008 Academic Calendars are pending Calendar Committee recommendation following constituent consultation and will be presented to the Board at its December meeting. Prior to the motion, Chair DeMartini reminded staff that the Board has previously requested that graduations not be scheduled on the same day. She asked that the colleges please schedule different graduation dates so the Chancellor and Trustees would have the opportunity to attend both graduations.

A motion was made by Trustee Rojas and seconded by Trustee Schrimp that the Board approve the 2007-2008 academic calendar for Columbia College and the Fall 2007 Modesto Junior College academic calendar.

The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

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Spanish Field Studies in Northern Spain: Summer 2007

President Riggs introduced instructor Vonna Breeze-Martin to present specifics regarding the Spanish Field Studies program to Spain. Ms. Breeze-Martin reported that the Spanish Field Studies in Northern Spain program is scheduled for two weeks beginning May 18, 2007, with an option for a third week stay. Students will be based in Vitoria, Spain, and will study Spanish at the Zador Institute, an accredited school of Spanish as a Foreign Language. Classes will be taught by certified Zador instructors, all native Spanish-speakers. Ms. Breeze-Martin will be the teacher-of-record and will oversee student progress. Students will stay with pre-screened Spanish host families. In addition to instruction at the Zador Institute, additional activities and excursions have been planned. Ms. Breeze-Martin believes that this experience will bring cultural exposure as well as an emersion experience to students. The enrollment is anticipated at 15 to 25 students. The approximate cost is \$3000 per person and includes class fees, air fare, ground transportation, airport transfer, lodging, meals, and travel/accident insurance. The costs are the individual responsibility of the student and instructor. Trustee Rojas and Ms. Breeze-Martin had a discussion about the different dialects spoken in Spain. Chair DeMartini thanked Ms. Breeze-Martin for her presentation.

A motion was made by Trustee Rojas and seconded by Trustee Hallinan that the Board approve the Spanish Field Studies in Northern Spain for Summer 2007 for Columbia College.

The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

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Quarterly Report on the District's Financial Condition

Ms. Deborah Campbell, Senior Fiscal Operations Director/Controller, reviewed for the Board the Quarterly Statement **(Report #2205)** of the District's financial condition for the quarter ending September 30, 2006. Consistent with prevailing fiscal practices and in compliance with current statute, staff prepared the quarterly statement of the District's financial condition. Ms. Campbell reported that the State Chancellor's Office has created a new reporting format and only unrestricted funds are now required to be reported. She also stated that the District is on target with revenue and expenditures. Chair DeMartini conducted a public hearing. There were no comments from the public.

A motion was made by Trustee Schrimp and seconded by

Trustee Flores that the Board direct staff to submit a copy of the report to the Stanislaus County Superintendent of Schools and the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office.

The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

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**COMMENTS**

From the Public

None.

From the Board of Trustees

Student Trustee Will McCombs thanked Jim Toner and the CEP Committee at Columbia College for bringing MJC's production "Nickel & Dime" to Columbia College. Will also thanked Assistant Chancellor Gina Rose and MJC staff for addressing student concerns regarding the online registration process. Trustee Rojas reported that he attended the presentation at Modesto Junior College on the Statewide Community College Initiative. Trustee Dean reported that Columbia College Foundation continues to work on fundraising. She thanked the voters and appreciates being re-elected for another term. Trustee Dean stated that she will work hard for students. Trustee Flores attended the Early Head Start Training Shared Governance Training with Chair DeMartini. Both trustees agree that a study session on this topic is needed. Trustees Flores and DeMartini attended the Ag Dinner and awards program. Trustee Flores was also able to attend the Head Start Open House.

Trustee Schrimp thanked staff and administration for their hard work. Trustee Schrimp stated that this is a place where so many good things happen; students are served and staff do their best under all types of conditions. Ms. Schrimp stated that it has been an honor and privilege to serve students and the District.

Chair DeMartini attended the Stanislaus County Office of Education School Boards Dinner where SCOE honored retiring trustees. Among those honored was Trustee Schrimp. Chair DeMartini presented to Ms. Schrimp certificates recognizing her contribution which were presented at the dinner. The certificates recognizing Trustee Schrimp were from SCOE Superintendent Martin Peterson, Congressman Dennis Cardoza, the County Board of Supervisors, Assemblymen Poochigian and Cogdill; and Senator Jeff Denham.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Wednesday, December 13, 2006.

Closed session will begin at 2:30 p.m. and Open session will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the YCCD Board Room, Yosemite Community College District, 2201 Blue Gum Avenue, Modesto, California.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

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Anne DeMartini, Chair  
YCCD Board of Trustees

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Stan Hodges, Secretary  
YCCD Board of Trustees